The Parkinson’s Disease Center and Movement Disorders Clinic (PDCMDC) at Baylor College of Medicine has long been recognized as one of the world’s leading clinical and research institutions focusing on Parkinson’s disease and other movement disorders. Founded by Joseph Jankovic, MD in 1977, the PDCMDC provides an unparalleled setting for treatment, research and education, with the ultimate goal of finding a cause and a cure for Parkinson’s disease and other neurodegenerative and movement disorders. 

**Mission Statement**

The primary missions of the PDCMDC are:

- To provide the most professional, compassionate patient care;
- To train physicians and other health care professionals to become skilled in the recognition and treatment of Parkinson’s and other movement disorders and to inspire them to pursue basic or clinical research in the area of movement and neurodegenerative disorders;
- To initiate and conduct clinical and basic research which upholds the highest scientific standards;
- To become internationally recognized leaders in the field of movement disorders. The National Parkinson Foundation and the Huntington’s Disease Society of America have recognized the accomplishments of Movement Disorders Fellowship Training Program (MDFTP) has trained numerous physicians and researchers, many of whom have become internationally recognized leaders in the field of movement disorders. The National Parkinson Foundation and the Huntington’s Disease Society of America have recognized the accomplishments of the PDCMDC by selecting it as one of their respective Centers of Excellence.

**Community Outreach**

Members of the PDCMDC have donated time and expertise in a number of community events designed to increase public awareness about movement disorders. In addition to the annual Huntington’s Disease Society of America run/walk, PDCMDC members have participated in the Tourette Camp sponsored by the Texas Chapter of the Tourette Syndrome Association, in the Sol & Miriam Rogers Golf Tournament held in Beaumont, and in the Vive Tu Vida! Community Health Fair sponsored by the Houston Hispanic Health Coalition, part of our outreach activities for the National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence. Our physicians are also members of the Medical Advisory Board for the Houston Area Parkinson Society.

**Fellowship Program**

The MDFTP at the PDCMDC at Baylor College of Medicine was established in 1977 and has been approved by the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners since 1989. It is primarily dedicated to educating physicians in the recognition and treatment of neurologic movement disorders and to develop skills in research into these various movement and neurodegenerative disorders. In addition to weekly video rounds and other teaching conferences, the fellows receive individualized mentoring from the PDCMDC faculty. Besides exposure to a broad category of hypokinetic and hyperkinetic movement disorders, the fellows develop skills in the administration of botulinum toxin, management of patients with deep brain stimulation, and in clinical research focusing on experimental therapeutics, genetics and other areas of movement disorders.

The MDFTP is a two-year fellowship, the objectives of which along with the application process and other information are described on www.jankovic.org. Candidates should have completed an accredited neurology residency by the time they start their fellowship. Selected fellows are invited to the Annual Course: A Comprehensive Review of Movement Disorders for the Clinical Practitioner, held each summer in Aspen, Colorado (ColumbiaMC.org). All appropriately credentialed fellows also become eligible for a faculty appointment.

**Baylor College of Medicine**

Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, the only private medical school in the Greater Southwest, was founded in 1900 and is an internationally recognized medical institution known for excellence in education, research and patient care. The college consistently ranks among the top of the country’s medical schools and ranks #1 for research expenditures in biological science by the National Science Foundation.

In collaboration with the PDCMDC, the Laboratory for Integrative Functional Genomics in the Duncan Neurological Research Institute strives to understand genetic mechanisms of Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s disease, and to translate these insights to enhance risk prediction, diagnosis and treatment of these disorders. Integrating human genomic analyses with functional investigation in fruit fly models of neurodegenerative disease, the laboratory is researching genetic pathways of cognition and motor control, and their impact in the aging brain.

**Texas Medical Center**

The PDCMDC is located on the 18th floor of Smith Tower in the hub of the Texas Medical Center, the world’s largest medical complex. It includes academic, clinical, laboratory, and administrative facilities, as well as the Experimental Therapeutics Center, a setting for clinical research into novel medical and surgical therapeutic interventions.