Neurology Research at Iowa

UI Neurology is widely respected for research on neurological disease. The Residency Program is ranked in the top 20 in the country for training neurologists who become professors at academic medical centers. Four members of the Department (Bradley Hyman, Pedro Gonzalez-Alegre, Kumar Narayanan, & Aaron Boes) have been awarded the SWeir Mitchell Award from the AAN, given once a year since 1955 for the best paper on basic science from a neurology resident. The Department is the recent recipient of an NIH R25 training grant to provide focused training in research during residency, as part of the Clinical Neuroscientist Training Program (CNS-TP).
The University of Iowa Department of Neurology has long been populated by faculty who are international leaders in the field of neurology.

In 1947, Adolph Sahs co-founded the American Academy of Neurology (AAN), now the leading professional organization for the field.

From left to right are Russell DeJong (U Michigan), AB Baker (U Minnesota), Adolph Sahs, and Francis Forster (U Wisconsin). They became known as “The Four Horsemen of Neurology.”
Adolph Sahs was also a leader of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN), for which he served as the Director, as well as Vice President and President.

Seven other members of the Department have served as Directors of the ABPN.
This departmental faculty photo from 1964 includes 8 men who have been Chairmen (C), Deans (D), or Society Presidents (P).

Row 1: James Shepherd, Arthur Benton (P), Robert Joynt (C, D, P), Adolph Sahs (C, P), Maurice Van Allen (C), Richard Fincham, Edward Sybil.


Row 3: Vincent Taormina, Thomas Gretter, Adel Afifi (D), Takeo Takahashi, John Harbison, Dennis Lucy (C), Jun Kimura (C, P).
18 neurologists who have trained in the Department or been on the faculty have been Chairs of Neurology.

Shown are Clarence Van Epps (Iowa), Adolph Saha (Iowa), Robert Joynt (Rochester), Dennis Lucy (Arkansas), Maurice Van Allen (Iowa), Jun Kimura (Kyoto), Bob Rodnitzky (Iowa), Clark Millikan (Mayo), Helena Chui (USC), Antonio Damasio (Iowa), James Corbett (Mississippi), Matthew Rizzo (Nebraska), Richard Caselli (Mayo Scottsdale), Neill Graff-Radford (Mayo Jacksonville), Jose Biller (Indiana & Loyola), David Gordon (Oklahoma), George Richerson (Iowa) and Lud Guttmann (West Virginia University).
Members of Iowa Neurology have gone on to be Editors-in-Chief of journals (8), Presidents of societies (20), and Deans & Division Heads. Shown here is Jun Kimura who was elected as President of the World Federation of Neurology.