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Co-Founder and Director of the OHSU Parkinson Center of Oregon (PCO) and Movement Disorders Program and Co-Director of the Portland VAMC Parkinson's Disease Research, Education and Clinical Center.

Background

Dr. Nutt received his medical degree and a master's degree in Pharmacology from Baylor College of Medicine. He completed a residency in Neurology at the University of Washington in 1976 and fellowships in Clinical Pharmacology at the Addiction Research Institute in Lexington, Kentucky (1971-73) and in Movement Disorders and Experimental Therapeutics at NIH-NINDS Experimental Therapeutics Branch (1976-78).

Dr. Nutt joined the OHSU movement disorders faculty in 1978 and is currently a Professor of Neurology and Physiology & Pharmacology.

Clinical and Education Interests

Dr. Nutt is an expert clinician and has been listed as a Castle Connolly “America's Top Doctors.” He has received teaching awards from medical students and neurology residents. He is the OHSU Movement Disorder Fellowship Director.

Research Interests

Dr. Nutt has gained international recognition for his innovative research in movement disorders and is a frequent scientific consultant for the development of new therapeutic agents for Parkinson's disease. His background in pharmacology has made him a world leader in testing novel therapeutics for Parkinson's disease as well as new neuroprotective and neurorestorative therapies. He is widely recognized for his work on the pharmacokinetics of levodopa which has provided significant clinical and scientific insight on the most important therapy for PD. He has also become a world leader and international expert in understanding the gait and balance problems of PD and ways to better manage these problems. He has published over 180 research articles and 85 invited chapters and reviews.