

Karen S. Marder, M.D. M.P.H.

Bio Sketch

Dr. Karen Marder received her undergraduate degree from Cornell University and her medical degree from Weil Cornell Medical School. She completed her residency training in Neurology at the Neurological Institute and fellowship training in Behavioral Neurology with Dr. Richard Mayeux and the Neuroepidemiology with Dr. W. Allan Hauser at Columbia. A member of the Department of Neurology since 1989, Dr. Marder is the Sally Kerlin Professor of Neurology (in the Sergievsky Center, Taub Institute and Psychiatry) at the Columbia University Medical Center. In September 2002, she was appointed Head of the division of Aging and Dementia in the Department of Neurology. Dr. Marder's research interests span a range of neurodegenerative diseases including Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, HIV dementia, and Alzheimer's disease. She is the principal investigator for an NIH-funded study of the genetic epidemiology of Parkinson's disease. A major area of interest has been the risk factors for and impact of dementia on the course of PD. Dr. Marder is a site principal investigator for a number of multi-center studies on Parkinson's disease and Huntington's disease. In 2006 she was elected co-Chair of the Parkinson Study Group, a consortium of investigators throughout North America who conduct clinical trials and observational studies in Parkinson's disease. The Huntington's Disease Center she has directed since 1991 was designated a Huntington's Disease Society of America Center of Excellence in 1999. Since 1997, Dr. Marder has been one of four Associate Directors of the Irving Center for Clinical Research. She serves on the editorial board of Neurology.