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**MS** Center Office Hours Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

## **Helpful Websites**

American Academy of Neurology – Multiple Sclerosis

patients.aan.com/disorders/index. cfm?event=view&disorder id=998

#### National Multiple Sclerosis Society -**Ohio Buckeye Chapter**

www.nationalmssociety.org/chapters/ OHA/index.aspx

National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Videos & DVDs

www.nationalmssociety.org/ multimedia-library/videos--dvds/index.aspx

### National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Podcasts

www.nationalmssociety.org/ multimedia-library/ms-learn-online/index.aspx

## National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Brochures

www.nationalmssociety.org/ multimedia-library/brochures/index.aspx

## **Outpatient Offices**

#### West Akron - Main Office

701 White Pond Dr., Suite 300, Akron, OH 44320 330.572.1011 • Fax: 330.572.1018

#### Practitioners:

- Susana Bowling, M.D.
- Hugh Miller, M.D. Roswell Dorsett, III, D.O. · Eugenio Peluso, Ph.D.
- DeAnna Frye, Ph.D. • DeRen Huang, M.D., Ph.D.
- Rvan Lynch, D.O.
- Frankie Roman, M.D. Ravi Madala, M.D. • Laura Samson, Psy.D.
- Megan Mason, M.D. • T. Shawn Sullivan, Ph.D.

• Amir Mazhari, M.D.

José Rafecas, M.D.

#### **Belden Village**

Mull Ave.

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**Crescent Pointe Building** 4774 Munson Street, Suite 100, Canton, OH 44718 330.494.8424 • Fax: 330.494.8174

#### Practitioner:

· Frankie Roman, M.D.

#### Green

1700 Boettler Road, Suite 250, Uniontown, OH 44685 330.899.5730 • Fax: 330.899.0522

5655 Hudson Drive, Suite 110, Hudson, OH 44236 330.342.4020 • Fax: 330-342.4040

- Laura Samson, Psv.D. • Roger Weiss, D.O. Megan Mason, M.D.
- Frankie Roman, M.D.
- Lawrence Saltis, M.D.

#### Medina

3985 Medina Road, Suite 200, Medina, OH 44256 330.723.2700 • Fax: 330.723.2709

Practitioners:	<ul> <li>Zachary Lewton, M.D.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Roswell Dorsett III, D.O.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>DeAnna Frye, Ph.D.</li> </ul>	

#### Ravenna

**Robinson Memorial Hospital Professional Building** 6847 N. Chestnut Street, Suite 330, Ravenna, OH 44266 330.296.8048 • Fax: 330.296.8208

#### Practitioners:

 José Rafecas, M.D. Roswell Dorsett III, D.O. • Roger Weiss, D.O. · Eugenio Peluso, Ph.D.

#### Wadsworth

Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital Outpatient Department 195 Wadsworth Road, Wadsworth, OH 44281 330.723-2700 • Fax: 330.723-2709

#### Practitioner:

Zachary Lewton, M.D.

## **Neurology & Neuroscience Physicians**

Susana Bowling, M.D. Roswell Dorsett III, D.O. DeAnna Frye, Ph.D. DeRen Huang, M.D., Ph.D. John Kachoris, M.D. Zachary Lewton, M.D. Rvan Lvnch, D.O. Ravi Madala, M.D. Megan Mason, M.D.

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Amir Mazhari, M.D.

## **Advanced Practice Nurses**

Brittany Barger, MSN, NP-C Ruthann Ferik, MSN, CRNP	Kristine Jacobson, MSN, CNS
Anthony Gibaldi, MSN, CRNP Maria Griffin, MSN, NP-C	Kathryn Parker, MSN, CRNP Jennifer Woods, MSN, CCNS Erin Zinn, MSN, CRNP
Stephanie Hartman, MSN, CRNP	

	Our Office Locations		
Belden Village		Ravenna	
Green		Wadsworth	
Hudson		West Akron	
Medina			

## **Hospital Privileges**

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Summa Barberton Hospital

Summa Wadsworth-Rittman

Summa Western Reserve

Akron City Hospital Akron General Medical Center Robinson Memorial Hospital St. Thomas Hospital



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# Sclerosis Center at NNA

Comprehensive, innovative, compassionate care, rehabilitation and education





**MS Society: Certified Center for Comprehensive MS Care** 





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The Multiple Sclerosis Center at NNA provides comprehensive state-of-the art care for the assessment, diagnosis, treatment and management of MS. Our center uses a multi-disciplinary team approach that implements current empirically supported MS protocols throughout the program to ensure the highest quality of patient care.

The Multiple Sclerosis Center at NNA has been managing patients for over 30 years. Our mission is to provide timely, compassionate, and innovative care for patients with MS and other related autoimmune diseases including neuromyelitis optica (NMO), acute disseminated encephalomvelitis (ADEM), transverse mvelitis (TM), neurosarcoidosis and CNS vasculitis, among others. A premium is placed upon increasing education, fostering seamless continuity of care with other allied medical professionals, increasing MS awareness, and advocating for patients and their families.

## What is Multiple Sclerosis (MS)?

MS is a chronic, unpredictable and often disabling disease that attacks the central nervous system. MS is thought to be an autoimmune disease whereby the body attacks myelin, the sheathing that insulates the nerve fibers in the brain and spinal cord, and creates scars (sclerosis). The damaged myelin and nerve fibers cause nerve impulses to and from

the brain to be distorted or interrupted, creating the symptoms. MS is most often diagnosed in people between the ages of 20 and 40, and more commonly in women. MS is not considered a fatal disease. Two thirds of people with MS do not become severely disabled and can walk with assistance. There is currently no known cure for MS, but there are a variety of new treatment options to slow the progression of the disease.

## Meet the NNA Multiple Sclerosis Center Team



#### Medical Director – DeRen Huang, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Huang is a board certified neurologist and has been affiliated with the MS Society, Ohio Buckeye Chapter for several years and is also a member or the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers. He has completed advanced

specialty training and education at the Center for Molecular Medicine, Karolinska Institute and also completed an additional post-doctoral fellowship at the Lerner Research Institute, Cleveland Clinic, He was the recipient of Morgenthaler Family Foundation fellowship in Multiple Sclerosis research at Cleveland Clinic and received a young investigator faculty award from the Nancy Davis Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis Without Walls.



#### **Neuroimaging Director** – Amir C. Mazhari, M.D.

Dr. Mazhari has multiple board certifications including neurology and neuroimaging and has a primary special interest with Multiple Sclerosis. He is also very involved in MS clinical research as well as teaching and supervision.

He completed a fellowship in neuroimaging at the Dent Neurological Institute.



Eugenio A. Peluso, Ph.D. Dr. Peluso is a licensed staff neuropsychologist.

He received his doctorate degree in clinical psychology from Saint Louis University, completed a one year neuropsychology internship at the University of Chicago

Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry, and also completed an additional two-year post-doctoral neuropsychology fellowship at West Virginia University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine.

## **MS** Center Services

**NEUROLOGY** – Performs initial neurological evaluations, assists with differential diagnosis of MS-related pathologies, and provides regular follow-up care to patients. Our neurologists develop individualized treatment plans within our MS protocols and coordinate other specialty services as needed.

**NEUROPSYCHOLOGY** – Performs baseline and serial cognitive/personality assessments over the course of a patient's MS disease process. These evaluations complement one's overall neurological care and also provide assistance with any other behavioral or social issues that are present.

**ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES** – Work in collaboration with the physicians to care for patients and provide education and support.

**ADVANCED MRI** – MRI testing in our onsite neuroimaging department is available for identification of MS pathology.

**INFUSION SUITE** – A special treatment room used for intravenous infusions and medication management specific for MS.

FAST TRACK SCHEDULING - Is available for patients needing immediate specialized care and attention related to any acute changes to their MS disease course.

SPASTICITY MANAGEMENT TEAM - Dr. José Bafecas coordinates this program to assist patients who are impaired by muscle tightness and pain that often decrease one's overall quality of life, mobility, and independence. He does this by way of oral medications, a baclofen pump, rehabilitation, or Botox injections.

### LIFESTYLE, BEHAVIORAL & DIET MODIFICATIONS -

Our medical staff will work with patients to identify changes they can make in their daily lives to help minimize the effects of MS on daily functioning. NNA provides free monthly MS support groups and regular informational lectures for patients and their families.

### MS CLINICAL TRIALS/RESEARCH TEAM - NNA's

Multiple Sclerosis Center is committed to remain at the forefront of advanced medical therapies. Through our participation in research studies, we aspire to improve the quality of life for people with neurological disorders. Our research program offers participants access to new treatments before they are generally available. Our ongoing partnership with major research sponsors, including internationally recognized health care organizations, enables us to enhance patients' treatment and improve their lifestyles.

#### **COORDINATION OF OTHER SPECIALIZED SERVICES –**

We have strong relationships with other specialty providers in the community for advanced pain management, psychiatry, psychology, rehabilitation, and cognitive rehabilitation that we will coordinate for patients as needed.