

Dr. John Chae Honored with AAP's Distinguished Academician Award

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Dr. John Chae (right) with his AAP Award

John Chae, MD, is the recipient of the Association of Academic Physiatrists' (AAP) Distinguished Academician Award. The award is given to an AAP member who has achieved distinction and peer recognition regionally or nationally by virtue

of excellence as a teacher, researcher and/or administrator.

At MetroHealth, Dr. Chae is the Vice President of Research and Sponsored Programs, Chair of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R), and Co-Director of the MetroHealth Rehabilitation Institute. He also is Professor and Chair, PM&R and Professor, Biomedical Engineering at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Chae's research focuses on the application of electrical stimulation for neuroprostheses, neural plasticity and the treatment of musculoskeletal pain. His percutaneous peripheral nerve stimulation system, a novel minimally invasive intervention for the treatment of chronic pain was approved by the FDA in 2016 and has now been implanted in over 10,000 patients. He has authored over 120 peer-reviewed publications, reviews, book chapters and books, and has been awarded 13 patents.

As Co-Chair of the Blue-Ribbon Panel on Rehabilitation Research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Chair of the Advisory Board of the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research, Dr. Chae had a major role in defining the rehabilitation research landscape at the NIH. He is a member of the prestigious National Academy of Medicine and the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering.

Dr. Chae previously served as President of the AAP, an organization of physiatry professionals who are dedicated to improving patient care by advancing the specialty through research, education and mentorship. PM&R, also known as physiatry, is a medical specialty that emphasizes the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of people disabled by disease, disorder or injury.

Dr. Chae received his award during the AAP's 55th Annual Meeting last month.

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