

Huntington disease program

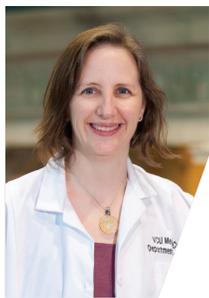
The Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Parkinson's and Movement Disorders Center is the proud home of the Huntington disease program, a Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA) Center of Excellence and credentialed Huntington Study Group research site.

The HDSA Center of Excellence at VCU Health

The Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA) Center of Excellence at VCU Health provides expert interdisciplinary clinical care, education, outreach and research opportunities to the local and regional disease community. We strive to integrate top clinical care with clinical research that advances knowledge in Huntington disease.

Our care team

Our care team will create an individualized treatment plan for each patient, which will be shared with your primary physician and any local care providers to help coordinate ongoing follow-up. The Huntington disease (HD) Program at VCU Health will also provide you and your family the opportunity to participate in clinical research.



Dr. Claudia Testa

Program Director

Dr. Testa is a neurologist with expertise in HD clinical care and research. She has participated in many research studies for HD, primarily through the Huntington Study Group (HSG). Prior to starting the HD program at VCU Health, Dr. Testa served as the medical director of the Emory HDSA Center of Excellence for Huntington Disease.



Dr. Adam Rosenblatt

Program Co-Director

Dr. Rosenblatt, also a longstanding HSG member, is a neuropsychiatrist with extensive experience in HD research and treatment. Prior to joining Dr. Testa to lead the HD program at VCU Health, he led the HD program at Johns Hopkins University.

Our care team also includes a:

Genetic counselor - providing genetic counseling and genetic testing, including pre-symptomatic testing to individuals and families.

Medical social worker - empowering individuals and families to obtain their goals for care.

Physical therapist - developing a customized, safe home exercise program to address strength, flexibility, coordination, core stability, balance and mobility.

Occupational therapist - assisting individuals to learn new and/or easier ways how to do things they want and need to do based on individual assessments.

Speech-language pathologist - assisting individuals in communication, cognition and swallowing disorders after an assessment.

Dietitian - providing dietary and nutrition information to maintain health and maximum functionality.

Neuropsychologist - offering detailed cognitive evaluations and feedback to individuals and families.

Support group

The Huntington Disease Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The group is open to anyone impacted by HD and meets at **The Circle Center Adult Day Services**, located at **4900 West Marshall St., Richmond, VA 23230**.

For more information, please contact **Michael Rollison** at **Michael.Rollison@vcuhealth.org**.

Clinical research, education and outreach

Our team actively participates in clinical research studies and community outreach events. We are happy to contact any interested HD families with research opportunity updates and are developing programs for everyone. Our website is updated with studies as they come available.

If you are interested in learning more about our research studies and other programs, we recommend you sign up for our electronic newsletter to get updates by visiting parkinsons.vcu.edu/contact/signup.html. After entering your email, you will be prompted to select which email list you want to join. Please select Huntington disease.

Appointments

To make an appointment at the HDSA Center of Excellence at VCU Health, or for more information about the HD program, please contact our program manager **Ginger Norris, MGC, CGC** at 804.627.1398, or email **Virginia.Norris@vcuhealth.org**. For more information about our services, please visit our website at parkinsons.vcu.edu/patient/huntington.html.

Clinical care and research activities take place at **The Neuroscience, Orthopaedic and Wellness Center (N.O.W.)** located at **11958 West Broad Street, Henrico, VA 23233**. For more information about The N.O.W. Center, visit vcuhealthnowcenter.org.



The Huntington's Disease Society of America

HDSA Centers of Excellence

HDSA currently has 39 Centers of Excellence across the United States. The Centers of Excellence provide the team approach to Huntington's disease care and research. There you will find HD experienced neurologists, psychiatrists, speech and swallowing specialists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, genetic counselors and other professionals to help you plan the best care program.

About HDSA

The Huntington's Disease Society of America is the premier nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of everyone affected by Huntington's disease. From community services and education to advocacy and research, HDSA is the world's leader in providing help for today, hope for tomorrow for people with Huntington disease and their families. In the battle against Huntington disease no one fights alone. At HDSA, family is everything.



The Neuroscience, Orthopaedic and Wellness Center (N.O.W.) in Henrico, Virginia near Short Pump Town Center.



Call 804.627.1398 for more information or to schedule an appointment.