

# Dimitri Krainc, NorthWestern Medicine elected to the Association of American Physicians (AAP)

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES, April 21, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Dimitri Krainc](#) has worked to define key molecular pathways in a variety of neurodegenerative diseases and identify new targets for therapies. Krainc, along with collaborators, discovered the previously unknown role of astrocytes in Parkinson's disease in a study [published in The Journal of Neuroscience](#) and used patient-derived neurons to test a new strategy to treat Parkinson's disease in a study published in *Science Translational Medicine*.

"It is a tremendous honor to be recognized by the AAP," said Krainc, who is also a professor of Neurological Surgery, of Physiology and director of the Simpson Querrey Center for Neurogenetics.

Further, recent studies from the Krainc laboratory — [published in Nature](#) and *Science* — have highlighted the role of mitochondrial and lysosomal dysfunction in Parkinson's disease, suggesting that direct signaling between these two organelles may represent an important component of the disease.



Dimitri Krainc, MD, PhD, chair and the Aaron Montgomery Ward Professor of Neurology, professor of Neurological Surgery, of Physiology and director of the Simpson Querrey Center for Neurogenetics, was elected to the Association of American Physicians (AAP).

“My election is a testament to the talented scientists and trainees in my laboratory who work tirelessly to advance scientific knowledge and improve the health of patients with neurodegenerative diseases,” Dimitri Krainc said.

Ji, Choi, Budinger, and Muller are members of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.



Dimitri Krainc MD, Ph.D. Lab

The ASCI is an honor society of physician-scientists founded in 1908 to represent those contributing to clinical care, scientific investigation, and education. Ji and Choi join more than 30 other Feinberg faculty a member of the society.

The AAP, founded in 1885, is a society honoring physicians with outstanding credentials in basic or translational biomedical research. The society has 1,200 active members and 700 emeritus and honorary members.

To learn more about Dimitri Krainc, please visit <https://dimitrikrainc.com/>

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