

IAPRD 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Zbigniew Wszolek



Zbigniew K. Wszolek, M.D., is a consultant in the Department of Neurology at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. Dr. Wszolek joined the staff of Mayo Clinic in 1998 and holds the academic rank of professor of neurology, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science. He is recognized with the distinction of the Haworth Family Professorship in Neurodegenerative Diseases. Dr. Wszolek earned his M.D. at the Medical University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland. His postgraduate training includes a neurology residency and fellowships in clinical neurophysiology, movement disorders and PET imaging in Poland, the U.S. and Canada.

Dr. Wszolek's scientific interests are in the field of clinical genetics of neurodegenerative conditions. He has been instrumental in the discovery of the several genes in which the mutations produce the clinical signs of parkinsonism, dementia, dystonia, ataxia and others. He holds several patents for discoveries related to the genetics of parkinsonism. He served as a clinical core leader on the NIH-sponsored Mayo Clinic Florida Morris K. Udall Parkinson's Disease Research Center of Excellence from 1999 to 2018. Dr. Wszolek has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals (on Web of Science: 711 publications, h-index of 77, and total sum of citations 26,915, on January 26, 2020). He is a former co-editor-in-chief of *Parkinsonism and Related Disorders* and associate editor of *European Journal of Neurology*. He currently serves as co-editor-in-chief of *Polish Journal of Neurology and Neurosurgery*.