The Translational Neuroimmunology Conference: From Mechanisms to Therapeutics

Keynote Bio: Jeff Cohen, MD

Jeff Cohen is Professor of Neurology in the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine and holds the Hazel Prior Hostetler Endowed Chair. He received a BA from Connecticut College in 1976 and MD from the University of Chicago School of Medicine in 1980. He completed a neurology residency in 1984 and a post-doctoral research fellowship in neuroimmunology in 1987 — both at the University of Pennsylvania. Cohen has worked at the Mellen Center for Multiple Sclerosis at the Cleveland Clinic since 1994 and was Director 2014–2017. He currently is Director of the Experimental Therapeutics Program, the Clinical Neuroimmunology Fellowship, and the MS Academic Coordinating Center. Cohen has published extensively on clinical, immunologic, imaging, and therapeutic aspects of multiple sclerosis.

He has had a leadership role in a large number of clinical trials of potential therapies for multiple sclerosis, translational studies, studies to validate outcome measures, and observational studies. He recently served as Chair of the International Advisory Committee on Clinical Trials in Multiple Sclerosis and Co-Chair of the International Panel on Diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis, which developed the 2017 McDonald Diagnostic Criteria. He currently is President of Americas Committee for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (ACTRIMS).