



Spotlight On

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What is your specialty (and, if applicable, subspecialty or other more focused area) expertise?

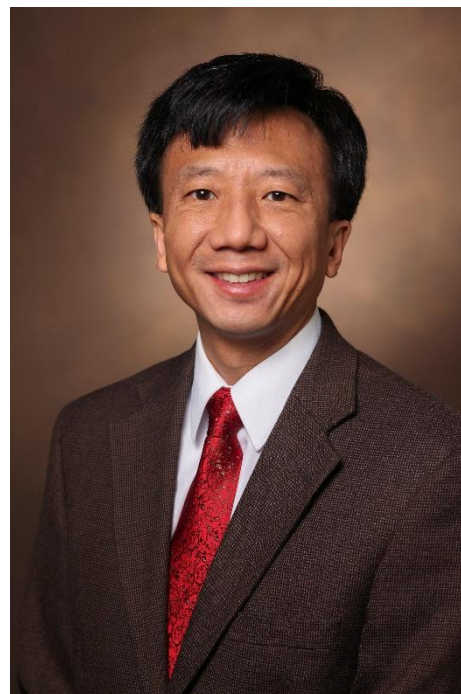
I am a pediatric neurologist with additional subspecialty training in epilepsy.

What is your current or, in your career, most predominant clinical practice setting?

The entirety of my career thus far has been spent practicing at a quaternary care academic medical center.

What else can you tell us about your current or significant past roles in your field?

For nearly two decades as a clinician, I've had the privilege of providing care to children with complex epilepsies and rare neurodevelopmental disorders. This is a role that has been a constant source of emotional fulfillment through the years. In my role as an investigator, I've had the good fortune of collaborating with our Rett syndrome clinical research group on multiple observational research studies and clinical trials over the past decade. In my role as an educator, it's been a great pleasure to help train the next generation of child neurologists as a core faculty member of our child neurology training program. And, last but not least, I have greatly enjoyed my experience as a member of the ABPN Child Neurology ABCC Committee.



Please tell us your thoughts about the role and importance of ABPN board certification.

I think the importance of ABPN board certification cannot be understated. It lends credibility to the practice of our specialty in the eyes of our patients and learners. It additionally serves as an important benchmark by which residency programs can design and continue to evolve their didactic curriculum. Continuing certification is equally important as our field continues to evolve with ever-changing diagnostic and therapeutic advances that necessitate a commitment to lifelong learning in order to provide optimal patient care and up-to-date residency education.

What have your experiences been like in your interactions with the ABPN?

To date all my interactions with the ABPN have been overwhelmingly professional and positive both as a diplomate and a committee member. I'm consistently left with the impression that the people at the ABPN are genuinely committed to the good of the diplomates.

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