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Michael K. Racke received his M.D. from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-New Jersey Medical School. He completed his neurology training at Emory University in Atlanta and a neuroimmunology fellowship at the National Institutes of Health. His first faculty position was at Washington University in St. Louis, where he was the recipient of a Harry Weaver Neuroscience Junior Faculty Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Young Investigator in Multiple Sclerosis of the American Academy of Neurology Education and Research Foundation. He then moved to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center where he was Vice Chairman for Neurology Research and also professor in the Center for Immunology. He was chairman of neurology at The Ohio State University School of Medicine from 2006-2014. His research focuses on understanding how inflammation gets established in the central nervous system and developing novel therapeutics by studying the animal model experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis. He was instrumental in performing preclinical studies which helped lead to the development of dimethyl fumarate as a treatment for multiple sclerosis. His research also centers on the pathogenesis of multiple sclerosis. Dr. Racke has served on scientific advisory committees for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Institutes of Health, and the Hertie Foundation. He serves on several editorial boards, including the *Annals of Neurology*, *JAMA Neurology*, and is the Editor-in-Chief for the *Journal of Neuroimmunology*. He also serves on the Research Programs Advisory Committee for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Board of Directors for the American Committee on Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis (ACTRIMS), and serves as Treasurer and is on the Board of Governors of the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC). He has been recognized as one of the *Best Doctors in America* for the past 20 years.