



## Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center Movement Disorders Clinic

at Barrow Neurological Institute®  
A National Parkinson Foundation Center of Excellence

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### *Background Information*

## **Abraham Lieberman, MD**

### **Director of the Muhammad Ali Parkinson's Center**

Abraham Lieberman, MD, is the Director of the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center and the Movement Disorder Clinic of Barrow Neurological Institute at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. He is an internationally recognized expert on Parkinson's disease and movement disorders.

Dr. Lieberman has authored six books on the disease. His 2008 book titled "**100 Questions and Answers about Parkinson's Disease**" is the largest selling book on the disease. In January a new edition will be published and all royalties will be donated to the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center.

Dr. Lieberman first came to St. Joseph's in 1988 to head the hospital's movement disorders section. He founded the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center in the 1990s before moving to Florida in 1998 to serve as the medical director of the National Parkinson Foundation. When he moved to Florida, he left behind a practice of 3,000 Parkinson's patients, one of the largest in the nation at that time.

Dr. Lieberman returned to St. Joseph's in 2007 to develop new medical and surgical treatments for Parkinson's disease and to take the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center to the next level. Since his return, the number of patients at the center has quadrupled.

Dr. Lieberman earned an AB degree at Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York, and a medical degree at the New York University (NYU) School of Medicine in New York. He completed an internship at Cincinnati General Hospital in Ohio, a neurology residency at Bellevue Hospital in New York, and a pharmacology fellowship at NYU. He then spent two years as a staff neurologist for the United States Air Force Hospital in Tachikawa, Japan. He is board certified in neurology and psychiatry, and is a fellow of the American Academy of Neurology and the American Neurological Association, and a member of the Movement Disorder Society. Dr. Lieberman is a former professor of neurology for New York University Medical School and the University of Miami Medical School.

Dr. Lieberman is the principal or co-principal investigator of more than 200 studies on such topics as the mechanism of action of levodopa; the early and late use of dopamine agonists; the diagnosis and treatment of anxiety, depression, and dementia in PD; and the treatment of fainting, drooling, difficulty breathing, and swallowing in PD. He was one of the first physicians in the United States to conduct pioneering research on current Parkinson's medications and surgical treatments for the disease. Dr. Lieberman has written five Parkinson's disease books and more than 100 peer-reviewed papers.

During his 35 years of practice, Dr. Lieberman has treated more than 40,000 patients. He is regarded as one of the most experienced physicians treating Parkinson's disease today.