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Primary Research Interest:	Neurology
Description of Research:	Research Focus The role of that Vitamin D, Vitamin B12 and other Nutritional Issues play in the Pathogenesis and Management of Parkinson’s disease, Tremor, Dystonia, and other movement disorders. Nutritional issues are often an under-recognized co-morbidity or contributing factor for most, if not all neurologic diseases; such issues can often be addressed with readily available clinical resources.
Relevance to VA:	Relevance to VA: With aging demographic of veterans from previous wars and increased battlefield survival from TBI in current wars, diseases neurological diseases of aging (Parkinson's and Alzheimers disease and stroke) as well as affective disorders, PTSD and traumatic brain injury-related conditions are being seen with increasing frequency in our VA system. Vitamin D is now understood to function as a pleiotrophic hormone that regulates many physiologic processes that play a role in such diseases. By modulating vitamin D levels, we could potentially intervene to ameliorate these pathological processes.