

Biographical Sketch
Ralph F. Józefowicz, MD
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Ralph F. Józefowicz, MD is Professor of Neurology and Medicine and Associate Chair for Education in the Department of Neurology at the University of Rochester, and has served as the Neurology Residency Program Director between 1996 and 2021. He has also served as the director for the second year medical student “Mind, Brain and Behavior” course between 1998 and 2020, and the third year Neurology Clerkship between 1994 and 2019. In 2003 he was made an Honorary Professor at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, one of the oldest Universities in Europe.

His many teaching accomplishments include two Fullbright Scholar Awards for Lecturing in Neural Sciences and Clinical Neurology from the Jagiellonian University Medical College in Krakow, Poland in 1993 and in 2022; the Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Medical Student Education from the Alumni Association of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1998; the Distinguished Teacher Award from the American Neurological Association in 1998; the Robert J. Glaser Alpha Omega Alpha Distinguished Teacher Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges in 2002; the A. B. Baker Lifetime Achievement Award for Neurologic Education from the American Academy of Neurology in 2010; the Edithe J. Levit Distinguished Service Award from the National Board of Medical examiners in 2011; the Merentibus Medal “for great services rendered to the Jagiellonian University” in 2014; the Chair’s award from the American Brain Foundation in 2015; the President’s Award from the American Academy of Neurology in 2016; the Leading in Excellence through Mentorship award from the American Academy of Neurology in 2018; and the Alumni Service Award from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 2018.

Dr. Józefowicz has held numerous leadership positions in national medical societies and has served on the boards of directors of the National Board of Medical Examiners, the American Academy of Neurology, the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, the American Brain Foundation, and the United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties. He is presently a member of the board of directors of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

Dr. Józefowicz received his BA degree in Biology, with honors from the Johns Hopkins University in 1975 and his MD degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1979. A member of both Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha, he completed residencies in Internal Medicine and in Neurology, as well as a fellowship in Neuromuscular Diseases at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.