



## Nanette C. Joyce, D.O., M.A.S.

**Philosophy of Care** Dr. Joyce believes in multidisciplinary patient centered care for treatment and education of rare neuromuscular disorders.

**Clinical Interests** Dr. Joyce specializes in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation with a subspecialty in Neuromuscular Medicine. Her clinical interests focus on the diagnosis and treatment of motor neuron diseases, muscular dystrophies and myopathies. Dr. Joyce also specializes in electrodiagnostic medicine. Additionally, she is uniquely trained in the use of ultrasound to diagnose diaphragm dysfunction in patients with diaphragm paralysis due to motor neuron loss or phrenic nerve abnormalities.

**Research/Academic Interests** Dr. Joyce completed a clinical research fellowship sponsored by the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine working to develop a stem cell therapy for patients diagnosed with ALS. She continues to be part of a translational stem cell team, at the Institute for Regenerative Cures, that is dedicated to bringing stem cell therapies to clinic for patients with neuromuscular disorders. In addition, her clinical research interest focuses on developing better diagnostic strategies and treatments for patients with ALS and other neuromuscular diseases.

**Title** Assistant Professor of Clinical Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
Co-Director of the Multidisciplinary ALS Clinic  
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M.A.S., UC Davis, Davis CA 2012  
B.A., University of the Pacific, Stockton, California, 1982

**Internships** Ingham Regional Medical Center, Lansing, MI, 2005

**Residency** Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 2008



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**Fellowships** University of California, Davis, Davis School of Medicine, Sacramento, CA, 2011  
Neuromuscular Medicine Clinical Fellowship, University of California, Davis-Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Sacramento, CA, 2009

**Board Certifications** American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, 2009  
American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation-Neuromuscular Medicine

**Professional Memberships** American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine  
American Osteopathic Association  
Association of Academic Physiatrists

**Honors and Awards** Dean's Team Award for Clinical Care: Neuromuscular Medicine Clinic, 2014  
Wing Kai Fat Memorial Scholar, 2013  
Dean's Team Award for Clinical Care: Multidisciplinary ALS Clinic, 2012  
"Young Investigator" NIH travel award to the Tarrytown International ALS Research Conference, 2011  
Association of Academic Physiatrists NIH K-12: Rehabilitation Scientist Training Program, 2010  
Mentored Clinical Research Training Program; Trainee, 2010  
California Institute for Regenerative Medicine Stem Cell Training Program, 2009  
Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine: Valedictorian and Outstanding Graduate Osteopathic Physician, 2004

**Select Recent Publications** Sanchez B, Chang J, Bauer A, Joyce N, Patel C. Dynamic sonographic evaluation of posterior shoulder dislocation secondary to brachial plexus birth palsy injury. *J Ultrasound Med.* 2013 Sep; 32(9):1531-4.

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