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# COGNITIVE AND RESEARCH CENTER OF NEW JERSEY



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### The Cognitive and Research Center of New Jersey

Springfield, New Jersey

NEUROPSYCHOLOGY



### MICHELLE PAPKA, PH.D.

Michelle Papka, Ph.D., Director of The Cognitive and Research Center of New Jersey (CRCNJ), specializes in the assessment of age-related dementias and adult cognitive disorders. Her private practice is located in Springfield, New Jersey. The CRCNJ is affiliated with the Atlantic Neuroscience Institute at Overlook Hospital. Previously, she was the Co-Director of the Memory and Cognitive Disorders Program at St. Barnabas Medical Center and Neuropsychologist of the University of Rochester Medical Center Alzheimer's Disease Center. Dr. Papka is a clinician and researcher with numerous publications, grant awards, and presentations for her work. Notably, Dr. Papka was the recipient of the prestigious Senator Mark Hatfield Award from the National Alzheimer's Association which is given to one researcher per year. She is an adjunct Assistant Research Professor in the Neuroscience Department of Rutgers University and previous Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurology at the University of Rochester Medical Center. Dr. Papka has been the Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator on over a dozen research studies funded by NIH as well as the pharmaceutical industry.

### MATTHEW E. BARNAS, M.D.

Matthew Barnas, M.D., is a board certified Adult and Geriatric Psychiatrist and specializes in treating a variety of geriatric disorders, such as Alzheimer's Disease, Frontotemporal and Lewy Body Dementia, Mood Disorders and Substance Abuse in the elderly. As an M.D., he supports Dr. Papka on the medical aspects of her clinical trials. Dr. Barnas is the Medical Director for NJ Memory and Behavioral Care and for Medoptions NJ. He serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at UMDNJ-New Jersey School of Medicine. Previously, he was Director of Geriatric Psychiatry at Runnells Specialized Hospital and the Associate Medical Director of Geriatric Psychiatry at Overlook Hospital. Dr. Barnas received his medical degree from UMDNJ and later completed a fellowship in geriatric psychiatry at Yale University. In addition to treating patients in his private practice, Dr. Barnas is a visiting physician at several skilled nursing facilities.

## STAFFING

<b>Total Number of Staff</b> .....	<b>9</b>
CRCs.....	2
Raters.....	4
Sub-Investigators.....	4
Recruitment Staff.....	6
Nurses.....	2

## PATIENT DATABASE

<b>Total Number of Subjects</b> .....	<b>750</b>
Alzheimer's Subjects.....	400
MCI Subjects.....	200
Lewy Body Dementia Subjects.....	50
Other Disorder Subjects.....	100

## STUDY EXPERIENCE

<b>Total</b> .....	25 years
Alzheimer's Disease.....	22 years

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## JOSE PINTO, D.O., F.A.C.O.G.

Jose Pinto, D.O., F.A.C.O.G. is a board certified OB/GYN. He supports Dr. Papka on the medical aspects of her clinical trials, as well as maintaining his own very busy private practice.

## FACILITY

In 2009, Dr. Michelle Papka opened The Cognitive and Research Center of New Jersey (CRCNJ) to offer the large dementia population of central New Jersey the option to participate in clinical trials. Through her private practice, and networking with other healthcare professionals in the area, she is able to identify appropriate research patients for Alzheimer's and MCI studies. In 2014, a Community Outreach Specialist was added and serves as a liaison between CRCNJ and the community, and scheduling events such as free memory screens and lunch and learns.

The Cognitive and Research Center of New Jersey is a dedicated, outpatient research clinic equipped with private testing rooms, double-locked drug storage -20 degree freezer, ECG machine and crash cart/AED. The clinic is located in Springfield, New Jersey and very conveniently near The Atlantic Neuroscience Institute (ANI) at Overlook Hospital Center, a full-emergency medical center. As one of the fastest growing neuroscience centers in the country, ANI boasts a variety of neurological specialties. Contributing to this growth are the many multi-disciplinary assessments and treatments for patients with age-related dementia.