

Pioneer Hall of Fame: Dr. Neal S. Hermanowicz, class of 1971

Neal Hermanowicz graduated with Highest Distinction in the Chemistry Curriculum from the University of Illinois. He then went on to graduate school at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he studied physical chemistry. Wanting to pursue a career with a greater human connection, he then enrolled at Pennsylvania State University to complete requirements for apply for medical school. He attended Temple University where he decided to specialize in neurology. Hermanowicz completed his medical training at the University of Michigan in Movement Disorders, a subspecialty within neurology.

Hermanowicz's next career path led him to the University of Wisconsin where he was the Chief Resident in Neurology. He also practiced in Albuquerque, New Mexico and in Evanston, Illinois before moving to his current position as Director of the Movement Disorders Program and Vice-chair for Clinical Affairs for the Department of Neurology at the University of California, Irvine.

As a physician, Hermanowicz serves patients with neurological problems primarily in his subspecialty area of Parkinson's Disease, Tourette's syndrome, Dystonia, Huntington's Disease, and other movement disorders. He conducts trials of new medications in the treatment of Parkinson's and is engaged in clinical research projects for Parkinson's, Huntington's, and epilepsy. Additionally, he is actively involved with the instruction of medical students, residents, other physicians, support groups, and the lay public.