



**Lewis P. Rowland, M.D.**  
**President of the Board of Directors**  
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Lewis Rowland, M.D., Professor of Neurology at Columbia University, was named President of the Board of Directors of the Parkinson's Disease Foundation in 1979. From 1973 to 1998, he served as Chairman of Neurology and Director of the Neurology Service at Presbyterian Hospital. He co-founded and was Co-Director of the H. Houston Merritt Clinical Research Center for Muscular Dystrophy and Related Diseases at Columbia University Medical Center, and was Co-Director of the Eleanor and Lou Gehrig MDA/ALS Center until 1999. Before coming to Columbia, from 1967 to 1973, Dr. Rowland was Professor and Chairman, Department of Neurology, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Dr. Rowland received both his B.S. and his M.D. from Yale University where he graduated cum laude and was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha. He was trained in biochemistry and is especially known for research in neuromuscular diseases and age-related neurodegenerative diseases, especially ALS. He has written many papers on ALS and edited two books on that disease. He was the Editor-in Chief of *Neurology*, 1977-1987, and has been a member of the editorial boards of other journals, including *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *Medical Letter* and the *Journal of Neurological Sciences*. He is now chief editor of another official publication of the American Academy of Neurology, a newspaper called *Neurology Today*. He is the editor of Merritt's Textbook of Neurology, Current Neurologic Drugs, and Clinical Cases in Neurology. Dr. Rowland has been President of the American Neurological Association (1980-81), President of the American Academy of Neurology (1989-91), and Chairman of the Academy's Education and Research Foundation. He is currently a member of the Institute of Medicine.