THE POWER OF THE ADOLESCENT BRAIN

with Frances Jensen, MD, FACP

Biography

Dr. Jensen is Professor of Neurology, Chair of Neurology at the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, and Co-Director of the Penn Translational Neuroscience Center. She is a graduate of Cornell Medical College and did her neurology residency training at the Harvard Longwood Neurology Residency Program. Her research focuses on mechanisms of epilepsy and stroke, with specific emphasis on injury in the developing brain and age specific therapies for clinical trials development. Dr. Jensen serves on the scientific advisory panel at NIH for the BRAIN Initiative and on a number of charitable foundations for medical research and was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2015. She has authored over 135 manuscripts related to her research and is an advocate for awareness of the adolescent brain development, its unique strengths and vulnerabilities, and their impact on medical, social, and educational issues unique to teenagers and young adults. She is a Trustee of the Franklin Institute and author of the book The Teenage Brain: A Neuroscientist's Survival Guide to Raising Adolescents and Young Adults, published by Harper Collins in 2015.





