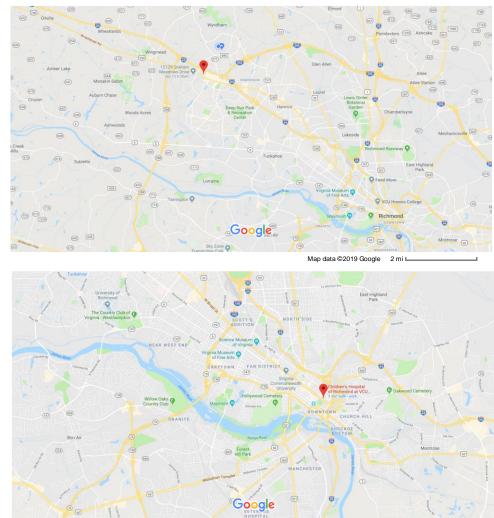


#### MDF DM Days at Virginia Commonwealth University

- Nicholas Johnson, MD, MSCI, FAAN
- Vice Chair of Research
- Division Chief, Neuromuscular
- Associate Professor of Neurology

# The Myotonic Dystrophy Program at VCU: Clinical

- Adult myotonic dystrophy clinic on Tuesdays at the NOW building
- Pediatric myotonic dystrophy clinic every other Wednesdays at CHoR downtown



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### DM Program Clinical

- Both clinics include multidisciplinary support:
  - Physical therapy
  - Speech therapy
  - Social work
  - Respiratory therapy
  - Care coordinators
  - Dietician
  - Genetic counseling (soon)

Both clinics have care providers with experience in myotonic dystrophy

- Pediatric:
  - Eugenio Montaserio, MD
  - Amy Harper, MD
  - Mathula Thangarajh, MD, PhD
  - Nicholas Johnson, MD, MSCI
- Adult:
  - Nicholas Johnson, MD, MSCI
  - Kelly Gwathmey, MD
  - Scott Vota, DO

# Myotonic Dystrophy research team

- Nicholas Johnson, MD, MSCI
  - Leads the natural history studies in DM1, CDM, prevalence study
- Mathula Thangarajh, MD, PhD
  - Focus in cognition in DM
- Melissa Hale, PhD
  - Focus on disease mechanism in DM1
- Kiera Berggren, SLP
  - Focus on speech and swallowing in DM
- Brittney Holmberg (Project manager)
- Jeneane Henry, RN (clinical research support)
- Sarah Valkovci (study coordinator)
- Liz Diaz (study coordinator)
- Kameron Bates (bioinformatics)
- Erin DeSpain (grants and contracts)

### Overview

- Scientific Updates
- Rehabilitation in DM
- Cognition in DM
- Updates from MDF
- Research updates
- Lunch
- Speech therapy
- NORD