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Dr. Rajiv R. Ratan received his B.A. in Neuroscience, magna cum laude, from Amherst College in 1981 where he received the John Woodruff Simpson Fellowship in Medicine. He completed his M.D. and Ph.D. in 1988 at the New York University School of Medicine where he was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. He focused his studies on novel methods to monitor calcium gradients in living cells.

After NYU, he completed a medical internship at the University of Chicago, and was a neurology resident and then chief resident in neurology at Johns Hopkins University from 1991-1992. There he was awarded the Jay Slotkin Award for excellence in research while a resident; and the Passano Foundation Clinician Scientist Award while completing his fellowship in neurorehabilitation as a post-doc in the Hopkin's Department of Neuroscience. In 1994, he was promoted to assistant professor of neurology and rehab medicine at Hopkins and started his own lab.

In 1996, he was recruited to set up the Neuroprotection Laboratory in the Department of Neurology and Neuroscience at Harvard Medical School (Harvard Institutes of Medicine and Beth Israel Hospital). He became an associate professor at Harvard Medical School in 1999.

In 2002, Dr. Ratan came to Burke to direct the Burke Medical Research Institute. During his tenure, he has recruited and retained many top notch scientists that now make up the BMRI staff. He was formally appointed professor of neurology and neuroscience at Weill Cornell Medical College in 2004 and named an associate dean of the medical college in 2011.

**Areas of Expertise**

- Rehabilitation Medicine Research
- Brain Injury and Brain Repair
- Stroke
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Neurological Diseases: Huntington's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's Disease, Rett Syndrome, Among Others

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