

**John D. Levine, MD, PhD**  
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Jon D. Levine received a Bachelors Degree in Biophysics from the University of Michigan, a PhD in neuroscience from Yale University, and an MD degree from the University of California at San Francisco. He trained in rheumatology and clinical immunology (under Jack Stobo), and in clinical pharmacology and experimental therapeutics (under UCSF Professor Henry Bourne.) He has been on the faculty at UCSF since 1987 and is Professor of Medicine, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Anatomy and Physiological Nursing.

Dr. Levine's research interest is in the area of pain and inflammation. He has been the recipient of several academic awards including: Young Investigator of the International Association of Pain, American Society for Clinical Investigation, Guest Investigator in the ARC Muscle Mechanisms Laboratory (Oxford University), Chancellor's Commendation for Research Excellence (University of California, San Francisco), Hartford foundation fellow, Most Important New Research in Rheumatic Diseases (NIH Annual Report to Congress), Frederick J. Kerr award of the American Pain Society and Rita Allen Foundation Fellow.

Dr. Levine has published over 250 basic science and clinical articles in this area, funded by the National Institutes of Health. The areas of his research include elucidation of the transducers, second messenger systems and ionic channel mediating inflammatory and neuropathic pain, the role of the sympathetic nervous system in inflammation and arthritis, the mechanism of placebo analgesia in humans, synergy in analgesic combination therapy, gender differences in pain and response to analgesic therapies and basic mechanisms mediating diabetic- and chemotherapy-induced painful neuropathy.

Dr. Levine has been active in the Academic Senate where he has been a member of, and is the immediate past Chair (2002-03) of the Senate's Committee on Research.

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More kids from my high school, in the Bronx, went to prison than went to college (state university vs state pen). Having changed my undergraduate major so many times, The University of Michigan allowed me to graduate without a major. After doing a PhD in New Haven Connecticut, I made it back to the West Coast, and never left again. The biggest move after that was from Berkeley (basic science) to UCSF (medicine). Maybe that all has something to do with why I study pain (relief).