

Excellence in Professionalism Award

Christine Marx, MD

Dr. Christine Marx is a professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke, and serves as vice chair for faculty and division director of Translational Neuroscience. She has a dual appointment at the Durham VA Medical Center, where she is a staff psychiatrist and co-director for research in the VA Mid-Atlantic Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC). Dr. Marx received her BA from Swarthmore College, MA from the University of Virginia, and MD and residency training at Duke University School of Medicine.

Her laboratory conducts translational research investigating neurosteroids as biomarker candidates and novel therapeutics for PTSD, TBI, schizophrenia, and pain disorders. Projects span biomarker investigations in rodent models, postmortem brain tissue studies, and proof-of-concept randomized controlled trials (funded by VA Merit Review, Department of Defense, NIH, VA Mid-Atlantic MIRECC, NARSAD). Her laboratory quantifies neurosteroids with femtomolar sensitivity utilizing mass spectrometry-based technologies, providing a cornerstone of prior investigations and current projects.

Dr. Marx knows that she is extremely fortunate to work with an outstanding research team, to have been the recipient of generous mentoring throughout her career, and to have the opportunity to be here at Duke – where scores of faculty could have received this award.



"Chris is an inspiration. She embodies so much of what I aspire to be, on my very best days, as an academic, clinician, researcher, colleague, mentor, advocate, role model, friend, person."

"Dr. Marx has the highest form of academic integrity and is an extremely diligent and attentive scientist-clinician with a strong commitment to advancing the field in an ethical and responsible manner."