



# Welcome Back to Hawaii Pacific Neuroscience!

*2015 BRAIN Intern Returns to Lead Alzheimer's Program*



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### Education & Training

Doctor of Medicine (MD)	New York University School of Medicine, New York, New York
Residency in Neurology	New York University Langone Health, New York, New York
Fellowship Behavioral Neurology	Jona Goldrich Center for Alzheimer's and Memory Disorders Cedars Sinai Medical Center, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

Michael Sonson, MD, is no stranger to Hawaii, having been born and raised in Central Oahu. After completing college in 2015, he completed a research internship at [BRAIN \(Bridging Research and Innovation in Neuroscience\)](#) at Hawaii Pacific Neuroscience (HPN) working on an Alzheimer's research project. Because he was such an excellent intern, it was no time before he was offered a full-time position checking patients in at HPN. Soon after he was promoted to a research staff where he was intricately involved in taking care of patients undergoing Alzheimer's research at [Hawaii Alzheimer's Dis Research Unit](#).

After working at HPN for 2 years, he was offered a full ride scholarship to attend NYU medical school, ranked top 10 medical schools in the nation, followed thereafter with neurology residency NYU Langone Health. Because of his passion to make a difference for those with Alzheimer's, he goes on to complete Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry Fellowship Program at Cedars-Sinai Los Angeles prestigious Jona Goldrich Center for Alzheimer's and Memory Disorders, ranked top 10 by US News and World Report.



He is proud to return back in 2026 to give back, lead and direct [Hawaii Memory Dis Ctr](#) where he specializes in the assessment and management of patients with neurologically based cognitive, behavioral problems in a multidisciplinary setting and an investigator at the [Hawaii Alzheimer's Dis Research Unit](#) where he began his journey as student intern and employee over 10 years ago.



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2016 Front desk Employee checking patients in



2017 Research employee working with Alzheimer's patients



2020-2024, Resident in Neurology, NYU



2024-2026, Behavioral Neurology Fellow, Jona Goldrich Ctr for Alzheimer's & Memory Disorders Cedars Sinai, Los Angeles, CA



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