

**Keith A. Crutcher**

Dr. Crutcher has a Ph.D. in Human Anatomy with postgraduate studies in Neuroscience. He is a Professor and Director of Research in the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. He received his undergraduate degree in Biology from Point Loma College and his graduate degree in Anatomy from Ohio State University, where he studied neuronal development. His postgraduate training at Duke University in the Human Aging program, led to his interest in the effects of aging on the brain. His research over the past 20 years, funded by the NIH and other sources, has focused on brain plasticity and neurodegenerative diseases (with emphasis on Alzheimer's disease). He was on the faculty at the University of Utah for seven years prior to accepting his current position at the University of Cincinnati. Studies in his laboratory at UC led to the discovery of elevated NGF levels in Alzheimer's Disease brains and of isoform-specific neurotoxicity associated with apolipoprotein E (apoE). He currently serves as chairman of the Professional Advisory Council for the Greater Cincinnati Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and was co-organizer of a series of debate conferences on major research questions in Alzheimer's Disease (Challenging Views of Alzheimer's Disease).