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Peter Lansbury is a Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School and Chairman and Chief Scientific Officer of Link Medicine. Peter attended Princeton University, from which he graduated with honors in chemistry, in 1980. He moved on to graduate school in the chemistry department at Harvard University, where his mentor was Prof. Elias J. Corey, the Nobel laureate. After receiving his Ph. D. in organic chemistry from Harvard in 1985, Peter moved to Rockefeller University in New York City for a two-year postdoctoral fellowship with E. Thomas Kaiser. He started his independent scientific career at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1988 as an assistant professor of chemistry and was later promoted to associate professor. His research was primarily concerned with describing, in great detail, the process of protein aggregation that is characteristic of Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, and mad cow disease. In order to pursue the medical implications of his work, Peter moved, in 1997, to the Department of Neurology at Harvard Medical School, where he was promoted to Professor of Neurology in 2004. At Harvard, he was founder and director of the National Institutes of Health Morris K. Udall Center of Excellence in Parkinson's Disease Research. In 2005, Peter has founded a biotechnology company, Link Medicine, to attempt to translate his research into new drugs for Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, and Lou Gehrig's disease. He was a recipient of the National Science Foundation Preseidential Young Investigator Award and a Zenith Fellowship from the Alzheimer's Association. He is a member of the board of directors of the Parkinson's Action Network.