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Dr. Robert Yeziarski received his Ph.D. in Physiology from West Virginia University in 1979. He completed an NIH post-doctoral fellowship at the Marine Biomedical Institute in Galveston, Texas in 1981. Dr. Yeziarski joined the faculty in the Department of Anatomy at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS in 1981 where he carried out studies related to the anatomy, physiology and pharmacology of spinal neurons projecting to different targets of the mesencephalon (spinomesencephalic tract). In 1987, he assumed the position of Associate Professor in the Department of Neurological Surgery and The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis at the University of Miami where he initiated studies related to the condition of pain and abnormal sensation associated with spinal cord injury.

Dr. Yeziarski created a program in pain research at The Miami Project and was co-chair of an international Task Force related to the condition of spinal cord injury pain. In 2002 Dr. Yeziarski edited a book on this topic entitled Spinal Cord Injury Pain: Assessment, Mechanisms, Management that was published by IASP Press. In addition to his expertise in research he has demonstrated a commitment to teaching by being co-author of three chapters in the text Fundamental Neuroscience (Duane Haines, editor). Dr. Yeziarski has been an *ad hoc* reviewer for NIH Study Sections as well as a grant reviewer for NSF, Veterans Administration, the Canadian Research Council as well as numerous professional journals including Journal of Neuroscience, Journal of Neurophysiology, Experimental Neurology, Pain, Journal of Pain (Editorial Board), Brain Research, Journal of Neuropathic Pain (Editorial Board), and the Journal of Molecular Pain (Editorial Board). In 2001

Dr. Yeziarski was appointed Director of the Comprehensive Center for Pain Research at the University of Florida and is currently President of the Florida Pain Initiative. Dr. Yeziarski's current research is dedicated to understanding the mechanisms underlying the onset and progression of abnormal sensation including pain with advancing age. His research program is multidisciplinary, combining a variety of anatomical, molecular, pharmacological, physiological, and behavioral techniques. His research is funded by the National Institute of Aging. His research also includes studies related to the development and testing of new pharmacological agents for pain management.