

## Researcher Spotlight

# A LEADER IN CLINICAL RESEARCH OF VESTIBULAR DISORDERS

Dr. Habib  
Rizk

In 2020, Cures Within Reach funded **Dr. Habib Rizk** at **Medical University of South Carolina** (MUSC) and his now completed randomized, controlled trial testing the antidepressant venlafaxine to reduce vertigo attacks in Meniere's disease patients.

Dr. Rizk leads the Vestibular and Balance Disorders Clinic at MUSC and serves as MUSC's chair of the Clinical & Translational Research Ethics Committee. In addition to his leadership roles at MUSC, he is active in several professional organizations: he is a member of the Bárány Society, current board president of the Vestibular Disorders Association and a member of the Otology & Neurotology Education Committee of the American Academy of Otolaryngology.

Dr. Rizk's research initiatives are focused on finding treatment options for Meniere's disease and vestibular migraine, as well as increasing our understanding of these chronic episodic disorders. His long-term goal is to identify objective measures of early diagnosis and intervention as well as create better assessment tools that capture the impact those disorders have on these patients.

### Profile



Dr. Habib Rizk is an Associate Professor of Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery at Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), specializing in vestibular disorders with an expertise in Meniere's disease and vestibular migraines.

### CWR Funding

This **randomized controlled trial** tested an antidepressant as a treatment option for Meniere's disease. Dr. Rizk and this trial represent Cures Within Reach's focus on unsolved diseases, including in Ear Nose Throat.



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