Dr. Bhatt is a Professor and Director of the Cognitive, Motor and Balance Rehabilitation Laboratory in the Department of Physical Therapy, and *co-Director of the Midwest Roybal Center on Health Promotion* and Translation and *the newly founded Resource Center on Minority Aging -CHECA*. She has over 25-yrs of experience in the field of balance and gait rehabilitation for geriatric and neurological populations. Her research focuses on examining interactions between the cognitive, balance, and locomotor systems and how they impact functional mobility and fall-risk. She is known nationally and internationally for her work in fall-prevention. Specifically Dr. Bhatt's research involves investigating neuromechanical basis of balance recovery from external perturbations such as slips and trips and subsequently designing intervention paradigms for reducing fall-risk in healthy and pathological populations including alternative cognitive and motor therapies such as exergaming and dance therapy. Leveraging the NIH-Stage model, her research focusses on advancing rehabilitation and health promotion interventions targeting balance control and mobility dysfunction to improve community mobility and quality of life in geriatrics and neurological populations.

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