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David Hovda is currently the Vice-Chair of Research, Department of Neurosurgery; a Professor in the Departments of Neurosurgery and of Molecular and Medical Pharmacology; the Director of the UCLA Brain Injury Research Center as well as the Director of the Neurotrauma Laboratory in the Department of Neurosurgery, at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Hovda received his BA in Psychology (1979); his MS in Psychobiology (1982); and his PhD in Psychobiology (1985), all from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He received his Postdoctoral Degree in Neurophysiology following his studies at the Mental Retardation Research Center, Neuropsychiatric Institute of UCLA in Los Angeles, California (1987).

Dr. Hovda's honors include the Benjamin Franklin Haught Memorial Award (1985), the Giannini Foundation Postdoctoral Scholar Award (1987), the National Head Injury Foundation Young Investigator Award (1991), the Lind Lawrence Eminent Scholar (1992), and recognition for his support of Women in Neurotrauma Research (2006). In June, 2011, the Secretary of the Army presented Dr. Hovda with the Strength of the Nation Award, the highest civilian award from the United States Army in recognition of Dr. Hovda's efforts to help treat military personnel suffering from mild traumatic brain injury returning from theater. He is also a Past President of the International Neurotrauma Society and the National Neurotrauma Society. He has also Chaired several committee study sections for the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Hovda has an extensive publication history, which includes books, book chapters, abstracts, and presentations throughout his career.