

Linda K. Olson, M.D. FACR Media Bio

Linda K. Olson, M.D. FACR is an author and motivational speaker with a Get Out and Go message. She is committed to empowering Parkinson's patients and families to live life as full as possible, in spite of their disabilities. She shares personal experiences that are filled with humor as well as practical tips, resources, and heartfelt motivation. Her life experience as a triple amputee gives her the unique ability to show people how to accept, adapt and innovate when seemingly "bad" things happen. She inspires audiences to forget the things they can no longer do, and motivates them to innovate and find new ways to do things. She shows people how to use positivity to bring happiness and get out and go instead of becoming a victim.

Olson is a graduate of Loma Linda University School of Medicine, 1976-A. Following a CT Fellowship at University of California, San Diego, she joined the faculty in the Department of Radiology, UCSD, where she worked for thirty years. She was director of Breast Imaging for twenty years and also a member of the thoracic imaging section. Some of her awards include: Marie Curie Award of the American Association of Women Radiologists 1991, Honored Alumna Loma Linda University School of Medicine 1994, UCSD Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Award 1996, San Diego County's 2011 Physicians of Exceptional Excellence "Top Doctors" Award, Loma Linda University School of Medicine "Women in Courage" Award 2012, UCSD Department of Radiology Lifetime Achievement Award 2012.

Olson has been a triple amputee since 1979 and was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2015. She and her husband, David Hodgens, M.D. raised two children and now live with their two labs, Dixie and Sally. Olson is currently writing her memoir.

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