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Professor Michael Nevitt, PhD, is Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and Associate Director of the San Francisco Coordinating Center, which designs and directs multicenter clinical trials and epidemiological studies of musculoskeletal diseases and aging.

Dr. Nevitt's main research interests include the epidemiology of osteoarthritis and osteoporosis (particularly the intersection of these two diseases), osteoarthritis imaging and biochemical biomarkers, and multicenter study methodology.

Over the past 20 years Dr. Nevitt has served as PI of the Coordinating Center at UCSF for several large multicenter observational cohort studies of musculoskeletal disease, including the Osteoarthritis Initiative (OAI), the Multicenter Osteoarthritis Study (MOST), the Beijing Osteoarthritis Study and the Health Aging and Body Composition study. These studies have an emphasis on osteoarthritis, joint pain, aging, musculoskeletal disease and sarcopenia.

In addition to directing the activities of the Coordinating Center, one of his key roles is that of senior investigator, advisor and mentor working closely with other investigators at various stages of their career who are pursuing research questions using data from these studies.

For OAI and MOST he has directed the development of public access databases specifically designed for easy use by other investigators and students and collaborated with many of them in pursuing their analyses and publications.