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AAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE AUGUST 24, 2019 Birmingham

2019 Annual Conference approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

Continuing Medical Education

The Medical Foundation of Alabama has approved the Alabama Academy of Neurology's 2019 Annual Conference for 5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. See Accreditation and Designation statements on page 2.

Registration

Use the form on page 5 to register or register online at www.tinyurl.com/AAN2019Conference. Preregistration will close Monday, Aug. 19.

Accommodations **The room block expires on Aug. 2.**

Make hotel reservations at the Hyatt Regency Birmingham - The Wynfrey Hotel by calling (800) 233-1234 and mentioning the Alabama Academy of Neurology 2019 Conference. Rates begin at \$117 per night.

Conference Faculty



Derek Brandt, JD, is director of Congressional Affairs for the American Academy of Neurology. During more than 10 years in government relations, Brandt successfully lobbied to reform physician payments in Medicare, including passing into law a significant expansion of reimbursements for telestroke consultations. He also secured billions of dollars in federal funding for neuroscience research, and helped grow the AAN's political action to become top-ten medical specialty PAC.

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American Academy of Neurology: Combatting regulatory burdens

Physicians, including neurologists, face growing administrative requirements from the federal government, insurers, and their institutions. Despite the medical community constantly working towards providing more efficient high-quality patient care, they are forced to adhere to many redundant and ineffective processes. Neurologists need relief from overwhelming regulatory requirements that do not add value, so they may prioritize caring for patients with complex diseases of the brain and nervous system.

The AAN supports:

- Policies to alleviate burden associated with prior authorization, step therapy, quality reporting, and other administrative tasks
- The Safe Step Act (H.R. 2279) which establishes commonsense exceptions to step therapy in group health plans

Recent Activity

- *AAN's Fight Against CMS Proposed E/M Changes*

More Information

- *AMA Prior Authorization and Utilization Management Reform Principles*
- *Tools & Resources for Practicing Neurologists and Administrators*

AAN 2019 Annual Conference faculty continued



Marissa N. Dean, MD, is an instructor-fellow in the Division of Movement Disorders in the Department of Neurology at UAB.

She completed medical school at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Mich. For internship, she completed a preliminary internal medicine year at St. Johns Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

She returned to Detroit Medical Center/Wayne State University for residency and served as a chief neurology resident in her final year. She has a special interest in the clinical genetics of movement disorders.



R. Edward Faught Jr., MD, is a professor in the Department of Neurology at Emory University School of Medicine and is director of the Emory Epilepsy Center.

He attended medical school at Columbia University and Vanderbilt University. His post graduate training was completed at the University of Virginia.

From 1980 to 2009, Dr. Faught was a full-time faculty member of the University of Alabama - Birmingham where he founded and directed the UAB Epilepsy Center. Dr. Faught is a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and a former Commander of an U.S. Army hospital.

He has published more than 300 scientific articles and book chapters. His research interests are clinical trials of new antiepileptic drugs and epidemiology of epilepsy.



Toby I. Gropen, MD, FAHA, is the James H. Halsey Jr., MD, Professor of Neurology, chief of the Division of Cerebrovascular Disease and the director of the Comprehensive Neurovascular and Stroke Center at UAB.

He previously served as the director of Vascular Neurology at Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans and the chairman of Neurology and director of the Stroke Center at Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn, NY.

Dr. Gropen earned his medical degree from University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. His postgraduate training included a medical internship at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center, in affiliation with Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and a neurology residency and clinical fellowship in stroke and cerebral blood flow at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center's Neurological Institute.



Zeenat Jaisani, MD, is assistant professor in the Department of Neurology at UAB.

She graduated from Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College Indore in 2001 and completed her residency at Jacobs Neurological Institute, SUNY at Buffalo in 2011.

She currently practices at UAB Epilepsy Center and is affiliated with UAB Hospital.



Stephen R. Shows, JD, is a Senior Risk Resource Advisor for ProAssurance, providing risk management advice to physicians and other healthcare providers regarding medical malpractice issues. As a licensed attorney, Shows has practiced for many years in litigation, always for the defense. He also served as an assistant attorney general for the State of Alabama.

He holds a bachelor's degree in molecular biology from Auburn University and a Juris Doctorate from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

He is a member of the Defense Research Institute and the Birmingham Bar Association.



Victor Sung, MD, is associate professor in the Department of Neurology, Division of Movement Disorders at UAB. He also serves as director of the UAB Huntington's Disease Clinic, director of the Birmingham VA Medical Center Deep Brain Stimulation Program, and co-director of the UAB School of Medicine Medical Student Neuroscience Course.

Dr. Sung received his medical degree from UT-Southwestern in Dallas and completed his general intern year at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was named Outstanding Overall Intern. He completed residency training in neurology at UAB in 2009.



Jerzy P. Szaflarski, MD, PhD, is a professor in the Department of Neurology at UAB and serves as director of the Division of Epilepsy. He also directs the Level IV UAB Epilepsy Center.

Dr. Szaflarski received his MD and PhD from Collegium Medicum of the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, Poland. He then completed a neurology residency and later a fellowship in clinical neurophysiology and epilepsy at University of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Szaflarski initiated his research career with a fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin in the laboratory of Dr. Jeffrey R. Binder, where he studied functional magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) acquisition and analysis. 

Accreditation Statement

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama through the joint providership of the Medical Foundation of Alabama and the Alabama Academy of Neurology. The Medical Foundation of Alabama is accredited by the medical Association of the State of Alabama to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Designation Statement

The Medical Foundation of Alabama designates this live activity for a maximum of 5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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2019 Annual Agenda • August 24, Birmingham

7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
Breakfast with Exhibitors

8:15 a.m.
Welcome
Amit Arora, MD, President, AAN

8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Updates in the Treatment of Epilepsy
R. Edward Faught Jr., MD, Professor, Department of Neurology, Emory University School of Medicine; Director, Emory Epilepsy Center

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Epilepsy Surgery and Newer Treatment Modalities
Zeenat Jaisani, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology, University of Alabama-Birmingham

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Morning Break with Exhibitors/Poster Viewing

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Case Studies in Movement Disorders
Victor W. Sung, MD, Associate Professor, Director of the UAB Huntington's Disease Clinic, University of Alabama - Birmingham; and Marissa N. Dean, MD, Instructor-Fellow, Division of Movement Disorders, Department of Neurology, University of Alabama - Birmingham

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
AAN - Advocacy to Action
Derek Brandt, JD, Director, Congressional Affairs, American Academy of Neurology

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Lunch/Poster Viewing

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
In Confidence: Protecting Health Information
Stephen Shows, JD, Senior Risk Advisor, ProAssurance

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Cannabinoids for the Treatment of Epilepsy - An Update
Jerzy P. Szaflarski, MD, PhD, Professor, Department of Neurology, University of Alabama-Birmingham; Director, UAB Epilepsy Center

2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Break with Exhibitors

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Emergency Communication Center Coordinated Stroke Triage: Lessons from Trauma Systems
Toby Gropen, MD, FAHA, Chief, Division of Cerebrovascular Disease; Director, UAB Comprehensive Neurovascular and Stroke Center

3:15 p.m.
Evaluation and Adjourn 



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Dates to know:

Abstract submission deadline: October 21, 2019

Awards deadline: October 23, 2019

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More information

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