



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ANA Members,

Spring is upon us. While nature bursts forth with color and new life, the ANA continues to grow and become even more vibrant. While the ANA Board of Directors is laser focused on the future of the organization, we are also preparing to celebrate the history and accomplishments of the ANA as we approach the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ANA in 2025.

With 150 years of people, information, activities, influence, research, discovery, and advancement, there is much to celebrate. I am creating a committee to help plan the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, and I invite you to be part of it. If you are interested in serving on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee, please [email](#) Brenda Orffer, CEO, so she can prepare a list for me.

We look forward to the planning and celebration for 2025, but there are so many great things happening now that we can also appreciate and enjoy.

### ANA2024 Call for Late Breaking Abstracts

If you have exciting new research to share, we welcome your [submission of a Late Breaking Abstract](#) for consideration at [ANA2024](#). The call is now open, and you have until Monday, April 22, 2024, 11:59 PM PDT, to submit your abstract. *Additional details and information are provided in an article later in this newsletter.*

A banner for the ANA Research and Recognition Awards. It features a colorful, abstract geometric background with triangles in shades of blue, purple, pink, and yellow. The ANA logo is at the top center. Below it, the text reads: "RESEARCH AND RECOGNITION AWARDS" in gold, "CALL FOR NOMINATIONS" in blue with a white underline, and "DEADLINE ★★ APRIL 29, 2024 ★★ 11:59 PM PDT" in gold.

### 2024 ANA Awards Nominations are Accepted through April 29, 2024

Over the years, there have been many individuals recognized for research and development resulting in significant impact on neurological diseases. This year, you or a colleague could be recognized. Consider nominating yourself or someone you know who is worthy of recognition for outstanding research and accomplishments.

The Call for Awards Nominations is open April 1 – 29, 2024. The following awards will

be presented at the Annual Meeting in September, and you could be a recipient!

- ANA Awards for Excellence | [Nomination Form](#)
- ANA-Persyst IDEAS Professional Development Award | [Nomination Form](#)
- Audrey S. Penn Lectureship Award | [Nomination Form](#)
- Derek Denny-Brown Young Neurological Scholar Award | [Nomination Form](#)
- ANA IDEAS Early Career Member Award | [Nomination Form](#)
- Distinguished Neurology Teacher Award | [Nomination Form](#)
- The Grass Foundation - ANA Award in Neuroscience | [Nomination Form](#)
- Wolfe Research Prize for Identifying New Causes or Novel Treatment of Neuropathy and Related Disorders | [Nomination Form](#)

In addition, the ANA offers [Annual Meeting Poster Awards](#), [Emerging Scholar Awards](#), [Annual Meeting Travel Awards](#), and [Dependent Care Travel Grants](#). The ANA is committed to helping individuals participate in the Annual Meeting, so please reach out to Dr. Nadine Goldberg, Chief Program Officer, via [email](#) if you have questions about scholarships or travel awards.



### ANA2024 Registration Opens May 7, 2024

The hotel room block is already open, so you can [reserve your room](#) now. Mark your calendars and make plans to register for ANA2024 on May 7, 2024! It is noteworthy that **ANA members pay reduced registration fees** for the Annual Meeting, so be sure your ANA membership is current. [Renew](#) today if you have not yet so you may enjoy the member rates for ANA2024. Let's make this year's meeting the biggest and best one yet!



### Are you taking advantage of ANA Investigates?

The ANA offers great [programming](#) outside of the Annual Meeting. One way in which we provide cutting edge information is through the monthly podcast. The most recent [ANA Investigates Advanced Therapies for Glioblastoma](#) is available online now along with others developed this year. We encourage you to take advantage of the online learning available throughout the year. ANA members are offered the opportunity to claim AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Information about CME is detailed at [OnDEC](#).

We are excited about the programs and resources available to our members. If you enjoy all the ANA has to offer, share information about us with individuals in your network and encourage them to [join the ANA](#). Thank you for being part of this vital Association!

Sincerely,

*M. Elizabeth Ross*

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# CALL FOR LATE BREAKING ABSTRACTS

SUBMISSION DEADLINE  
APRIL 22, 2024 11:59 PM PDT

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## **NOW ACCEPTING LATE BREAKING POSTER ABSTRACTS FOR ANA2024**

The American Neurological Association's (ANA) 149th Annual Meeting will feature peer-reviewed abstracts during the poster session at ANA2024 from September 14 - 17, 2024, in Orlando. Late breaking abstracts demonstrate ongoing clinical or basic research that is new and of sufficient scientific importance to merit expedited presentation and publication. [Submit your late-breaking poster abstract](#) and present your research to academic neurologists and neuroscientists from around the world and across many subspecialties. Presenting authors can reference their poster presentation on their CV.

Requirements:



- Key aspects of the research must have been conducted after **March 22, 2024**.
- Abstracts are selected based on scientific merit, timeliness, and anticipated interest.
- The deadline to submit a late breaking abstract is **April 22, 2024, by 11:59 PM PDT**.

Abstract submissions should be as informative as possible. State the background and specific objective of the study. Shortly describe the methods used. Summarize the results, and state conclusions reached. To view complete submission guidelines and submit your abstract, click [here](#). **The call for late breaking abstracts is open April 5 - 22, 2024, 11:59 PM PDT.**



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## ANA IDEAS COMMITTEE SHARES RECRUITMENT TIPS

The ANA Inclusion/Diversity/Equity/Anti-Racism/Social Justice (IDEAS) Committee has developed a [recruitment strategies resource](#) for members to utilize when recruiting talent for open positions in academic neurology programs. This resource provides insight to support recruiting teams in their efforts to promote IDEAS in their hiring strategies.

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Association and the  
Child Neurology Society



## ANA JOURNAL HIGHLIGHTS

Be inspired and informed by articles authored by ANA members and published in the [Annals of Neurology](#).

- [Quantitative Foot Muscle Magnetic Resonance Imaging Reliably Measures Disease Progression in Children and Adolescents with Charcot–Marie–Tooth Disease Type 1A](#)
- [Characterizing Frontal Lobe Seizure Semiology in Children](#)
- [Divergent Associations of Slow-Wave Sleep versus Rapid Eye Movement Sleep with Plasma Amyloid-Beta](#)
- [Report of the APOE4 National Institute on Aging/Alzheimer Disease Sequencing Project Consortium Working Group: Reducing APOE4 in Carriers is a Therapeutic Goal for Alzheimer's Disease](#)
- [Role of the Exposome in Neurodegenerative Disease: Recent Insights and Future Directions](#)
- [Associations of 24-Hour Rest-Activity Rhythm Fragmentation, Cognitive Decline, and Postmortem Locus Coeruleus Hypopigmentation in Alzheimer's Disease](#)
- [Associations of Serum Insulin and Related Measures With Neuropathology and Cognition in Older Persons With and Without Diabetes](#)
- [Gene–Environment Interactions for Parkinson's Disease](#)
- [The Melanocortin and Endorphin Neuropeptides in Patients with Restless Legs Syndrome](#)
- [Diagnostic Utility of MOG Antibody Testing in Cerebrospinal Fluid](#)

- [Evaluating the Effect of Alzheimer's Disease-Related Biomarker Change in Corticobasal Syndrome and Progressive Supranuclear Palsy](#)
- [Blood-Based Proteomics for Adult-Onset Focal Dystonias](#)
- [High Frequency of Cognitive and Behavioral Impairment in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Patients with SOD1 Pathogenic Variants](#)
- [Alterations in Blood Methylome as Potential Epigenetic Biomarker in Sporadic Parkinson's Disease](#)
- [Reply to "An Apple a Day Will Not Keep the \(Parkinson's Disease\) Doctor at Bay!"](#)

## ANNALS OF NEUROLOGY OFFERS ONE GUARANTEED EXTERNAL REVIEW FOR ANA FELLOWS EACH CALENDAR YEAR

*Annals of Neurology* is one of the most prestigious medical publications in the world, publishing high-impact clinical and basic research in neurology and neuroscience. With an Impact Factor of 11.274, *Annals* has a long history of a commitment to outstanding neuroscience and is recognized by and among leaders in the field.

**Did you know ANA Fellow members get one guaranteed external review per calendar year?** In addition, Fellow members of the ANA are guaranteed an external review of one manuscript per year submitted to *Annals*. Be sure your [membership is current](#) to take advantage of this member benefit. If you are the first, senior, or corresponding author on a manuscript submitted to *Annals*, you will be asked whether you would like the submitted paper to receive a guaranteed review. Learn more about this benefit [here](#).



## Neurogenetic Testing 101 - Everything You Need to Know

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**Bite-Sized Learning Course with CME available!**

The [ANA Highlights Neurogenetics program](#) is chaired by Dr. M. Elizabeth Ross, Nathan Cummings Professor and Head, Laboratory of Neurogenetics and Development, Director, Center for Neurogenetics at Weill Cornell Medicine. The ANA

Highlights bite-size learning program is chaired by Michelle C. Johansen, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Neurology, Cerebrovascular Division at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

The ANA is sharing this program with all who are interested at no cost. This program is also [featured on VuMedi](#), a partner in promoting educational programming content to a broader audience.

*The ANA received a grant from Illumina in support of this activity.*

## ANA CAREER CENTER IS A RESOURCE FOR EMPLOYERS AND JOB SEEKERS

Are you an [employer](#) recruiting for an open position? Are you an [individual seeking employment](#) to fit your skills, experience, and talent? The [ANA Career Center](#) is an outstanding resource for both employers and job seekers.

### RECENTLY LISTED OPPORTUNITIES

- [Associate Director, Center for Inherited Muscle Research - Dept. of Neurology/SOM](#) | Virginia Commonwealth University - Richmond, VA
- [Associate Professor - Pediatric Hematology Oncology Division Chief](#) | University of Louisville - Louisville, KY
- [Physical Therapist - Ortho/Neuro](#) | Horizon Rehabilitation & Sports Medicine - Hilton Head Island, SC
- [Senior Oncology Account Specialist](#) | Pfizer - Remote
- [Neuropsychologist](#) | East Carolina University - Greenville, NC
- [Neurologist](#) | Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System - San Jose, CA
- [Neurosurgeon](#) | MUSC Health - Columbia, SC
- [Neurohospitalist](#) | Universal Health Services - Bradenton, FL
- [Physician - Neurology](#) | Ascension Medical Group - Kokomo, IN
- [Neurologist](#) | Washington Permanente Medical Group (WPMG) - Bellevue, WA
- [Physician - Neurology](#) | Kelsey-Seybold Clinic - Houston, TX
- [Research Technician](#) - Neuromuscular Diseases | University of Georgia - Athens, GA

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We are glad to welcome new members to the ANA!



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### *Share Your Achievements with the ANA*

ANA members are known for their accomplishments and we want to hear about yours! Please let us know about your professional achievements, accolades, publications, etc., so we can share your exciting news with our community.



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