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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ANA Members,

Season's greetings to one and all, and I hope that your holiday celebrations are joyous and vibrant. The year has sped by, and we have achieved so many things together. I am grateful for the ways in which we have advanced science, education, and careers to improve neurologic health for all.

At the beginning of the year, the Global Engagement Committee reviewed several applications for a Grant to Activate Global Engagement (GAGE) and awarded four grants of \$2,000 each. These funds were used to provide education and training including the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias in Zambia (ADDIZ) symposium in Zambia, the Guinean Society of Neurology's first National Scientific Symposium on Epilepsy, and the Stroke Diagnosis and Management in a Resource-limited Setting Symposium in Uganda.

Throughout 2023, the ANA celebrated and recognized pioneers in neurology, science, and medicine from various communities. Beginning in February, we celebrated Black History Month, Women's History Month in March, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Month in May, Pride Month in June, Disability Pride Month in July, Hispanic Heritage Month in September/October, and Native American Heritage Month in November.

The ANA launched an initial meeting of subspecialty groups in August. With more than 15 participating organizations, this meeting resulted in identifying common challenges, areas of opportunity, and potential collaboration among various subspecialties.

During the fall, we were approached by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) to see if the ANA would support removing the requirement for certification by the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) to sit for the neurodevelopmental disabilities (NDD) exam. After deliberation with the Executive Committee, the ANA Board of Directors, and other organizations, we elected to support the proposed change. There is more information about the change in requirements in an article below.



In September, members enjoyed the 148th Annual Meeting of the ANA in Philadelphia. The meeting was well attended with 1,031 registered attendees, and 70% of those registrants were junior and early career academic neurologists and neuroscientists. This is a testament to our investment in the junior and early career members as the ANA provides career development support, mentoring, and other resources for individuals in the early career stage. ANA2023 provided outstanding educational programming where cutting-edge research and discovery was shared. Several individuals were honored and recognized for their work through the ANA Awards Program, and the celebrated poster session was exciting. To review the events of ANA2023, please refer to the [ANA2023 Final Program](#) on our website.

The ANA membership grew in 2023, and we welcome 652 new members who joined this year. We also appreciate the vast majority of members who renewed in 2023, and we look forward to your continued membership in 2024. Please encourage your colleagues and friends within your network to consider joining the ANA. We are the home of academic neurology and would love to be a resource to any professional working in our field.

In November, we hosted the first Academia-Industry Workshop toward advancing communication among all stakeholders in the translational process to new therapeutics. This event was well attended and provided outstanding discussions among academia, industry, foundation, and regulatory sectors. This year, the workshop focused on Alzheimer's Disease. We are planning additional events to facilitate ongoing conversation and engagement between academia and industry on other important matters, research, and discovery. One early and exciting outcome of this meeting is the formation of a partnership of the ANA with the Alzheimer's Association to offer a new fellowship for early career investigators in the area of Alzheimer's Disease research that has a translational theme. The RFA inviting letters of intent to submit a proposal is expected to be launched in early 2024, so look to our ANA newsletter and website for the announcement and further details.





Staff pictured from left to right: Brenda Orffer, CAE; Nadine Goldberg, PhD, MS; Diana Hitchings, Jennifer Summers

Over the past year, the ANA has also been working to create a team of professionals to directly support the ANA. In October 2022, we hired Brenda Orffer, CAE, to serve as the Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Nadine Goldberg took on a new role of Chief Program Officer. Later in the year, we hired Jennifer Summers who will serve as our Meetings Logistics Manager. In September, Diana Hitchings joined our team as Controller. We look forward to welcoming Loretta Neely who will join us as Meetings Education Manager. We are confident that this team of professionals will serve us well and support the ANA in its mission, vision, and goals.



As we look ahead, planning is well under way for our annual ANA2024, to be held in Orlando September 14 – 17, 2024. Dr. Allison Willis is Chair of the Annual Meeting Programming (AMP) Committee, and she recently reported to the board some of the amazing ideas submitted by our members and being discussed by AMP for ANA2024. You will not want to miss this important annual meeting and we look forward to your abstract submissions.

As we close 2023, may you enjoy the merriest and best of the holiday season. We value you as a member and hope that you have found the ANA to be a valuable resource to you. January 1 will be here soon, and I wish you a happy, safe, healthy, and prosperous 2024!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M. Elizabeth Ross'.

M. Elizabeth Ross, MD, PhD, FANA
President, ANA
Nathan Cummings Professor and
Head, Laboratory of Neurogenetics and Development



The ANA wishes our members the best of the holiday season. The ANA will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday on Monday, December 25, and on Monday, January 1, in observance of the New Year holiday.

ABPN REMOVES REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF PEDIATRICS TO SIT FOR NDD EXAM

After seeking input from professional societies and the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) has determined it will remove the requirement to be certified in pediatrics by the ABP as an eligibility criterion for certification in neurodevelopmental disabilities (NDD) by the ABPN. This includes removing the requirement to be eligible for certification in pediatrics, recognizing that some may still choose rotations that make them eligible for certification in pediatric, but some may not.



The change reflects the evolution of NDD as a field. In particular, the former requirement has become a more pressing issue with the relatively recent adoption of the Child Neurology 'pathway' to NDD subspecialty training and certification. Many Child Neurology graduates are not eligible for certification by the ABP because of not meeting specific rotation requirements by the ABP.

This change will be reflected in information provided to NDD candidates for the next administration of the NDD in exam in 2025. The ABPN will be providing [additional information](#) on its [website](#).

COMING SOON! ANA INVESTIGATES

The December podcast will be released later this month. In it, Dr. Megan Richie of University of California San Francisco talks with Dr. Seth Gale of Harvard Medical School about the clinical implementation of lecanemab, the anti-amyloid infusion therapy for Alzheimer's disease.

ANA2023 CMEs MAY BE CLAIMED THROUGH DECEMBER 31

If you haven't already done so, please be sure to provide evaluation information about ANA2023. To complete the evaluation and claim CME, please navigate to [ANA's OnDEC system](#). Be sure to complete the [meeting evaluation](#) and claim CME for ANA2023 before December 31, 2023.

WELCOME NEW ANA MEMBERS

We are glad to welcome new members to the ANA!



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ANA JOURNAL HIGHLIGHTS

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



- [Disparate dementia risk factors associate with cognitive impairment and rates of decline in African Americans](#)
- [Time to disability milestones and annualized relapse rates in NMOSD and MOGAD](#)
- [MOG Antibody-Positive Patients Meeting the 2017 McDonald Criteria for MS: Challenges in Diagnosis and Treatment Decisions](#)
- [Comparing the pathology, clinical and demographic characteristics of younger and older-onset multiple sclerosis](#)
- [The Role of Basal Forebrain Neurons in Adrenomyeloneuropathy in Mouse and Human](#)
- [RNA foci in two bi-allelic RFC1 expansion carriers](#)
- [Impaired glymphatic and meningeal lymphatic functions in patients with chronic migraine](#)
- [Disease-Modifying Drugs Extend Survival in Hereditary Transthyretin Amyloid Polyneuropathy](#)
- [Whole-body muscle magnetic resonance imaging in 81 spinal and bulbar muscular atrophy: A prospective study](#)
- [On-scalp magnetoencephalography can detect mesial temporal lobe](#)

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- [Relationships of Cognitive Measures with Cerebrospinal Fluid but not Imaging Biomarkers of Alzheimer Disease Vary between Black and White Individuals](#)
- [Expansion of Telestroke Coverage in Community Hospitals: Unifying Stroke Care and Reducing Transfer Rate](#)

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