



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ANA Members,

Just a few weeks into 2024, it is clear that exciting things are in the works this year. Now is our opportunity to share the [2023 ANA Annual Report](#) and reflect on what we accomplished together last year. 2023 was an incredible year for the ANA in many ways. The global impact of ANA was expanded, new features and educational programming were added to our Annual Meeting, our membership grew and collaborations with key stakeholders were initiated.

Some of the examples of ANA's activities in 2023 include:

- The ANA provided funding to support projects in Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, and Zambia because of the Presidential Global Neurology Initiative started by Dr. Frances Jensen. The funds were utilized in the education, development, and recognition of neurological students and researchers within these countries.
- The ANA launched an initial meeting of subspecialty groups with more than 15 participating organizations. This meeting resulted in identifying common challenges, areas of opportunity, and potential collaboration among various subspecialties in neurology.
- The ANA hosted an inaugural workshop that convened stakeholder groups from biopharma and academia to identify gaps in the current ecosystem of therapeutic development in neurology. The task of the workshop was to recommend actions the ANA can implement to advance academia-biopharma partnerships. The ANA intends to catalyze efforts that will improve collaborations between academic and industry partners, as well as foundations and NIH, with the goal of enhancing the development of innovative therapies for neurological disorders.
- Throughout 2023, the ANA has celebrated diversity and inclusion through highlighting the observation of Congressionally designated heritage months, during which ANA specifically honors the contributions that individuals have made to neurology, medicine, and science.

These accomplishments represent the concerted efforts of our members, leaders, Board of Directors, and staff who work toward the ANA mission of advancing science, education, and careers to improve neurologic health for all.

This year will continue the growth and expansion of ANA programs and membership services. The Association of University Professors of Neurology's (AUPN) Annual Meeting will again be welcomed as a satellite event of ANA2024 in Orlando. You are

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In preparation for the Annual Meeting, the [ANA2024 website](https://2024.myana.org) launched this week! In conjunction with the site going live, the [ANA2024 Call for Abstracts](#) was opened. Be sure to submit your abstract for consideration and to promote the ANA2024 Call for Abstracts among your colleagues, peers, and extended network.

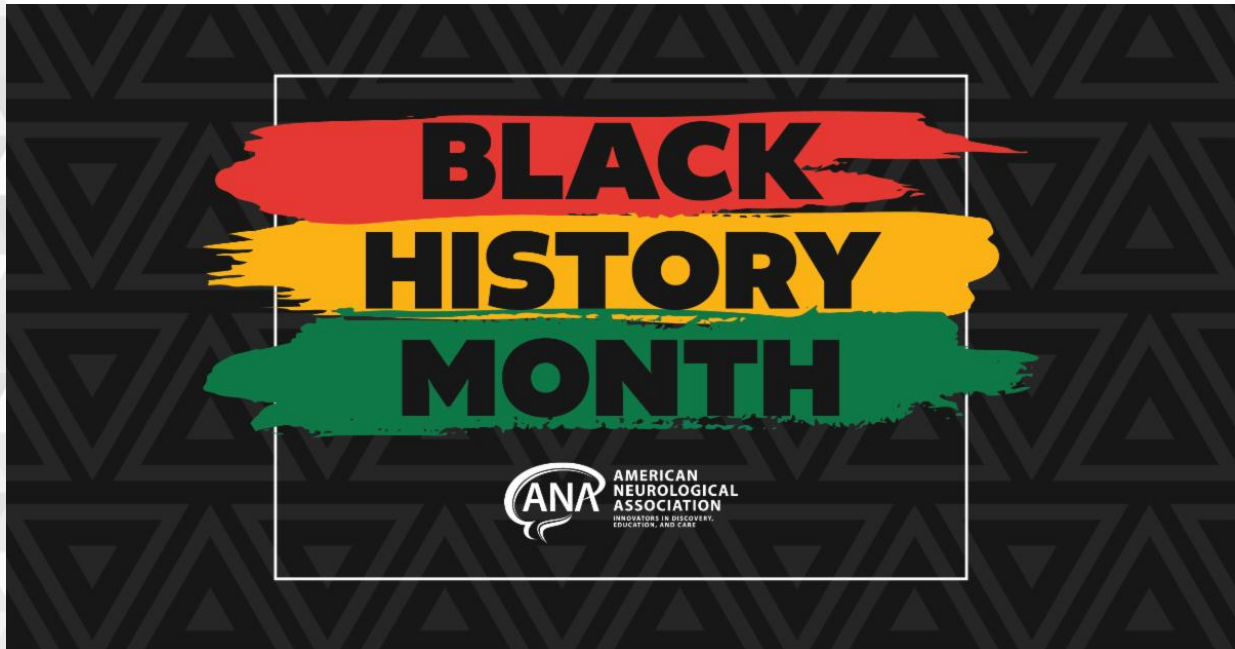
Another opportunity to inform those in your network is the ANA's [International Outreach Travel Scholarship](#) program, which was established in recognition of the shared goal among neurologists worldwide to reduce the burden of neurological disease through research, education, clinical care, and advocacy. The Scholarship is awarded to two (2) ANA members and provides the recipients with the opportunity to work in low and middle-income countries (LMICs) in the upcoming academic year. Applications are being accepted through March 19, 2024.

The ANA offers programs, opportunities, information, resources, mentorship, and so much more to its members. Do encourage your colleagues to [join the ANA](#) and take advantage of all that is available. Thank you for being part of the association and for sharing your expertise, insight, and perspective through engagement in ANA programming and activities.

Sincerely,

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ANA CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The ANA celebrates [Black History Month](#) and recognizes the significant contributions the Black Community has made to neurology, medicine, and science. Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Several [pioneers](#) and [present-day individuals](#) from the Black Community have helped us make great strides in neurology.



Today, we remember [Dr. E. Latunde Odeku](#) (1927 - 1974) who was the first African-American neurosurgeon who was trained in the USA. He received his MD from the Howard University College of Medicine in 1954 and became the second African-American to be certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery. However, although he received multiple job offers in the USA, he chose to return to Nigeria where he pioneered the field of neurosurgery and opened the door for people from each country to enhance the field.

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CALL FOR ABSTRACT REVIEWERS IS OPEN!

Each year, the ANA receives approximately 400 abstract submissions, and we need reviewers to help us identify the ones that should be included and featured in some way at the Annual Meeting. If you are an instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, professor, or department chair (ANA Member, Fellow, Senior Fellow or Honorary Fellow), please consider volunteering to be an abstract reviewer. Your area of expertise is likely represented in the abstracts submitted. We need input and expertise from professionals like you to help review and score work presented in the abstracts.

Help us continue a tradition of excellence by volunteering as an abstract reviewer and/or presentation reviewer. If you would like to share your expertise and help us review abstract proposals, we are accepting applications through March 8, 2024. Abstract Reviewers receive accolades, acknowledgement in the ANA2024 Final Program, and satisfaction of a job well done! [Submit your application](#) to be an Abstract Reviewer today!

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The American Neurological Association (ANA) International Outreach Travel Scholarship (IOTS) program is now accepting [applications](#). The ANA established the IOTS in recognition of the shared goal among neurologists worldwide to reduce the burden of neurological disease through research, education, clinical care, and advocacy. The IOTS is awarded to two (2) ANA members and provides the recipients with the opportunity to work in low and middle-income countries ([LMICs](#)) in the upcoming academic year.

The IOTS provides reimbursement up to - but not to exceed - \$5,000 for roundtrip airfare, country entry, medical evacuation, and repatriation insurance (if institutional insurance is unavailable), visas, medical license, accommodations, and local transport during an abroad rotation, and/or vaccinations/travel-related medications.

Eligible Applicants

ANA members who are neurology residents, fellows or junior faculty who are within the first three years from the start date of their first faculty appointment at the time of application.

Applicants must provide the following:

- A letter of recommendation from an ANA mentor with at least an Assistant Professor level appointment.
- A letter of support from their Chair, Residency Director, or Division Chief clearly indicating their support for the planned travel (four (4) weeks for residents or fellows; and a minimum of six (6) weeks for junior faculty) and for the applicant to attend the ANA Annual Meeting in their year following their travel.
- Current CV
- International Outreach Travel Scholarship Proposal using the IOTS Proposal Template provided in the [application](#).

APPLY TODAY!

ANA JOURNAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

- [Mycobacterium haemophilum Related Myelitis in Geographically Linked Cases](#)
- [Determinants of Functional Outcome after Pediatric Hemispherotomy](#)

- [Relevance of Multiple Sclerosis Severity Genotype in Predicting Disease Course: A Real-World Cohort](#)
- [Spoken Language Alterations can Predict Phenoconversion in Isolated rapid eye movement Sleep Behavior Disorder: A Multicentric Study](#)
- [Biomarker Qualification for Neurofilament Light Chain in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: Theory and Practice](#)
- [Ictal Arterial Spin Labeling—Magnetic Resonance Imaging Identifies Seizure Onset Zone in Epilepsia Partialis Continua](#)
- [On-Scalp Magnetoencephalography Based On Optically Pumped Magnetometers Can Detect Mesial Temporal Lobe Epileptiform Discharges](#)
- [Expansion of Telestroke Coverage in Community Hospitals: Unifying Stroke Care and Reducing Transfer Rate](#)
- [Early Detection of Amyloid-Related Changes in Memory among Cognitively Unimpaired Older Adults with Daily Digital Testing](#)
- [The Melanocortin and Endorphin Neuropeptides in Patients with Restless Legs Syndrome](#)
- [Health and Healthcare Disparities in Pediatric Epilepsy in the United States: A Scoping Review](#)
- [Giving Breath to Motor Neurons: Noninvasive Mechanical Ventilation Slows Disease Progression in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis](#)
- [Impaired Glymphatic and Meningeal Lymphatic Functions in Patients with Chronic Migraine](#)

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

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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](#).

WELCOME NEW ANA MEMBERS

We are glad to welcome new members to the ANA!



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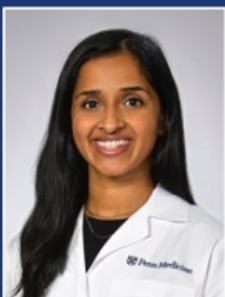
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The Placebo Effect: Role of Placebo in Clinical Trials



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What does the word Placebo mean to you? Randomized, placebo controlled clinical trials have been the mainstay of clinical science for decades. Physicians, and medical researchers may assume that they understand the underlying concepts of a placebo controlled trial, but automatically assuming that rigorous research equates to placebo controlled trials is inaccurate. In this [ANA Highlights](#), hear about placebos, what we can learn from them, as well as situations where alternative study designs should be considered.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Congratulations to Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim Abdul Aleem, ANA Fellow in India, on being

awarded the 2024 Volunteer Service Award by the American Academy of Neurology. This award is given in recognition of his dedication to neurology education and his efforts to increase access to care for underserved communities.

ANA CAREER CENTER IS A RESOURCE FOR EMPLOYERS AND JOB SEEKERS

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