



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear ANA Members,

We are well into the fall season, and with the ANA2023 annual meeting complete, work and planning has begun in earnest for ANA2024 being held September 14 – 17, 2024, in Orlando, Florida. I have received some member feedback regarding the upcoming 2024 meeting, most highly positive; however, a few have expressed concern surrounding the Florida location and the need to ensure that our entire ANA membership will feel safe attending and that our annual meeting will continue to promote an atmosphere of inclusivity.

It is important that members be assured that ANA leadership is aware of these reservations that have begun to return from the membership since our 2023 meeting in Philadelphia. There have been several discussions among the board members and relevant committee chairs regarding how best to ensure that the values of the ANA and the importance of our efforts with Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Anti-racism, Social Justice (IDEAS) Committee programs and Annual Meeting Programming (AMP) committee are not compromised.

It is also important to note that decisions regarding the location of our annual meetings are made and venue contracts are signed 2 to 3 years in advance. The Association cannot move the 2024 meeting. It would be impossible to find an alternative venue at this late date and we would incur significant financial penalties if we canceled our contracts. Were we to cancel the meeting, it would only hurt the ANA, the pre-meeting symposia (K awardees and Research Reimagined (RCR) sessions) as well as the local community, not the state of Florida. With all this in mind, we will proceed with hosting ANA2024 in Orlando.

**ANA**  
**2024**

149TH ANNUAL MEETING  
of the American Neurological Association  
**September 14-17, 2024**  
Opening Symposium Sept. 14

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Please keep in mind that Orlando is among the most inclusive, diverse, and liberal locations in the state of Florida (that is evidenced by the fact that largest employer in the state, Disney, is often at odds with the political winds). There are many hundreds of medical students, neurology department faculty and physician scientists in the

state deserving of our support. We would be far more effective as advocates for their committed service to diversity and inclusion in our profession and to the communities that they serve. There is a very large LGBTQ community in Orlando and Tampa, not to mention Miami. We are in conversation with the forming Local Arrangements Subcommittee, made up of our Florida members to determine what they may find most helpful.

We are working together to devise a plan that is firmly assertive and that supports our local ANA colleagues and constituents. We will be seeking input from our members, and we hope you will ultimately be able to join us next year for what promises to be another amazing meeting.

Part of our preparations for ANA2024 include the current Call for Special Interest Group (SIG) vice chairs. The [Annual Meeting Programming \(AMP\) Committee](#) is [seeking nominations](#) for SIG vice chairs for ANA2024. The ANA SIG vice chairs collaborate with SIG chairs to organize and moderate their respective sessions during the annual meeting. The vice chair will serve as the SIG chair for the following year's meeting. Vice chairs are selected and approved by the voting members of the AMP Committee. The deadline to submit nominations is **Tuesday, October 31, 2023**.



### ANA2023 | Post-Meeting Details

We enjoyed a fabulous meeting in Philadelphia last month with one of the highest number of registered attendees on record. In case you were not able to join us or if you wish to continue enjoying some of the meeting, the [ANA2023 Meeting Recordings](#)

[package](#) is available. This year's package includes recordings of the six main symposia. For members or non-members who did not purchase a full meeting package, the meeting recordings are available for purchase. Members may purchase the package for \$50, and non-members may purchase the package for \$99.

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](#) on or before November 3, and you will be automatically entered to win a \$100 Starbucks gift card! *Note, you must claim CME for ANA2023 before December 31, 2023.*

### Looking Ahead

The holiday season will soon be upon marking the end of 2023. As we approach the end of another calendar year, the ANA will be launching its membership renewal cycle for 2024. I encourage you to renew your membership so you can continue enjoying the benefits of knowledge, connection, research, and professional development. There are so many reasons to belong to the ANA, and below are what we consider the top five reasons to join or renew. Encourage your colleagues and individuals in your network to join if they are not currently members of the ANA. We want to be an organization with a diverse membership representing the breadth and depth of academic neurology.

- 1 Connect** Form personal connections with academic neurologists and neuroscientists from all subspecialties, advancing your research and expanding your network
- 2 Learn** Earn CME by participating in the ANA's educational programs including webinars, bite-size learning modules, and podcasts
- 3 Save** Gain access to ANA benefits, abstract submissions, and the Annual Meeting at membership rates
- 4 Discover** Enhance your knowledge with the cutting-edge research in the ANA's peer-reviewed journals
- 5 Grow** Leverage the ANA's Career Center, a specialized job market specifically for those working in academic neurology and neuroscience

I am so glad to be part of the ANA, and I hope you also find value in being a member. Please take advantage of everything the ANA has to offer to support you in your work, professional growth, and personal success.

Sincerely,



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Every year beginning November 1, Native American Heritage Month is celebrated to honor the remarkable Native Americans who have contributed efforts to improve the character of the nation. This month is also referred to as the American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. November is the time to rejoice in diverse and rich cultures, histories, and traditions and to appreciate the great contributions of the Native Americans. This month allows us to spread awareness about tribes or to educate people about the various challenges faced by the Native Americans in the past and today. Throughout this month, we commit to keep on supporting the remaining Native American tribes and let the world know about their sacrifices.

Throughout the month of November, the ANA will recognize and celebrate Native American Heritage Month. Visit the ANA website beginning November 1 to learn more about Native Americans who have contributed to medicine and science both in the past and presently.



## **ANA VIRTUAL MENTOR OPPORTUNITY**

The ANA Global Engagement Committee is looking for an ANA member with experience in neurotoxicology research to volunteer as a mentor for an international neurology trainee who recently received an ANA global neurology grant to conduct a clinical research study focused on methanol

toxicity. The commitment is for a 12-month period and the frequency of interaction would be determined by the mentor and mentee. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Nadine Goldberg, Chief Program Officer, via email at [ngoldberg@myana.org](mailto:ngoldberg@myana.org) or telephone at (609) 659-0005.



Host

Presenter



## The Placebo Effect: Role of Placebo in Clinical Trials



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### ANA HIGHLIGHTS THE PLACEBO EFFECT

*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](#), we will talk about placebos, what we can learn from them, as well as situations where alternative study designs should be considered. All of this and more will be addressed in our most [recent release](#) of ANA Highlights.

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[National Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#) began as a weeklong event in 1985. It was organized by the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the pharmaceutical division of Imperial Chemical Industries. Also involved was Betty Ford, the wife of former President Gerald Ford. Not long after her husband became President in 1974, Betty Ford underwent a mastectomy to treat breast cancer. Ford's openness about her experience increased both media coverage and public awareness of breast cancer, providing the research community with much-needed publicity.

In the years following her procedure, Ford would become a spokesperson for the American Cancer Society and advocate for early detection and screening, which became a focal point of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Click [here](#) to visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) site on breast cancer providing insight on symptoms, risk factors, screening, and other important information.

## WELCOME NEW ANA MEMBERS

We are glad to welcome new members to the ANA!



### FELLOW

Shafeeq Ladha, MD  
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## ANA JOURNAL HIGHLIGHTS

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



- [Association of the timing of atrial fibrillation detection and insular involvement with the risk of embolic events after acute ischemic stroke](#)
- [Correction to Safety and Efficacy of Omaveloxolone in Friedreich Ataxia \(MOXIe Study\)](#)
- [Predicting Functional Dependency in Patients with Disorders of Consciousness: A TBI-Model Systems and TRACK-TBI Study](#)
- [Edema Reduction versus Penumbra Salvage: Investigating Treatment Effects of Mechanical Thrombectomy in Ischemic Stroke](#)
- [DNA methylation age acceleration as a potential biomarker for early onset of REM sleep behavior disorder](#)
- [Strokes Averted by Intravenous Thrombolysis: A Secondary Analysis of a Prospective, Multicenter, Controlled Trial of Mobile Stroke Units](#)
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front of dozens of top employers in neurology and neuroscience by taking advantage of the [ANA Career Center](#).

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