



2026NRSP

Neurology Residents Scholar Program

November 12–14, 2026

DoubleTree by Hilton Minneapolis Airport
Bloomington, Minnesota

Neurology residents and child neurology fellows who are nominated to attend the Neurology Residents Scholar Program (NRSP) are selected by their program directors. Ideal candidates for the program are committed to improving their diagnostic skills and furthering their knowledge of the treatment of epilepsy. During this multi-day meeting, residents and fellows attend interactive learning sessions with expert faculty and participate in breakout workshops in which they discuss clinical cases with colleagues from across the United States. Each attendee is required to prepare and present one brief case study on an epilepsy-related topic of their choice.



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2026 EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTERS

Jazz Pharmaceuticals, LivaNova, Neurelis, UCB Inc, and Xenon.

✦ REGISTRATION

Thank you for your interest in the 2026 Neurology Residents Scholar Program.

Program directors are asked to nominate one PGY-2/PGY-3 neurology resident or child neurology fellow from their program to receive the scholarship and attend the entire NRSP. The director will complete the registration at ceconcepts.com/nrsp.

If you have questions about this program, please contact Ashley Lilly, Account Director, at lillya@ceconcepts.com.

PLEASE NOTE: The program starts Thursday, November 12 and ends Saturday, November 14.

✦ IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY
**AUG
28**

Registration
Deadline

FRIDAY
**OCT
16**

Case study PowerPoint
presentations due

✦ TRAVEL

Each participant will receive a \$400 travel scholarship on-site at NRSP 2026.

- Attendees will be responsible for hotel rooms at \$119 + tax per night (attendees will reserve a hotel room via a secure hotel website)



"An amazing and unique experience which allows the opportunity to meet with leaders in the field. Completely changed how I think about epilepsy."

✦ TENTATIVE AGENDA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026

11:30 AM–12:30 PM	Registration
12:30 PM–1:00 PM	Boxed Lunch/Ice Breaker
1:00 PM–5:30 PM	Educational Sessions
6:00 PM–7:00 PM	Welcome Dinner/Reception

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

7:30 AM–8:00 AM	Buffet Breakfast
8:00 AM–12:00 PM	Educational Sessions
12:00 PM–1:00 PM	Buffet Lunch
1:00 PM–5:45 PM	Educational Sessions
6:00 PM–7:30 PM	Dinner: Meet-the-Faculty—Paving a Path to Epilepsy Practice

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

7:30 AM–8:00 AM	Buffet Breakfast
8:00 AM–11:15 AM	Educational Sessions
11:15 AM–11:30 AM	Post-test/Closing Remarks/ Q&A Session
11:30 AM	Grab-and-Go Lunch/Departures

Session is eligible for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit

✦ **ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION**

The NRSP is an intensive multi-day course designed for second- and third-year neurology residents and child neurology fellows to expand their education and understanding of the complex and evolving diagnostic and therapeutic space of epilepsy. Founded by the late Dr. John Gates of the Minnesota Epilepsy Group, PA, the NRSP is in its 24th year of educating residents and fellows about epilepsy to improve patient care. The curriculum is intended to augment general neurology residency programs. With epilepsy presenting in a third of adult neurological disorders and in more than two-thirds of pediatric neurological cases, there is a definitive need to better inform general neurologists and child neurologists about this condition.

✦ **WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

Neurology residents/fellows who are nominated to attend the NRSP are selected by their program directors. Ideal candidates for the program are in their second or third year of residency, and are committed to improving their diagnostic skills and furthering their knowledge of the treatment of epilepsy. During this multi-day meeting, residents/fellows attend interactive lectures and participate in breakout workshops in which they discuss clinical cases with colleagues from across the United States. Participants who attend the 2026 NRSP will receive a detailed electronic handout and other resources related to the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy.

✦ **CASE STUDY**

All registrants are required to present a seizure-related clinical case during their assigned case study breakout session. All case study presentations must be submitted in advance in PowerPoint format and include EEG tracings. The presentation should total no more than 6–8 slides, with the expectation of approximately 10 minutes for both presentation and discussion. Case study submission requirements will be emailed to residents/fellows following registration.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Apply seizure classification and patient-specific factors, including seizure type and key comorbidities, to select and sequence antiseizure therapies appropriately for focal and generalized epilepsy
2. Incorporate evidence-informed, stage-based sequencing strategies after antiseizure medication failure to optimize longterm seizure control
3. Differentiate seizure clusters from isolated breakthrough seizures to guide anticipatory outpatient management
4. Utilize evidence-informed rescue therapy strategies and individualized acute seizure action plans to reduce acute deterioration and progression to status epilepticus
5. Apply standardized drug-resistant epilepsy (DRE) criteria and structured escalation frameworks to identify appropriate candidates for timely referral to comprehensive epilepsy centers for surgical and neurostimulation evaluation
6. Select appropriate genetic testing strategies for pediatric and complex epilepsy based on clinical presentation and guideline-informed pathways
7. Apply genetic test results to inform treatment selection and longitudinal, syndrome-informed care planning

✦ **FACULTY**

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✦ **TARGET AUDIENCE**

PGY-2 and PGY-3 neurology residents and child neurology fellows completing training at an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited U.S. training program.

✦ **ACCREDITATION**



In support of improving patient care, Creative Educational Concepts LLC (CEC) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

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