

# American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine Annual Meeting

A Preview  
Sept. 21-Sept. 24, 2022

This year's American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine (AANEM) Annual Meeting is being held in Nashville, Tennessee, and runs from Sept. 21 to 24, 2022.

The AANEM is dedicated to the advancement of neuromuscular (NM), musculoskeletal (MSK), and electrodiagnostic (EDX) medicine. Members include neurologists and physical medicine and rehabilitation physicians working together with other health professionals and researchers to improve quality of care for patients with muscle and nerve disorders. Physicians, technicians, and other health care professionals attending the AANEM Annual Meeting will learn about the latest in NM, MSK, EDX, and neuromuscular ultrasound (NMUS) medicine. They will also earn continuing medical education credit and network with colleagues.

Highlights of the conference include:

- Plenary sessions focused on the topic of "The Status of Inherited Muscle Diseases in 2022," highlighting novel assessment techniques and therapies that have improved evaluation and treatment for individuals with muscle diseases.
- Workshops offering hands-on demonstrations by NM, US, and EDX medicine experts in a small-group setting. Workshop prices are not included in the registration fee and require an additional cost.
- Social events, including the President's Reception on Wednesday evening, the Exhibit Hall, and a Resident & Fellow Lunch.

The AANEM meeting includes four days of in-person lectures, hands-on workshops, and social events. AANEM also offers participation virtually. Registration prices include:

- In-person registration prices (member/nonmember):
  - Physician - \$775/\$1,025

- Physician-in-training, technologist, researcher, or collaborator - \$500/\$650
- Physician-in-training participating in the Training Program Partnership (TPP) - \$\$235/NA
- Medical students - no charge
- Advanced practice providers - \$500/\$500
  
- Virtual registration prices (member/nonmember):
  - Physician - \$605/\$605
  - Physician-in-training, technologist, researcher, or collaborator - \$445/\$445
  - Physician-in-training participating in the TPP - \$340/NA
  - Medical students - no charge
  - Advanced practice providers - \$445/\$445

We will be covering the event for you, so check your email for news reports with highlights and a wrap-up of the conference. Here are some of the highlights that caught our attention.

## Select sessions/highlights at the 2022 AANEM Annual Meeting

### Plenary sessions

AANEM President Holli Horack, M.D., chose the plenary topic of “The Status of Inherited Muscle Diseases in 2022” to highlight the “dramatic changes” in how individuals with muscle diseases are assessed and treated. Meeting attendees will learn about assessment techniques like genetic testing and new treatments including exon skipping for Duchenne’s muscular dystrophy. Plenary session speakers also cover the application of equity frameworks in inherited neuromuscular disorders.

### Sessions and awards

Registration includes access to all sessions, which cover several topics in NM, MSK, EDX, and US. Attendees can create their own curriculum and attend sessions meeting their interests and needs for career development, as most sessions offer CME and/or CEU credits.

On Wednesday, the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America Medical/Scientific Advisory Board will present a scientific session on research in the area of myasthenia gravis (MG) and myasthenia disorders. The program speakers include leaders in scientific and clinical MG research.

Several annual awards are funded by the American Neuromuscular Foundation. Award recipients are recognized for their research at the AANEM Annual Meeting. Some of these awards include the Golseth Young Investigator Award, given to a young physician who has submitted the best research paper, and the Best Abstract Award, given to the first and presenting author of the best research paper submitted to the annual meeting, among others. The Surinderjit Singh Young Lectureship Award is presented during the meeting to an early-career physician selected by the AANEM president.

AANEM also grants several Achievement Awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award, Distinguished Physician Award, and Distinguished Researcher Award. All award recipients will be recognized during Plenary Session 3 on Friday, Sept. 23.

### **Industry Forums**

Sponsored Industry Forums are included in the cost of registration. These 60-minute presentations focus on topics related to a specific disease state, research findings, products, or services. At Presentation Stages set up outside the Exhibit Hall, attendees can also attend 20-minute, focused discussions by industry that are scheduled during breaks.

Some of the featured forums include one on immunoglobulin G autoantibodies and FcRn targeting in generalized MG, which will highlight clinical data from the phase 3 ADAPT trial. Another forum by Haymarket Medical Education is an accredited CME session presented in a point-counterpoint case-based format discussing personalized generalized MG management with the integration of FcRn inhibitors

### **Social Events**

Registration also includes attendance at all social events including the President's Reception on Wednesday evening, coffee breaks, a happy hour on Friday night, and the EMG talk, an interactive and entertaining look at electromyography. Residents,

fellows, and medical students are welcomed to the Resident & Fellow Lunch, where they can network with AANEM leadership and peers.