

# *The Newspaper*

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Department of Neurology  
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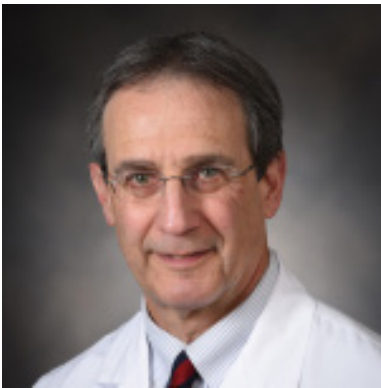
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## Publications



Kini A, Pahwa S, Sudhakar P. Double-Hit mimics of idiopathic intracranial hypertension. *Journal of Neuro-Ophthalmology*. 2023;10.1097.



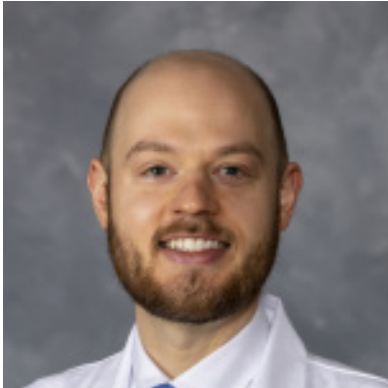
Tran PM, Warren JL, Leifheit EC, Goldstein LB, Lichtman JH. Associations between long-term air pollutant exposure and 30-day all-cause hospital readmissions in US patients with stroke. *Stroke*. 2023;54:e126-e129.



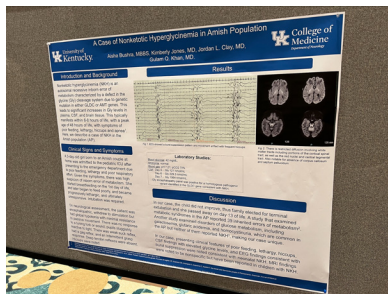
Das S, Goldstein ED, de Havenon A, et al. Composition, Treatment, and Outcomes by Radiologically Defined Thrombus Characteristics in Acute Ischemic Stroke. *Stroke*. 2023 Jan 20. Epub ahead of print.

## Presentations

### American Clinical Neurophysiology Society



Jordan Clay, MD, presented a poster at the ACNS entitled, "Just Roll With It: Unique EEG artifact mimicking an evolving rhythmic discharge."



Kimberly Jones, MD, Ghulan Khan, MD, Jordan Clay, MD, presented a poster entitled, "A case of nonketotic hyperglycemia in Amish population."

## Poster Presentations

### American Academy of Neurology

*When vision loss is beyond cataract: a case of fatal neurodegenerative disease.*  
Khawla Abusamra, Tarek Ali, Padmaja Sudhakar.

*Use of Efgartigimod in Treatment of Myasthenia Gravis Relapse after Possible Recurrence of Invasive Thymoma: A Case Report.*

Fatai Akemokwe, Elif Coskun, Shari Meyerson, Sahar Nozad, Ima Ebong.

*Ictal Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT) In Patients with Focal Aware Seizure without Ictal Electroencephalographic Changes: A Single Center Experience.*

Saniya Pervin, Subhan Khan, Jordan Clay, Riham El Khou, Farhan Mirza, Sally Mathias.

*A Night at the Neurocinema: Evaluating the Educational Impact of a Neurology-Centric Film Series on a Medical Student Cohort. Co-relation of Venous Sinus Changes to Intracranial Pressure in ITH.*

Tonse Ashwini Kini, Padmaja Sudhakar, Shivani Pahwa, Philipp Schmitt, Anne Bryden, Saurav Das, Arpita Lakhotia.

*Impact of Gender and Race on Academic Achievements for Neurology Faculty.*

Sima Patel, Parneet Grewal, Christa O'hana Nobleza, Neishay Ayub, Doris Kung, Suma Shah, Myriam Abdennadher, Halley Alexander, Natasha Frost, Seema Nagpal, Sarah Durica, June Yoshii-Contreras, Katherine Zarroli, Padmaja Sudhakar, Chen Zhao, Sol De Jesus, Deborah Bradshaw, Nicole Brescia, Nancy Foldvary-Schaefer, Laura Tormoehlen, Sneha Mantri, Laurie Gutmann, Ailing Yang, Annie He, Cythnia Zheng, Virginia Howard, Julie Silver, Alyssa Westring, Sasha Alick-Lindstrom, Jane Alldorfer.

*From WEMINO To WEBINO With Unilateral LMN Facial Palsy.*

Yasodara Priyadharsi Senthamarai Siddharthan, Michael Witt, Rani Vasireddy, Vish Kumaraswamy, Ashwini Kini.

*A Case series with comparative analysis of children and young adults with Anti-N-Methyl-D-Aspartate Receptor Encephalitis*

Rani Priyanka Vasireddy, Qutubuddin Khan, Zain Guduru.

*Ibrutinib in Anti-MAG Neuropathy with Waldenstrom Macroglobulinemia.*

Zabeen Mahuwala, Vishakhadatta Mathur Kumaraswamy, Mangayarkarasi Thandampallayam Ajjeya, Saniya Pervin.

*A Rare Case of Familial TWNK Related Myopathy.*

Omar Al-Janabi, Zabeen Mahuwala.

*Improving Thrombectomy Times Utilizing Stroke Transfer Coordinators.*

Jessica Lee, Margie Campbell, Carrie Sawyers.

*Comparison of three types of Epilepsy Surgery for the treatment of Refractory Status Epilepticus: A Single Center Experience.*

Subhan Khan, Farhan Mirza, Sally Mathias.

*Epilepsy surgery in a neonate: Resection of Right Temporal Neocortical Focal Cortical Dysplasia in a Three-Week-Old Infant.*

Prasanna Kumar Gangishetti, Allahshukur Ilgarli, Sindhura Tadisetty, Farhan Mirza, Zahra Haghghat.

## Poster Presentations Cont.

### American Academy of Neurology

*Role of Obstructive Sleep Apnea in Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension.*  
Mangayarkarasi Thandampallayam Ajjeaya, Padmaja Sudhakar.

*Clinical and genetic characteristics associated with ALS diagnostic timeline: a population-based study.*  
Ton Fang, Peter Pacut, Yuyao Sun, Jeff Gao, Brooke McNeilly, Shravan Sivakumar, Eduardo Inacio Nascimento Andrade, Abigail Bose, Bianca Trombetta, Mehdi Ghasemi.

*Distance Travelled by patient for appointment with the Movement disorder clinic at Kentucky Neuroscience Institute – how to solve the problem?*  
Sindhura Tadisetty, Prasanna Gangishetti, Tarek Ali, Zain Guduru, Julie Gurwell, John Slevin, Tritia Yamasaki.

*Continued usage of Parkinson's worsening drugs in patients diagnosed with Parkinson's disease – What can be done to solve this problem.*  
Sindhura Tadisetty, Saikumar Reddy Pasya, Tritia Yamasaki, Zain Guduru.

## Oral Presentations

### American Academy of Neurology

*Controversies in stroke treatment and prevention* - Larry Goldstein.

*Department Chairs Advancing DEI: Experience You Can Use (Academic Hub)* - Larry Goldstein.

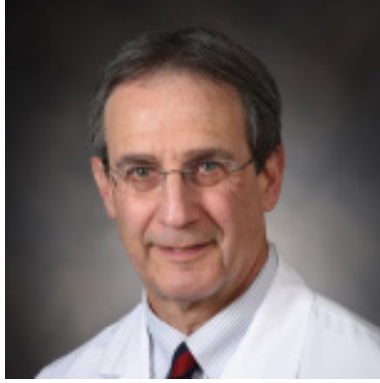
*PFO Closure and LAA closure: The difficult questions* - Suarv Das.

*End of life care in the hospitalized patient: A palliative care approach* - Jessica McFarlin.

*Game: Neuroradiology clues (Trainee and Educator Hub)* - Zain Guduru, Ashwini Kini, Ronan Murphy.

*Case studies: Test your knowledge: A case-based approach to neuroimaging* - Zain Guduru.

## Faculty Achievements



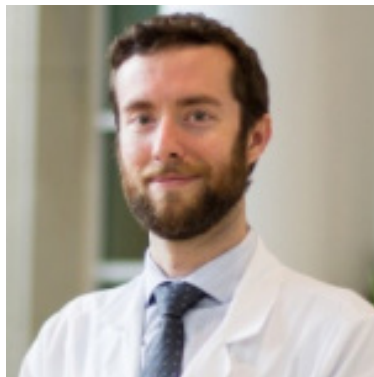
Larry Goldstein, MD, was elected to the AAN Finance and Audit Committee and the Health Policy Committee. He was also re-elected to the AAN National Board of Directors. Please [click here](#) to read the article in UKNow.



Ima Ebong, MD, received the University of Kentucky Outstanding Teaching Award. Congratulations! [Click here](#) to read the story in UKNow.



Zain Guduru, MD, joined the AAN Sections and Sub-specialty Subcommittee. Congratulations!



Suarav Das, MD, Kevin O'Connor, MD, and Suhas Gangadhara, MD, passed the Vascular Neurology Board examinations. Congratulations!

## Faculty Achievements Cont.



Saurav Das, MD, was appointed to the College of Medicine Student Progress and Promotion Committee. Congratulations!

Dr. Das was invited as a reviewer for the American Heart Association Scientific Statement on Cognitive Impairment After Ischemic and Hemorrhagic Stroke.

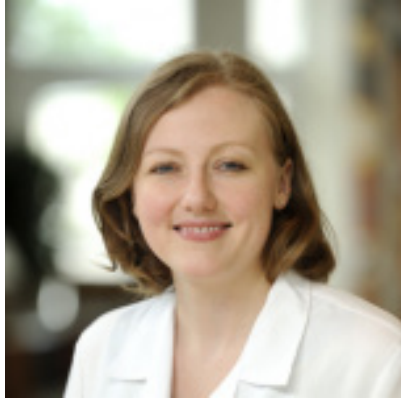


Daniel O. Lee, MD, was nominated by one of his undergraduate students for the Excellent Undergraduate Research Mentor Award. Congratulations!



Jordan Clay, MD, accepted the role of Advanced Clinical Medicine Preceptor. Congratulations!

## Faculty Kudos



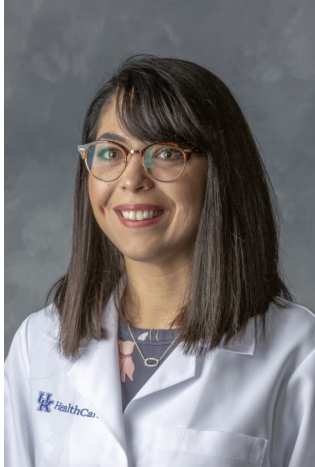
Donita Lightner, MD, received an exemplary professionalism report from the students.

"Dr. Lightner is truly a wonderful display of exemplary patient care. On the Child Neurology service as a 3rd year medical student, we had to break bad news to the parents of a baby in the NICU who had no brain activity or respiratory effort. Additionally, the family was Spanish speaking. Dr. Lightner had such compassion and love for this family. She went out of her way to speak to the primary attending beforehand to ensure she had a complete understanding of the workup and further plans. Then, she made sure to have an in-person interpreter present to communicate most clearly with the family.

She was calm, poised, and thoughtful with her word choice. She explained she had been following the baby since birth and was checking on her every day. She expressed concern for the mother as she was experiencing pain from her caesarean delivery during the encounter. She went out of her way to make sure everyone was comfortable and understanding. When the mother started to become emotional, Dr. Lightner bent down, held the mother's hand, and consoled her. Dr. Lightner made sure the mother knew this circumstance was no one's fault and nothing could have been done differently. She is compassionate, genuine, and graceful in all her interactions. She is an incredible role model to all healthcare providers- students, residents, pharmacists, and nurses alike. As a medical student, I am incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from Dr. Lightner. The skills and knowledge I learned from her- both academic and interpersonal- will remain with me long into my medical career."



## Headache Fellowship Kudos



Dana Ionel, DO, Headache Fellow, was featured in a UKNow article entitled, "They didn't give up — UK child neurologists help teen navigate rare headache disorder." [Click here](#) to read.

## Staff Achievement



Brittany Young, MSN, AGACNP-BC, APRN, is now a Stroke Certified Registered Nurse, SCRN. Congratulations!

## Alumni Corner



Ben Barnes, MD, (2015-2019), was featured on the news talking about "Flex Fest for ALS." [Click here](#) to here the nterview.

## Research News



Jordan Harp, PhD, received an NIH grant, "Predictors and Biomarkers for VCID versus Cognitive Recovery after Stroke Thrombectomy in Rural Appalachia." Congratulations!

## Welcome



Jennifer Ferguson joined our Neurology Education office as a GME Coordinator. Jennifer has an education background and is a former middle school teacher.

Jennifer enjoys eating good food and spending time with family and friends. She has two dogs and a cat and likes being outdoors. Jennifer has a competitive nature and is always up for playing games. She is the reigning Slap Jack Champion at her former middle school, and you may stop by her office for a quick game (please don't cry when you lose – haha).

## Seen and Heard



D. Neil Toupin, MD, was featured in a story in UKNow entitled, "Treatment for rare neuromuscular disorder helps preschooler thrive and inspire." [Click here](#) to read the full story.

## Seen and Heard Cont.



Larry B. Goldstein, MD, wrote an article in Op-med entitled, "Highlights From AAN 2023." [Click here](#) to read all about it.



Dana Ionel, DO, and Sharon Qaiser, MD, were featured in UKNow in story titled, "They didn't give up, UK child neurologists help teen navigate rare headache disorder." [Click here](#) to read the story.

## Philanthropy

### Robert J. Baumann, MD Resident Endowment Fund

The endowment was established in honor of Dr. Baumann's skills as a clinician and educator. It provides much needed funding for resident learning opportunities and research-related needs that are not otherwise supported.



Education is one of the core missions of our department - we are always looking for ways to improve the curriculum and educational opportunities we provide. Our goal is to continue to attract the highest caliber trainees to our programs, provide comprehensive neurological education, and increase the number of neurologists available in the commonwealth capable of providing cutting edge patient care and who are dedicated to life-long learning. In 2015, the Robert J. Baumann, MD Fund for Neurology Residents was established to help us support our goals for the neurology resident program. Dr. Baumann has been a familiar face among neurology residents at the University of Kentucky for four decades. Dr. Baumann truly embodies the

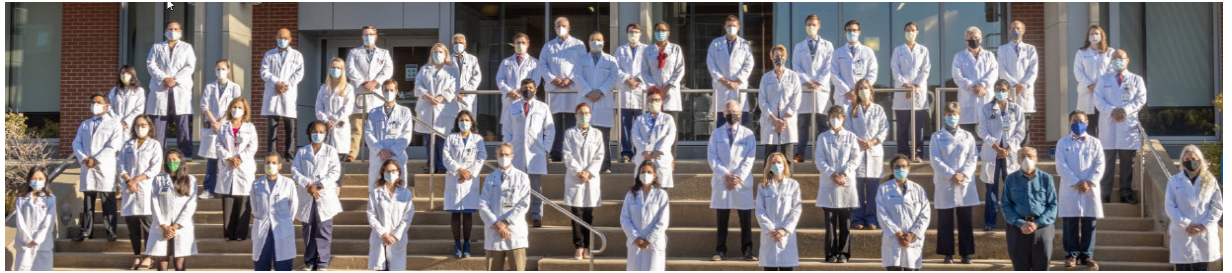
teaching mission of our department. His devotion to the field of medicine and training the next generation of providers is truly second to none.

In keeping with Dr. Baumann's passion for providing a strong medical education, the endowment will bolster the continued expansion of the Residency Program and ensure that our trainees have a well-rounded experience, positioning us to be among the best, and most sought out programs in the United States. Please consider contributing to the continued growth of our program and making an impact on future neurology residents by making a gift to the Robert J. Baumann MD Fund for Neurology Residents. All donations will be acknowledged and are tax deductible.



Donations can be made by contacting our Director of Philanthropy, Lisa Deaton Greer. (859-323-5374 or [lisa.greer@uky.edu](mailto:lisa.greer@uky.edu)) or by clicking here <https://neurology.med.uky.edu/neurology-alumni>.

# Wellness and Support Resources



[Click here](#) to find more helpful information on our Department of Neurology website.

## UK Wellness Resources

Academic Resources offer a wide variety of online and in-person tips, tools, and suggestions.

## Workplace Safety

UK HealthCare is committed to safety and well-being of patients, visitors, and staff in our enterprise. We take all forms of aggression, violence, and threats seriously. Sometimes frontline staff don't report these incidents, because they feel disruptive behavior is "part of the job". There is uncertainty about how and where to report.

## Childcare

Several childcare facilities are located on or adjacent to the UK campus. Please note that some of these programs have a 9-10 month waiting list, so if you are interested, please talk to the directors as early as possible.

## Financial Health

You and your family have access to live financial experts for guidance on financial questions, big or small.

## Diversity and Inclusion

As healthcare providers, we have an obligation to do no harm. But our obligations go further to prevent harm from befalling others because of our inaction or silence.

## Spiritual

Various resources are available for spiritual support through the GME program.

## Abuse Response and Reporting

For procedures to report abuse, and for details of patient rights, click the title.

## The Vicarious Trauma Toolkit

The *Vicarious Trauma Toolkit* (VTT) was developed on the premise that exposure to the traumatic experiences of other people—known as vicarious trauma—is an inevitable occupational challenge for the fields of victim services, emergency medical services, fire services, law enforcement, and other allied professionals; however, organizations can mitigate the potentially negative effects of trauma exposure by becoming vicarious trauma-informed.

## Well-Being

The University of Kentucky GME Wellness In Training Committee is devoted to helping GME learners achieve their highest potential through the integration of the physical, social, emotional, environmental and economic aspects of wellness.

## Physician Support Line

This is a peer-to-peer support line for physicians by physicians that is available to US based DO / MD / International equivalents at the attending, fellow, resident, intern, medical student, or research level. Any discussions are confidential and protected.

## Lexington Medical Society Physician Wellness Program

Services include individual counseling, couples/family sessions, and sessions with spouse/partners alone. These confidential and free counseling services are available to anyone.

## UK Work-Life Counseling

Free and confidential counseling for life stress, work performance, substance abuse concerns, and mental health.

## UK REFER Program

A Family Center Counseling service provided as a benefit to UK employees that focuses on personal, couple, and/or family concerns.

## Emergent Psychiatry Services

UK Department of Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic Access to confidential consultation is available through the UK Outpatient Clinic during business hours, five days per week. Call 859-323-6021 and follow the prompts for the Outpatient Clinic.

## The Ridge Behavioral System

Access to confidential consultation regarding the need for emergency psychiatric services is available to 24 hours per day, seven days a week. The house staff officer is to call 859-268-6400 and ask for the Assessment Office and identify oneself as a UK resident/fellow needing immediate evaluation.

## Events

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### Captured Beauty over Alaska



Edward Kasarskis, MD, PhD, took this picture from his plane window, and titled it, "Above the Clouds."

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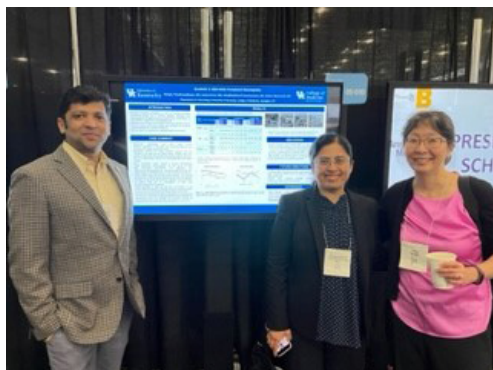
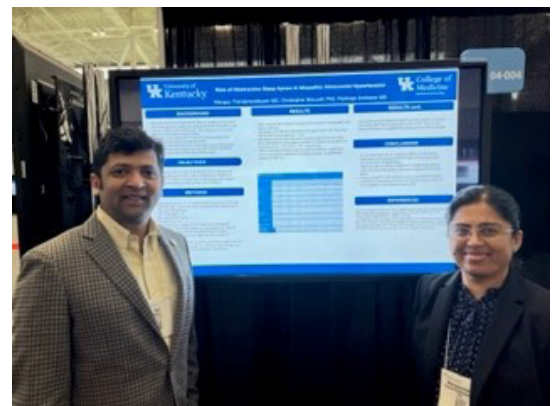
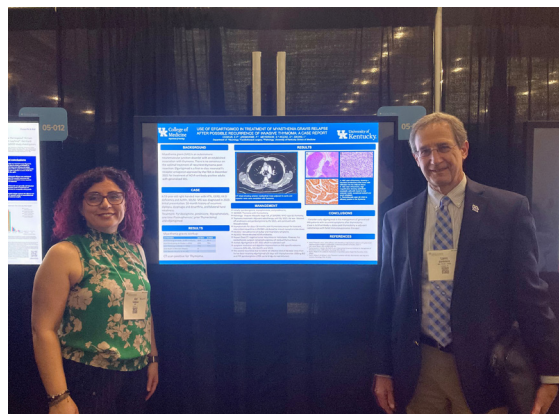
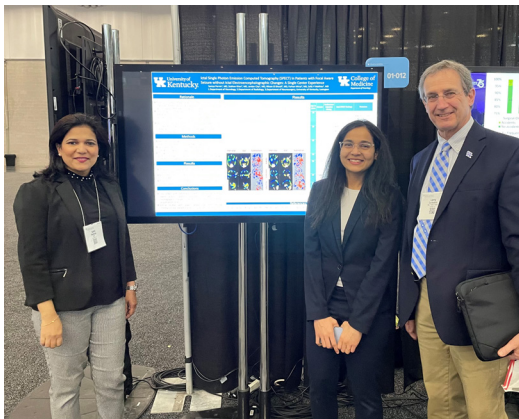
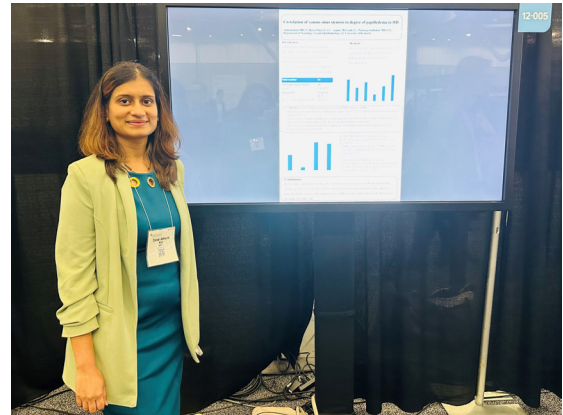
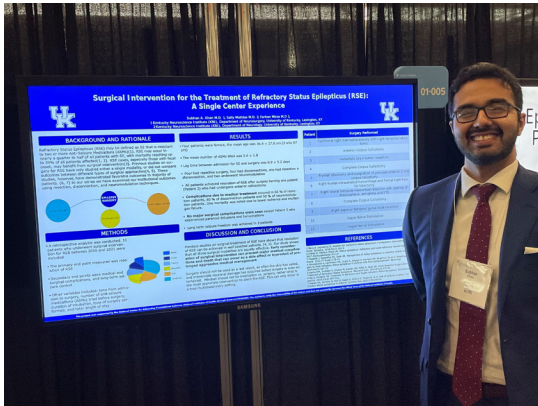
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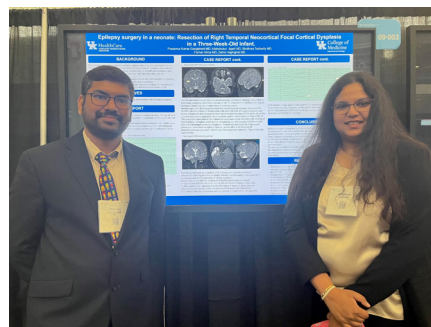
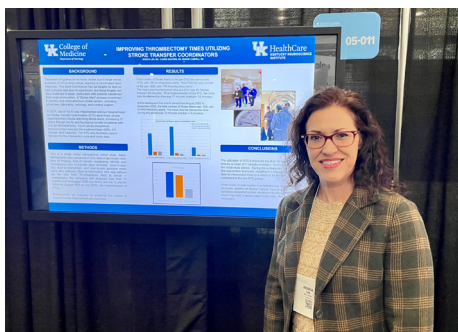
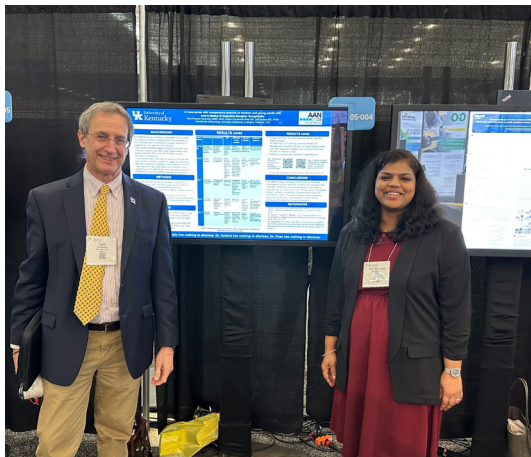
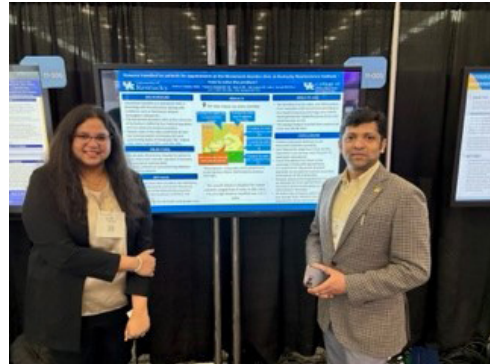
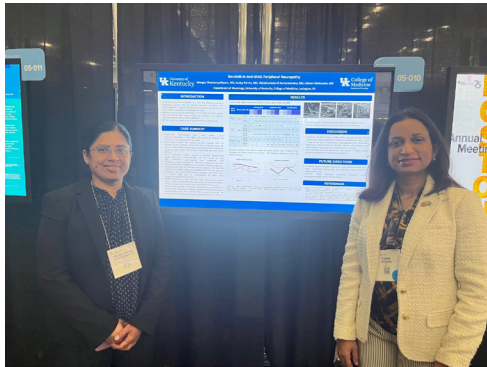
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### Heart Ball



Neurology through the years!  
Can you tell who is who in the picture?

## Save the Dates

### 8TH GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON KETOGENIC THERAPIES

17 - 21 SEPTEMBER 2023  
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# 2023

# SCN SUMMIT

September 28 - 29, 2023  
Hyatt Regency Lexington, KY

Rachel Ward-Mitchell, RN, BSN, would like to invite you to the virtual epilepsy support group meeting every other week via Zoom. This meeting will replace the in-person monthly meeting for now. If you would like to join the meetings please contact Rachel at 859.218.5053 or through Central Kentucky Epilepsy Network <https://www.facebook.com/CentralKentuckyEpilepsySupportNetwork>.

Please submit contributions for the May  
Newspaper to Lee Anne Rudd, ([lee.rudd@uky.edu](mailto:lee.rudd@uky.edu)).