

# *The Newspaper*

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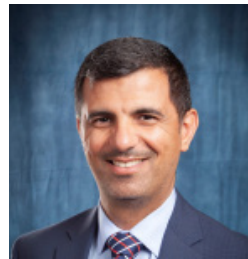
## Publications



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Bahrani AA, Abner EL, DeCarli CS, Barber JM, Sutton AC, Maillard P, Sandoval F, Arfanakis K, Yang YC, Evia AM, et al. Multi-site cross-site inter-rater and test-retest reliability and construct validity of the MarkVCID white matter hyperintensity growth and regression protocol. *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease. JAD.* 2023;96:683-693.

## Grants



Jordan P. Harp, PhD and Amanda Glueck, PhD were awarded a Small Business Innovation Research Grant. This is the virtual reality/music therapy project from last year that was submitted to NIA.

## Presentations

### American Neurological Association

Greve HJ, Al-Janabi OM, Landsness E, Aravmuthan B, Stern-Nezer SJ, Giles JA. ANA Futures: Evaluation of the ANA junior and early career committee 2022 longitudinal mentoring Scheme for medical students and neurology residents.

Vasireddy RP, Lee JD. Work smarter not harder: Improving overall efficiency on stroke service through Epic handoff tool.

Pervin S, Youssefi J, Mathias S. Vagal Nerve Stimulator Induced Artifact on Electroencephalogram.

Neurology in the Multi-Centered World: Teaching on Multiple Campuses  
AUPN Chair Career Level Workshop 2

CHAIR: Larry B. Goldstein, MD, FANA, University of Kentucky

LCME Considerations for Neurology Clerkships at Regional Medical Campuses

SPEAKER: Kimberly Jones, MD

### Abstract Reviewers ANA

Larry Goldstein, MD, Saurav Das, MD, Keving O'Connor, MD, Sally Mathias, MD, Jordan Clay, MD, Tritia Yamasaki, MD, PhD, Zain Guduru, MD.

### International Epilepsy Congress

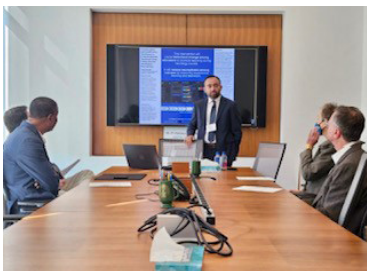
Bojarski L, Khan GQ, Turpin H, Ward-Mitchell R, Mirza F, Mahuwala Z, Bensalem-Owen M. The Value and Limitations of Head Bobbing in Seizure Classification.

Roman-Guzman A, Ward-Mitchell R, Ebong I, Bensalem-Owen M. Alexa, how do you say seizure in Spanish? Investigating Disparities in Care of Spanish Speaking Children with Epilepsy and their Barrier to Medication Adherence in Lexington, Kentucky.

### American Clinical Neurophysiology Society

Meriem Bensalem-Owen co-chaired and organized the Principles of Clinical Neurophysiology Courses hosted by the ACNS.

### American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology



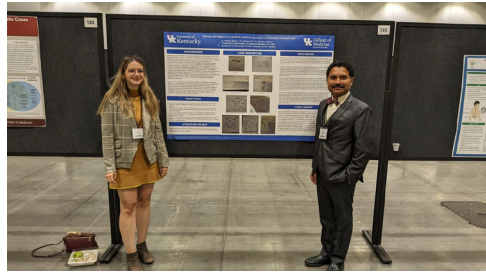
Saurav Das, MD, gave a talk to the ABPN Board of Directors, about the ABPN Education Innovation Project he is involved with.

## Presentations Cont.

### Child Neurology Society



Sharoon Qaiser, MD, gave a talk at CNS on pediatric headache clinics in resource limited countries.



Dr. Qaiser with trainee Dr. Patricia Bacus, PGY 3, Secrets and migraine: A narrative medicine approach to unravelling the painful plot.

## Faculty Achievements



Ima Ebong, MD, attended a UK Football game based on her being the recipient of the Provost Outstanding Clinical Teacher Award.



Sally Mathias, MD, was elected to serve on the American Neurological Association Education Innovation Committee.



Sharoon Qaiser, MD, was selected as a member of the International Affairs Committee of Child Neurology Society



Jagannadha Avasarala, MD, PhD, was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology (FAAN)

## Faculty Achievements Cont.

### Academy of Medical Education Excellence in Medical Education Award



Kimberly Jones, MD, received the award in the area of **Teaching**.

## Resident Achievements



Carlos Palomino, MD, PGY 2 worked on the Camila MRI Project. This project is patient education and advocacy project to educate children about neuro-imaging and other procedures



Rani Priyanka Vasireddy, MD, PGY 4, received the UK GME Resident/Fellow Excellence in Teaching Award.



Lauren Bojarski, DO, PGY 4, received the Women in Medicine and Science Rising Star Award.

## Departmental Trainee of the Month - September



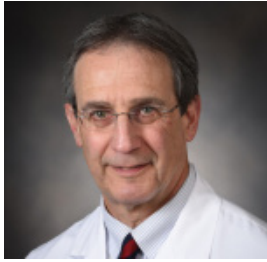
Ryan Sauer, MD, PGY 5

Care Coordination: Dr. Sauer worked on a Quality Improvement Project focusing on early inpatient discharges. He presented his findings at our annual Neurology Trainee Research day. His Quality Improvement Project improved our early discharge significantly and has changed our workflow.

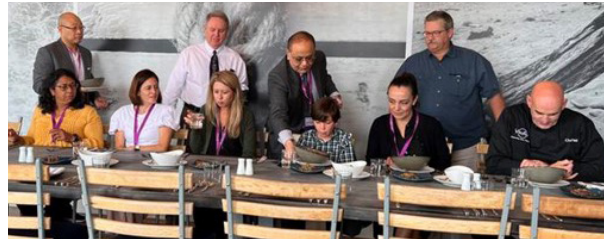
Leadership: Dr. Sauer served as the Wellness Committee Co-Chair for 2022-2023. His help in organizing various activities had a positive impact on both trainees and faculty alike. He was also selected as one of the Chief Residents for 2023-2024. His innovation to the scheduling process as chief resident has helped our program excel. "Seeing how Ryan interacted with patients and families showed me the kind of physician I want to be one day. He is very caring and took the time to get to know and teach the medical students. He was great to learn from."

Medical Knowledge: Dr. Sauer consistently performs at or above his level of training, and scored among the highest in first time RITE exam takers. "Dr. Sauer performed very well when we worked together in my adult neurology clinics. He is very thorough, provided appropriate differential diagnoses, and was very caring toward the patients. His fund of knowledge is remarkable."

## Seen and Heard



Larry B. Goldstein, MD, was quoted in an article in the *Neurology Journal* entitled, AHA reviews impact of aggressive LDL lowering on the brain. [Click here](#) to read the story.



Dong "Dan" Han, PsyD, and Siddharth Kapoor, MD, attended the Neurogastrology Global Symposium in San Diego, along with attendees from 48 different countries. [Click here](#) to read the story in UKKnow.

## Welcome



Ima Ebong, MD, her husband, Denis Alier, MD, and big brother Seth, welcomed Jordan on Monday 9/4/23. Congratulations!



Dr. Nakul Katyal joined the neurology faculty as an Assistant Professor specializing in Neuromuscular Medicine. He earned his medical degree from Gian Sagar Medical College in India and then pursued his Neurology Residency training at the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he also held the role of chief resident. Furthering his expertise, he underwent fellowship training in Neuromuscular Medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine. His research interests encompass myasthenia gravis and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.



Tarif Bakdash M.D, MHSc, MEHP, FAAN. New chief and Professor of Child Neurology, Dr. Bakdash trained at Harvard, Cleveland Clinic, Baylor College of Medicine, and Rush University. He has a Master's in Bioethics from the University of Toronto on a grant from WHO, United Nations 2006. He also has a Master of Education in the Health Professions from Johns Hopkins University. He recently obtained an "Executive Leadership Program" certificate from the University of Oxford. He is co-founder of the English Medical School at Biruni University and is a former Academic Coordinator at WHO/ United Nations. He gave more than 200 talks at different national and international conferences. Has 4 Board certifications. He received many awards in education at different universities and institutions and small grants from Gates / World Justice Forum and Ford Foundation. He published "Inside Syria, a Physician's Memoir".

## 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,

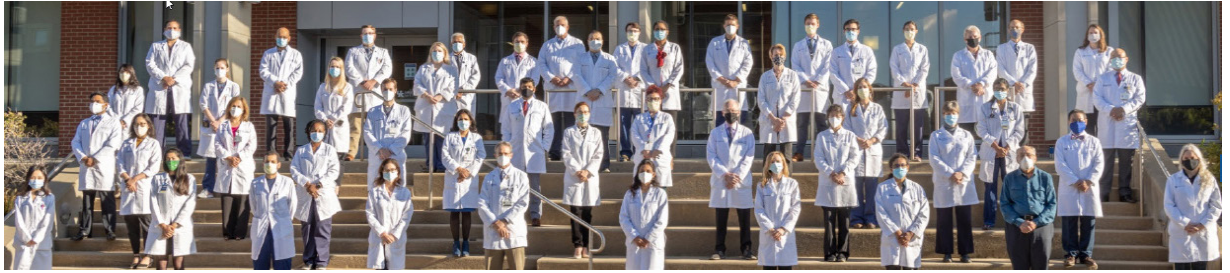


and most sought out programs in the United States. Please consider contributing to the continued growth of our program and making an impact on future neurology residents by making a gift to the Robert J. Baumann MD Fund for Neurology Residents. All donations will be acknowledged and are tax deductible.



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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### Child Neurology Society



## Save the Dates



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 October Newspaper to Lee Anne Rudd, ([lee.rudd@uky.edu](mailto:lee.rudd@uky.edu)).