

## About the American Epilepsy Society (AES) and AES Resources for Evidence and Clinical Guidance Dissemination June 3, 2022

The American Epilepsy Society (AES) brings multidisciplinary expertise, a broad network of professionals, and an array resources to extend the dissemination and implementation of evidence reviews and resulting clinical guidance related to epilepsy care, including AES-submitted priority topics that are selected for Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Effective Healthcare (EHC) Program evidence reviews.

AES is the professional society for approximately 4,000 physicians, basic and clinical scientists, advanced practice providers, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, engineers, pharmacists, advocates, and other professionals engaged in the understanding, diagnosis, study, prevention, treatment, and cure of epilepsy.

With a mission to advance research, education, and practice for all professionals engaged in the understanding, diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and cure of epilepsy, AES:

- Is dedicated to improving the lives of people with epilepsy.
- Embraces innovation as a foundation for a better future.
- Prioritizes inclusivity, diversity, and equity as an interprofessional community.
- Values collaborating with other organizations that are aligned with our mission to achieve greater results.
- Operates with fairness, transparency, and integrity, and strive for excellence in everything we do.

AES promotes interdisciplinary communications, scientific investigation, and exchange of clinical information about epilepsy and is dedicated to advancing knowledge and supporting evidence-based care for pediatric and adult individuals with epilepsy.

AES is a member of and provides administrative and staff support for the <u>Epilepsy Leadership Council</u> (ELC), an organization of <u>nearly 50 professional organizations</u>, disease-specific and patient advocacy organizations, governmental agencies, and professional societies that focus on improving the lives of people with epilepsy. Member organizations work together to identify shared needs, monitor advances in epilepsy, share and disseminate information, and create a united voice for advancing research, care, and education.

The AES Guidelines and Assessment Committee and Council on Clinical Activities are actively involved in advancing AES development of evidence-based clinical guidance and are well-positioned to leverage the broad AES network to optimize rapid dissemination of evolving evidence and communication about key research gaps and needs. The ELC is a rich source of patient representatives and/or patient advocates to advise and provide insights on clinical guidance projects and extend dissemination among patient stakeholder communities.

AES welcomes the opportunity to partner with the AHRQ in furthering understanding of the state of evidence related to epilepsy care, and particularly on the topics suggested for consideration by the AHRQ EHC Program.

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