



First-Time Attendee Orientation

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Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 1:00 PM ET



Agenda

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- Intro to AES Leadership
- Educational Programming Highlights
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About the Meeting

- AES 2025 is the 79th annual meeting of the American Epilepsy Society
 - **When?** December 5-9, 2025
 - **Where?** Georgia World Congress Center, Building B, Atlanta, GA
- Educational Programming
 - December 5-9
- Exhibit Hall Open
 - December 6-8

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Educational Programming Highlights

- **The Annual Course | From Then to Now: The Evolving Spectrum of Epilepsy Care**
 - Educational mainstay of the meeting!
 - Full day program, broken down into four sessions
 - Appropriate for all audience segments across all career stages
 - Offers 6.0 CME, CNE, and CPE
- **Workshops | Basic Science Skills, Clinical Skills, Investigators Workshops (IWs), Surgery Skills**
 - Spread throughout the meeting
 - Appropriate for clinicians, fellows/trainees, researchers, technicians
 - Clinical Skills Workshops and the Surgery Skills Workshop charge an additional fee for participation
 - Some IWs offer credit
- **Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**
 - 40 smaller topic-based group sessions to choose from, more discussion-based
 - Appropriate for all audience segments across all career stages
 - Some offer credit

Educational Programming Highlights

- **Symposia**

- Appropriate for all audience segments across all career stages
- Some offer credit

- **Epilepsy Exchange Lectures**

- Appropriate for all audience segments across all career stages
- Some offer credit

- **Professional Development**

- Career Skills Workshops and Career Pathways Panels
- Designed for early career professionals or those seeking a career transition within epilepsy

- **Scientific Exhibits (sponsored)**

- Appropriate for all audience segments across all career stages

- **Satellite Symposia (sponsored)**

- Appropriate for all audience segments across all career stages
- Some offer credit



Poster Sessions & Walking Tours

Located in/through the exhibit hall

- **Poster Sessions (authors present)**

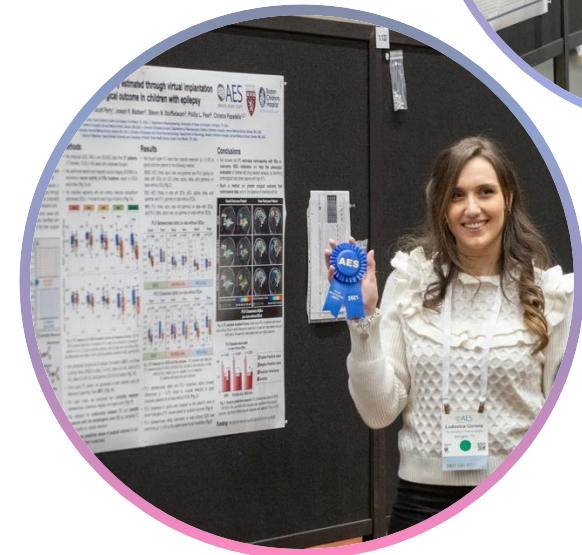
- Saturday 12:00 – 6:00 PM
- Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 - Basic Science Poster Highlights 12:00 – 1:30 PM
 - BRIDGE 5:15 – 6:15 PM
- Monday 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

- **Platform Sessions**

- A: Basic Mechanisms
- B: Clinical Research/Surgery
- C: Gene and Molecular Therapy
- D: Neurophysiology
- E: Neuroimaging
- F: Genetics

- **Walking Tours**

- Saturday: Basic Mechanisms, Translational Research, Clinical Epilepsy, Genetics
- Sunday: Clinical Epilepsy, Psychiatric Comorbidity, Gene Therapy, Surgery
- Monday: Basic Mechanisms, Psychiatric Comorbidities, Neuroimaging, Translational Research, Clinical Epilepsy, Genetics



Digital Select: Access to On-Demand Recordings

Most attendee types receive Digital Select access with their registration (some exhibitor types and one-day registrants do not receive Digital Select)

- Available on-demand December 17 – March 17 (90 days)
- Access instructions emailed after the in-person meeting concludes
- Not everything is recorded! Review the list of recordings to prioritize your time in Atlanta

Claim credit for your participation in Digital Select!

Credit Type	Total Credits Available
CME	48.50
Nursing CE	44.00
Pharmacy CE	39.00



Scan for a list of recorded sessions

Networking Opportunities

- **Friday**
 - First-Timer Meet-Up, 3:30 – 5:00 PM
- **Saturday**
 - Wine Tasting & Silent Auction (tickets required, available for purchase), 7:00 – 10:00 PM
- **Sunday**
 - AES Annual Business Meeting, 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
 - This meeting is for AES members only and serves as a year in review for AES, great opportunity to meet other members and volunteer leaders
 - Early Career Membership Reception with ILAE Young Epilepsy Section, 4:00 – 5:30 PM
- **Informal Networking**
 - Hallways, poster hall, exhibit hall, coffee breaks, lunch in exhibit hall, etc!

Networking Tips

- Be open to making new connections – it's what the AES Annual Meeting is known for!
- Take advantage of informal networking areas to meet up with others
- Don't be afraid to say 'hello' to the people sitting near you when you sit down at a table/session
- Have your 'elevator speech' prepared on who you are, what you do, why you are at AES
- Consider bringing your business cards to exchange with other attendees

The AES 2025 Exhibit Hall

- Learn about the latest treatments, tools, and technologies in epilepsy and connect with epilepsy non-profit organizations
 - More than 150 exhibit booths to visit
 - Boxed lunch served daily (first come, first served)
 - **Hours**
 - Saturday: 12:00 – 6:00 PM
 - Sunday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 - Monday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

More Happening in the Exhibit Hall

- Passport to Prizes drawings each day ... win great prizes!
- Career Fair on Saturday and Sunday: Employers connecting and recruiting onsite!

Download the AES 2025 Mobile App!



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With the AES Annual Meeting App, you can do it all:

- Browse and filter sessions
- Build your personal schedule
- Browse posters in the ePoster gallery
- Explore the exhibit hall
- Communicate with other attendees
- Claim credit for your participation in the meeting

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Download on the App Store

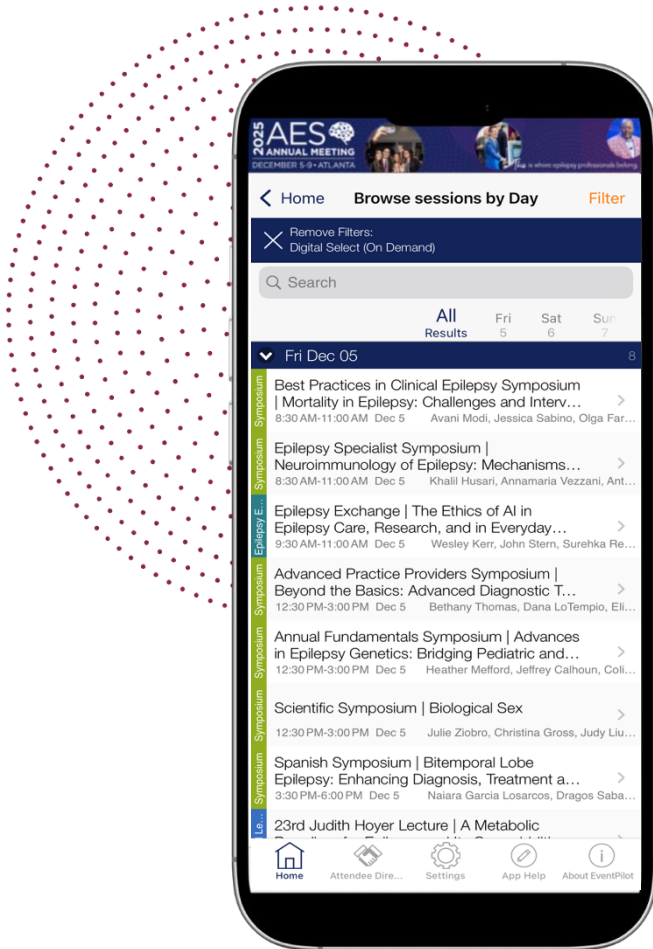
GET IT ON Google Play

The AES 2025 mobile app is the hub of the meeting. Download it to be able to efficiently navigate the meeting, plan your personalized schedule, and more!

Available now for download from the App Store and the Google Play Store

- Upon downloading the app, login with your myAES credentials
- Navigate to the **Agenda** tab
- Search and filter the program to find your can't-miss sessions
- Open the session and click the **Schedule** button to add it to your own, personalized schedule

Navigating the App



- View the program by session type or day then filter via the **Filter** menu in the upper righthand corner
 - **Pro Tip:** Tap the **Digital Select** button on the homepage to see all sessions available on-demand after the meeting. This will allow you to prioritize your time onsite!
- The **Maps** button will help you navigate the GWCC campus, Building B, and the Omni hotel
- Credit claim will be live in the app (and on the AES website) once the meeting begins
- Browse exhibitors and use the attendee directory to find and communicate with other attendees

Meeting Etiquette & Expectations

The American Epilepsy Society is committed to supporting educational and scientific dialogue, and to fostering a welcoming community in which all participants can feel safe, included, and able to contribute fully.

All attendees, media, speakers, volunteers, organizers, venue staff, guests, and exhibitors are expected to ensure a safe, positive, and respectful environment at the AES Annual Meeting.

- Familiarize yourself with the [Code of Conduct](#) that governs the AES Annual Meeting
- Review [FAQs](#) on the AES website for rules regarding photo and video at AES 2025
- Be punctual to sessions – seating is first-come, first-served!
- Wear your badge during the entirety of the meeting

Get Ready for AES 2025

- Make a Plan
 - Learning
 - Take a look at the AES 2025 Online Planner to identify your can't-miss sessions, review which sessions will be recorded and available on-demand after the meeting, and add sessions to your calendar
 - Networking
 - Who do you want to meet? Browse speakers, abstract presenters, attendees, and exhibitors in the app (available for download this month) and get in touch via the attendee directory, choose networking sessions or receptions that suit your interests
 - Poster Hall
 - ePoster gallery available in the mobile app!
 - Download the app, browse abstracts and authors, and make plans ahead of arriving in Atlanta!
 - Exhibit Hall
 - Browse exhibitors in the AES 2025 app and make a plan for who you'd like to visit and when

Get Ready for AES 2025

- **Know Before You Go: Expect an email within one week of the start of the meeting**
 - **Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC), Building B**
285 Andrew Young International Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30303
Parking available in the GWCC Red Deck (\$16.95/day) or the Marshalling Yard (\$33.90/day)
 - Upon arrival, follow signs to pick up your badge at the registration counter
 - Stop by the ribbon wall in the registration area to say “hello” and pick up your first-timer ribbon (and others!)
 - Orient yourself! The app contains maps and floorplans to help you find your way
 - Official **AES hotels** listed [here](#)—book ASAP if you haven’t already
 - **AES is sharing the GWCC with the SEC!** Plan ahead in the event of longer transit times getting to the convention center as well as getting *through* the convention center into our exclusive building

Get Ready for AES 2025

- **What to Bring**
 - Business casual apparel
 - Sweater or jacket for cold conference rooms
 - Comfortable shoes for walking
 - Digital devices or paper/pen for notes
 - Business cards to make connections
 - Water bottle (refilling stations available)

Included Food and Beverage

- **Friday, December 5**
 - Coffee and tea break
 - Refreshment break
- **Saturday, December 6**
 - Coffee and tea break
 - Lunch in exhibit hall (first come, first served)
 - Refreshment break
- **Sunday, December 7**
 - Coffee and tea break
 - Lunch in exhibit hall (first come, first served)
 - Refreshment break
- **Monday, December 8**
 - Coffee and tea break
 - Lunch in exhibit hall (first come, first served)
 - Refreshment break
- **Tuesday, December 9**
 - Coffee and tea break

Questions? Need Help?

- **Pre-Event**

- AES Website
- Emails from AES to registrants
- Online Planner
- Mobile App (available for download in November)
- aes@maritz.com – registration and hotel questions

- **Onsite**

- Visit our staff in the registration lobby!
- Flag down event staff (staff lanyards/badges, meeting staff in suits)

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