



AMERICAN  
**HEADACHE**  
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# ANNUAL REPORT

**American Headache Society®**

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**2025**

A message from the

# PRESIDENT & CEO

Dear AHS Member/Partner,

*On behalf of the AHS Board, we want to acknowledge the substantial growth and accomplishments of the AHS during 2025. Thank you for your partnership and contributions as we work together to advance the Society's mission.*

- Todd J. Schwedt, MD, MSCI, FAHS, *President*  
& Howard Rosen, *Chief Executive Officer*

Who are we?

# THE AMERICAN HEADACHE SOCIETY

- The mission of the American Headache Society (AHS) is to improve the lives of people impacted by migraine and other headache disorders by promoting the exchange of information and ideas concerning the causes and treatments of headache and related painful disorders. The Society's objective is to provide education about headache disorders and disorders of orofacial pain to a broad range of healthcare professionals, to improve patient care and increase the number of individuals who deliver evidence-based, high quality headache care.
- AHS activities include an Annual Scientific Meeting, the Scottsdale Headache Symposium as well as a broad range of educational programming tailored to clinicians and scientists with varying levels of training and expertise in headache. The society also oversees publication of the journal *Headache*®, and collaborates closely with the American Migraine Foundation and other patient and professional organizations.







**37 Million+**

People living with migraine and  
other headache disorders

**2,500+**

American Headache  
Society Members

**MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE IN  
HEADACHE  
MEDICINE**

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Society dedicated to  
headache medicine

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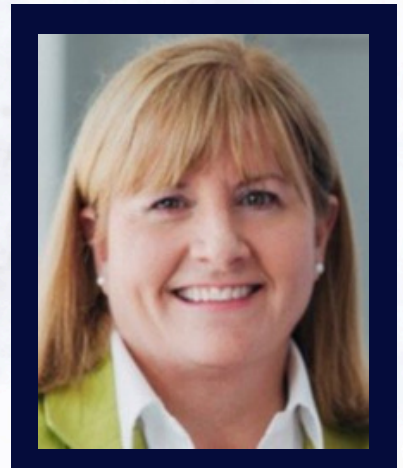
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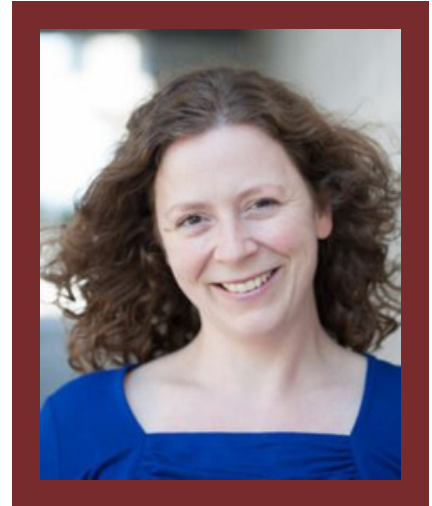
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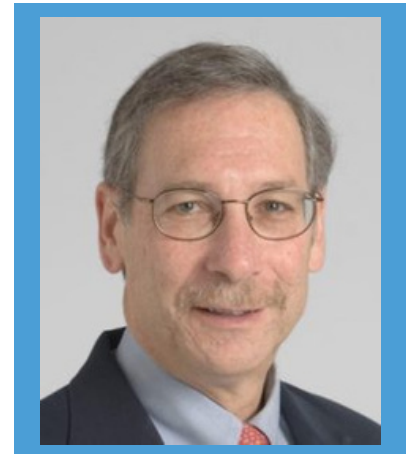


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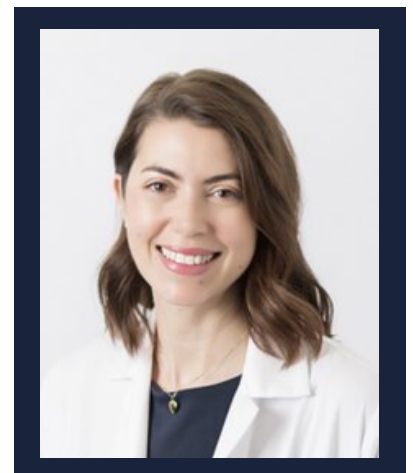


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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2025

## ➤ 2025 Scottsdale Headache Symposium

In December, the Scottsdale Headache Symposium was held at our new venue, The Westin Kierland, with a record attendance of over 1,600 attendees!



## ➤ Strategic Imperatives

The 2024-2026 Board of Directors updated the AHS mission statement and strategic imperatives, refocusing the Society on meeting prioritized goals. During 2025, the AHS significantly advanced our mission as measured by our progress in Education, Membership, Research, Advocacy, Communications, and Equity, Diversity & Inclusion.



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2025

*In Review*

## Initiatives & Partnerships

» The Leadership Development Committee (LDC) remains focused on cultivating leadership at all stages of professional growth. At the 2025 Scottsdale Symposium, we kicked off the new program, **Leadership Academy** to support SIG Chairs and Board members, fostering leadership collaboration and continuity within AHS.

» A few new working groups have been initiated this year:

- **APP Working Group**- This group advises our organization on how to continue attracting and retaining APP members and how AHS can facilitate headache education for APPs.
- **Philanthropy Working Group** - A dedicated working group has built a strategic framework and launched a long-term philanthropic campaign.

» The **Medical Education Task Force**- committed to advancing headache medicine education at the medical school level. The task force has identified two primary areas of focus: Education and Engagement. Two dedicated work groups have been established to support these goals:

- **The Education Work Group** meets monthly and continues to develop a curriculum framework.
- **The Website work Group** developed a Medical School Elective Rotation directory that launched in October.

» Through our multi-year collaboration with Pfizer, the **Headache & Migraine Competitive Grant Program** is making a significant impact by funding Quality Improvement (QI) research in headache care. This highly competitive grant supports projects that have the potential to reshape the field—creating widely applicable tools and driving measurable improvements in patient care. This collaboration is expected to yield \$3 million of research funding.

» Now entering its third year, the **AHS Investigator-Initiated Research Awards** program announced its request for proposals on September 25, 2025. The award seeks to support two investigator driven projects conducting pre-clinical or clinical research in headache and migraine that advance scientific understanding and improve patient care. The projects' award duration will be one year with a total award amount of \$50,000.



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- The American Headache Society and American Heart Association will co-fund one **Innovative Project Award**, related to the effects of migraine or other headache disorders on cardiovascular and cerebrovascular health, before June 30, 2026. This award will prioritize innovative approaches and high-risk/high-reward research. The project's award duration will be two years with a total award amount of \$200,000 (\$100,000 per year).
- We remain committed to enhancing the AHS meeting experience for all members, including those with travel limitations. General sessions are now available to in-person attendees via **Education On Demand** following the meeting. Those who choose On Demand-only registration will also have full access to session recording, ensuring a flexible and comprehensive meeting experience for all participants.
- Following the 2024 publication of the AHS position statement on the use of anti-CGRP targeting therapies, titled "Calcitonin gene-related peptide-targeting therapies are a first-line option for the prevention of migraine," the society published two additional statements during 2025:
  - "Telemedicine is effective and safe for clinical management of patients with headache disorders", An American Headache Society position statement that endorses the role of telemedicine in the clinical management of headache disorders was published in Headache in October 2025.
  - "Routine migraine screening as a standard of care for women's health", A position statement from the American Headache Society recommends annual diagnostic screening for migraine as part of routine preventive care for girls and women, from adolescence through menopause, was published in Headache in December 2025.

# Membership 2025

**Membership  
has reached  
a record high  
this year!**

## MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

- The AHS has 3 membership categories: Active, Trainee and Industry
- **AHS has grown to 2,500+ members**
- AHS has members from all 50 states and 47 different countries
- ~70% of AHS membership is involved in a Committee and/or Special Interest Group



## BENEFITS

- Discounted Active Membership for the first year
- Exclusive member rates to the Annual Scientific Meeting and Scottsdale Headache Symposium®
- 10 annual issues of *Headache: The Journal of Head and Face Pain*® and complimentary online access
- Access to Special Interest Groups and Committees
- Online resources
- Professional growth, networking and advancement
- Discounted membership to the International Headache Society (IHS)

# 2025 Award Winners

**Basic Science** ● Seung-Hee Yoo, PhD  
Mark J. Burish, MD, PhD, FAHS

**Early Career** ● Eric A. Kaiser, MD, FAHS

**John R. Graham Lecture** ● Dawn C. Buse, PhD, FAHS

**Above and Beyond** ● Sarah M. Bobker, BA, MD  
Mark J. Burish, MD, PhD, FAHS  
Amy Gelfand, MD, MAS, FAHS  
Christina L. Szperka, MD, FAHS

**Distinguished Service** ● Kathleen B. Digre, MD, FAHS  
Bernice Grafstein, PhD  
Elizabeth W. Loder, MD, MPH

**Harold G. Wolff Lecture** ● Nathaniel M. Schuster, MD

**Seymour Solomon Lecture** ● Matthew S. Robbins, MD, FAHS

**Lifetime Achievement** ● Peter J. Goadsby, MD, PhD, FAHS

**Members' Choice** ● Fred Cohen, MD  
Caroline V. Brooks, MA  
Daniel Sun, BS  
Dawn C. Buse, PhD, FAHS  
Michael L. Reed, PhD  
Kristina M. Fanning, PhD  
Richard B. Lipton, MD

**Resident Scholarship Award** ● Joshua Beitchman, MD  
Minnie Mitchell, MD  
Heidi Mueller, MD  
Maryann Nicola, MD  
Anjali Patel, MD



**Steven Graff-Radford Orofacial Pain** ● Alexandre F. DaSilva,  
DDS, DmedSc

**DEI** ● Jerome Goldstein, MD

**Advanced Practitioner** ● Annika Ehrlich, DNP, FNP-C, CNRN, AQH

**Women's Health Science** ● Jessica Ailani, MD, FAHS,



## 2025 Frontiers in Research Award Winners

### **ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

Adrianna Della Pietra, PhD  
Patrick T. Ebbert, MD  
Laura Sebrow, PhD  
Yaseen Awad-Igbaria, PhD  
Eric Dunn, DO  
Mohammed Gamal Eltrabily, MD, PhD  
Ya-Yu Hu, MS  
Keiko Ihara, MD  
Sehajvir Madhok, MD  
Delia M. Rospiglisosi, MD  
Róli R. Simões, PhD  
Gingling Zhai, MD

### **SCOTTSDALE HEADACHE SYMPOSIUM**

Sarah A. Friedman, MD  
Muhammed Miran Oncel, MD  
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Shiv Jha, MD  
Stella E. Iskandarian, MD  
Grace Y. Kim, MD  
Sylvia G. Escolero, MD  
Manavjot Gill, MS, BDS  
Charmaine Alexia Jenkins, MD  
Monica W. Ngo, MD

## 2025 Runnin' For Research Award Winners

Avneet Hans, MD  
Bradley Ashley Ong, MD



# COMMITTEES

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|---|---|
|  Achievement Recognition |  Headache Fellowship Directors |
|  Advocacy                |  Funding                       |
|  Awards                  |  Guidelines                    |
|  Bylaws                  |  Leadership Development        |
|  CME                   |  Long Range Planning         |
|  EDI Advisory Council  |  Membership                  |
|  Education             |  Nominating                  |
|  Electronic Media      |  Pacific Rim                 |
|  Ethics                |  Practice Management         |
|  Executive             |  Publications                |
|  Exhibits              |  Research                    |
|  Finance               |  Scottsdale Program          |



# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- Advanced Practice Providers
- Autonomic Disorders
- Behavioral
- Complementary & Integrative Medicine
- CSF Pressure & Volume Disorders
- Clinical Informatics
- LGBTQIA + Health
- Methodology, Design & Statistical Issues
- Migraine and Vascular Disease
- New Investigators and Trainees
- Pediatric-Adolescent Headache
- Pharmacology and Therapeutics
- Post-traumatic Headache
- Primary Front Line Headache Care
- Procedural Headache Medicine
- Refractory Headache
- TMD, Cervical Spinal and Orofacial Pain
- Trigeminal Autonomic Cephalalgias
- Underserved Populations in Headache Medicine
- Vestibular Migraine and Other Migraine Variants
- Women's Health



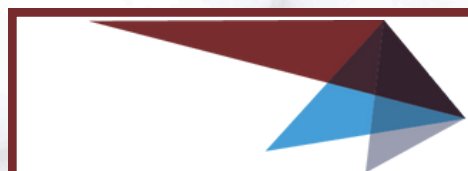
# HEADACHE

The Journal of Head and Face Pain

- ◆ Headache® continues its social media outreach via @HeadacheJournal on Twitter (X), Instagram, and BlueSky (new in 2025). Additionally, the journal maintains a YouTube channel (@headachejournal2134) featuring interviews with authors of notable publications. These efforts help broaden the journal's reach and highlight groundbreaking research.
- ◆ To enhance accessibility and engagement, the journal continues to offer plain language summaries and ABPN Self-Assessment (SA) credit quizzes available at no cost to members. The Journal aims to provide up to 8 credit hours annually.
- ◆ The Headache Assistant Editor and Leadership Opportunity (HALO) program (formerly the Assistant Editor Program), is now being Chaired by Nan Cheng MD and Patricia Olson MD, PhD. HALO held its first two Reviewers in Scientific Editing (RISE) webinars on September 29 and October 20. The series invited clinicians and researchers at all career stages to focus on building confidence and competence in peer review.
- ◆ Headache® is available online to members in 2026. To ensure a smooth transition, the AHS HQ team continues to encourage AHS members to enroll in online access and offered in-person support at the AHS Exhibit Booth during the Scottsdale Symposium.

# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## EMERGING LEADERS



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### Emerging Leaders Program

The Emerging Leaders Program is designed to identify and develop future leaders within the Society. We encourage young medical professionals to enter and thrive in the field of headache medicine, and within the American Headache Society.

## MASTERING MIGRAINE THERAPIES (MMT)



Mastering Migraine Therapies (MMT) is an innovative clinically-focused educational program that is designed for neurologists, internists, general practitioners and advanced practice providers.

## RESIDENT EDUCATION FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND CARE OF HEADACHE (REACH)



Created to educate neurology residents more extensively about migraine and related headache disorders, the REACH program looks to inspire adult and pediatric neurology residents to pursue careers in headache medicine so they can better serve the needs of people with headache disorders.

## INTERNATIONAL HEADACHE ACADEMY (IHA)



IHA is an interactive program designed to inspire a commitment to headache medicine in early career neurologists and research scientists.



# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## FIRST CONTACT - HEADACHE IN PRIMARY CARE



The goal of First Contact is to provide educational resources to empower first line healthcare professionals to improve headache and migraine care.

## RESIDENT EDUCATION



The aim of this program is to provide first and second year adult and pediatric neurology residents with a foundation in headache medicine education.

## EDUCATION ON DEMAND



Education On Demand is a digital learning platform that provides members with access to educational resources from past AHS meetings and events. Members can view recorded sessions for CME credit, download documents, and access links to current AHS virtual events.

## LEADERSHIP IN ADVOCACY DEVELOPMENT (LEAD) PROGRAM



This program aims to provide training, tools, mentorship, and support for mid-career healthcare professionals interested in professional advocacy.



# AHS CONFERENCES

Scottsdale Headache  
Symposium®  
Occurs every Fall



Since the inaugural meeting in 1970, the Scottsdale Headache Symposium® continues to be the preeminent venue for providing practical, clinical, evidence-based information on the diagnosis, management and treatment of headache. Education is presented in didactic, case-based, panel and demonstrative formats over the course of four days.

Annual Scientific Meeting  
Occurs every Summer



The Annual Scientific Meeting continues to be the premiere venue for the dissemination of the latest and most up-to-date research and scientific advances underlying the practice of Headache Medicine.

# 2025 CORPORATE ROUNDTABLE

Corporate Roundtable (CRT) provides a forum for the society and industry representatives to share ideas and formulate approaches to solving common problems with the headache community.

## Diamond Members

- AbbVie
- Lundbeck
- Pfizer



## Ruby Members

- Axsome
- Ipsen



## Sapphire Members

- Impel
- Satsuma
- Theranica
- Tonix



## Introductory Members

- Amneal
- Click Therapeutics







*"Our goal is to improve the lives of people impacted by migraine and other headache disorders, by encouraging scientific research and educating physicians, health professionals and the public."*



*Thank you for  
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