

## **Renée Shellhaas, MD, MS**

I am a Professor of Neurology and Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Promotions & Career Development at Washington University in St Louis School of Medicine, where I also hold the David T. Blasingame professorship. My medical training began at the University of Michigan, where I received my MD, followed by a residency in Pediatric Neurology and fellowship in Clinical Neurophysiology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. After completing my fellowship, I returned to the University of Michigan to join the faculty and complete a Master's Degree in Clinical Research Design and Statistical Analysis at the School of Public Health. I transitioned to my senior leadership position at Washington University in the fall of 2022.

As Senior Associate Dean, my role has encompassed important initiatives such as the revision of the promotion guidelines for the School of Medicine, leadership of the Executive Faculty Task Force on Climate & Culture, and launching the Office of Faculty Promotions & Career Development with its extensive leadership and professional development programs.

My research focuses on neonatal seizures and brain monitoring, sleep in at-risk infants, and early life epilepsy. Funding for this work has come from NIH, PCORI, and multiple foundations. Service to national and international organizations has been a significant part of my career, and garnered recognition including the Child Neurology Society Hower Award. Currently, I serve as a member of the American Epilepsy Society Board of Directors and as President of the Pediatric Epilepsy Research Foundation®.

My extensive involvement with the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) spans several task forces and committees, reflecting my deep commitment to advancing epilepsy care and research globally. This experience includes serving as a member of the Neonatal Seizure Guideline Committee (2016-2023), the Neonates Task Force of the Paediatrics Commission (2021-present), the Transition Task Force of the Paediatrics Commission (2021-present), and the AES/ILAE Joint Task Force on Epilepsy Healthcare Disparities (2023-2025). This sustained engagement with ILAE's mission and collaborative work across diverse areas of epilepsy has prepared me well for nomination to the ILAE-North America Committee for the 2025-29 term. My goals for this role center on optimizing and supporting regional efforts to address gaps in epilepsy care, with particular focus on career and leadership development for epileptologists involved in ILAE-NA programs and advancing the IGAP initiatives to strengthen epilepsy care across North America.