

## Biosketch

### Election Statement

I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the ILAE-North America Committee for the 2025-2029 term! I have been privileged to serve in several leadership roles within the ILAE and both with the American Epilepsy Society and the Canadian League Against Epilepsy (CLAE). More recently, I co-chaired the Nosology and Definitions Task Force of the ILAE from 2017-21 as well as served on the Pediatric Medical Therapies Task Force, the Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery Task Force and the SNOMED Task Force. In the 2025-29 term, I have the honour of serving as the Chair of the Pediatrics Commission and look forward to partnering with other Task Forces on several important projects. I have a keen interest in enhancing collaboration between members of the international epilepsy community to promote excellence in clinical care, research and education.

I completed all of my medical training in Canada and was employed as a pediatric epileptologist at the University of Saskatchewan and then University of Calgary until 2007. During that time, I was Secretary of the CLAE and worked closely with the Canadian Pediatric Epilepsy Network on multicenter clinical epilepsy studies. In 2007, I was recruited to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota and had the opportunity to serve as the chair of the Pediatric Content Committee at AES, as well as co-founded the Pediatric Epilepsy Research Consortium, with several other US-based pediatric epilepsy colleagues. I have been privileged to work with exceptional colleagues on both sides of the border to collaborate in clinical research, in an effort to enhance outcomes for children with epilepsy and their families. I have also been honoured to serve on the Medical Advisory Boards of the Dravet Syndrome Foundation and the Lennox-Gastaut Foundation, as well as Editor-in-Chief of Epilepsy.com, the educational website of the Epilepsy Foundation of America.

My goals for the 2025-29 term include

1. Continue the efforts of ILAE to advance IGAP and epilepsy care globally and within our region, to optimize clinical care for all persons with epilepsy, regardless of socioeconomic status or region of residence. Overall, North America is a resource-equipped region, with access to high-quality diagnostics and state-of-the-art therapies. However, persons with epilepsy in our region still have very unequal access to healthcare. I am committed to partnering with representatives of other national and international epilepsy organizations as well as nonprofit and governmental health agencies to work towards ensuring high quality care for all.
2. Facilitate epilepsy education for health care providers both regionally (ensuring high quality training on epilepsy for medical students, residents, and other health care professionals) and globally (through educational endeavors through the ILAE)
3. Enhance international collaboration in practice-changing research to reduce burden of disease and enhance quality of life for children impacted by neurological disorders.

I would be honored to continue to serve on the ILAE-North America Committee for the upcoming term.