

ANNUAL MEETING 2027



INDUSTRY PROSPECTUS

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MARCH 5-7, 2027

Loews Coronado
4000 Coronado Bay Rd, Coronado, CA 92118



Association of Veteran and Active-Duty Neurology Services

Facts at a Glance

Anticipated
in-person
attendance:
100-125

A two-day conference
for professionals
working with veterans
with neurological
disorders, including:

Neurologists
Physician Assistants
Nurse Practitioners
Nurses
Pharmacists
Social Workers
Physical Therapists
...and more

**All CME sessions
recorded for on-
demand viewing**

ABOUT AVANS

The Association of Veteran and Active-Duty Neurology Services (AVANS) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization established in 2022 by a group of VA physicians and professional organization managers who recognized a need for neurology professionals who serve veterans with neurological disorders to network, hold vital educational opportunities, and establish together best practices for working with veterans. The board of directors includes leaders in VA neurology services, and experts in neurology.

Membership is restricted to those working in a healthcare capacity to provide support and care to veterans experiencing neurological challenges. This includes VA employees, DoW employees, and community care members. Our approach is multidisciplinary: all healthcare professionals make a difference in veterans' lives, so all are welcome to learn together how to best serve the veteran.



AVANS 2026/2027 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Glenn D. Graham, MD, PhD (President): VA Dep. Executive Director of Neurology (Ret.)
- Michelle Cameron, MD, PT (Secretary): VA Co-Director, MS Center of Excellence West (ret.)
- Jane Anderson, Director of Education, Quality, and Research, VA National TeleStroke Program (ret.)
- Jessica Lehosit, MD: Chief of Neurology at the Richmond (VA) VAMC, Director of the Richmond PADRECC, faculty Virginia Commonwealth University
- Jason Sico, MD, MHA: National Director VA Headache Centers of Excellence; Associate Professor of Neurology and internal Medicine, Yale School of Medicine
- Alan Towne, MD, National Clinical Research Chair, Epilepsy Centers of Excellence, Veterans Affairs
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- Nina Riggins, MD Neurologist and Headache Specialist, VA Palo Alto
- Das Rohit, MD, MPH, Chief of Neurology, Portland VA
- Vikas Singh, MD, Neurologist, Kansas City VA
- Ileana Howard, MD, ALS Rehabilitation Neurologist, VA Puget Sound
- Sydni Cole, Neurologist, Corporal Michael J Crescenz VA Medical Center

**Thank you to our Founding Partners:
Alexion, Eisai, Genentech, Jazz Pharmaceuticals and WSI.**

We're growing!

AVANS Membership

230 members in 2026!

Including neurologists, physicians, pharmacists, social workers, nurses, physical therapists and more. Represented specialties include general neurology, traumatic brain injury, spinal injury, headache, ALS, movement disorders, seizure disorders, MS, and other areas of neurology specialization.

What started as a 28-person meeting in our first year grew to 78 individuals at our 3rd annual meeting in 2026, and we anticipate over 100 at the 2027 meeting. As we grow, we continue to set new goals and become more active in both member services and advocacy at the VA, DoW, and federal levels to ensure the best education and resources for federal employees serving veterans and active duty personnel.

We encourage you to share our membership flyer with professionals you think would be a good fit for AVANS membership!

Please note our new name, Association of Veteran and Active-Duty Neurology Services

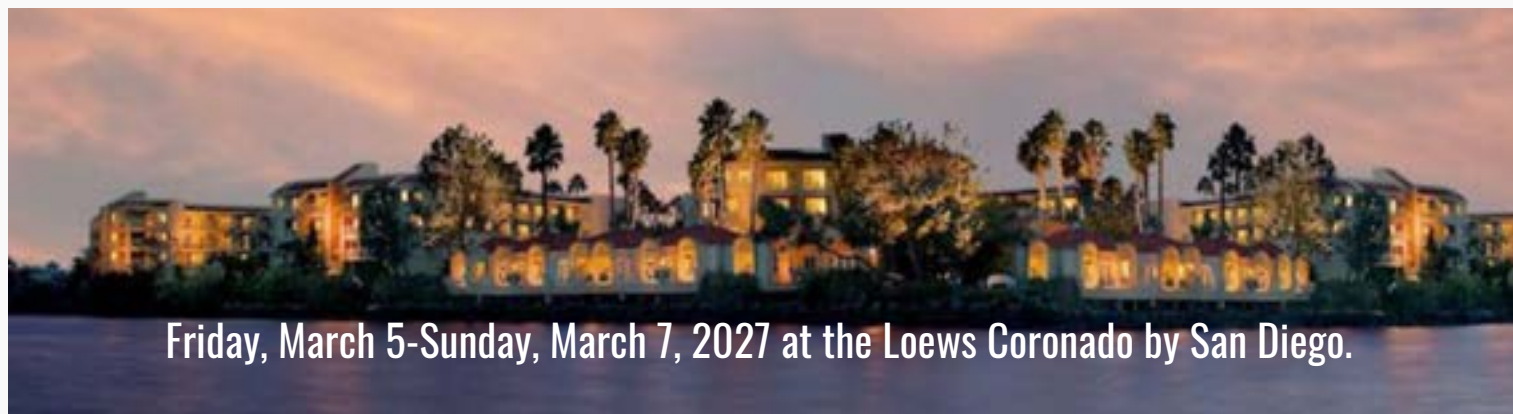
Why we changed it

AVANS recently changed its name from "Association of VA Neurology Services" to "Association of Veteran and Active-Duty Neurology Services" to better reflect both our mission and our membership.

Since our inception it was the goal of the founding board to include both VA and Department of Defense (later Dept. of War) professionals in order to network and share best practices between the similar but separate systems. As we've grown, it has been unclear to DoW clinicians that they are eligible and welcome to join. In order to send the right message to all, and to best reflect our true membership intentions, AVANS recently changed the root name of its acronym. We believe this change is welcome: at present, 15% of our membership (and growing!) is comprised of DoW professionals.

please join us

AVANS 2027 Annual Meeting



Friday, March 5-Sunday, March 7, 2027 at the Loews Coronado by San Diego.

This is a 12-hour, CE-accredited event over 1-1/2 days and will be available both in-person and online (online available by recorded video following the event). Sponsorship opportunities will include in-person and online benefits.

EXHIBITOR and SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

AVANS has a variety of meeting sponsorship opportunities. Sponsorship is a great way to get one-on-one exposure to our members. We provide networking time for attendees to visit the exhibitors and encourage discussions with sponsors.

Bronze Sponsor: \$10,000

6-foot space with one 6-ft table and 2 chairs, mention in program, 2 complimentary registrations.

Silver Sponsor: \$15,000

8x10 space with one 6-ft table and 2 chairs, mention in program, name recognition on event signage (no logo), 3 complimentary registrations.

Gold Sponsor: \$25,000

10x10 space with two 6-ft tables and 4 chairs, website advertisement (30 days), logo recognition on all signage and in program, one (1) participant bag item (up to 4 ounces) provided by sponsor, mention in opening comments, 4 complimentary registrations.

Platinum Sponsor: \$35,000

10x15 space with two 6-ft tables and 4 chairs, website advertisement (90 days), logo recognition on all signage and in program, up to two (2) participant bag items (up to 4 ounces) provided by sponsor, mention in opening comments, half page advertisement in event program, and 5 complimentary registrations.

ADDITIONAL SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

- **LANYARD SPONSOR:** \$2,000 / 1 available
- **ROOM KEY SPONSOR:** \$2,000 / 1 available
- **REGISTRATION BAG SPONSOR:** \$2,000 / 2 available
- **HEADSHOT PHOTOGRAPHY:** \$3,500 / 1 available
- **WIFI SPONSOR:** \$3,500 / 1 available

NON-CE INDUSTRY PRESENTATION OPPORTUNITY

AVANS offers 2 presentation slots for Non-CE presentation at the annual meeting. Interested companies must complete an application for review and approval by the program committee. The cost for the industry presentation slot is \$20,000.

Applications will be available early October 2026 and due late October 31, 2026 with committee decision by November 6, 2026.

Call for Industry Abstracts: Must be scientific and not promotional

Applications will be available September 1, 2026 and will be due October 31, 2026. Accepted abstracts will be notified by November 30, 2026. Abstracts/posters must disclose information from industry.



AVANS welcomes exhibitors to attend sessions, talk with members, and attend our Social Hour/Reception/Networking events. We understand that there is limited available interaction between federal employees and corporations, so we build time and opportunities for you to meet one-on-one with our members. Through this networking, we hope to build meaningful connections between exhibitors and members that results in the best possible treatment for veterans.

Exhibitor Registration for the 2027 Annual Meeting will open on or about September 4, 2026.

[Click here for more information](#)

IMPORTANT EXHIBITOR TIPS

- Exhibit space is limited and will be available on a first-come first-serve basis.
- The person who registers your company for the exhibit will become the lead and primary contact for your company. He/she will be responsible for all communications.
- Only exhibiting companies and IRC members will be able to attend this meeting.
- There are no additional badges available for industry.
- Contact joann@vaneurology.org if you need/want to get a jump on your internal paperwork. Even if all of your paperwork is complete, you must still register for the exhibit space on the AVANS site.
- **HOTEL ROOM BLOCK:** AVANS has reserved a block of rooms for industry partners at the Lowes Coronado. Exhibitors may book on this block of rooms but payment will be the responsibility of the individual or company. More details to come.

EVENT DETAILS

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Tentative Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2027

12:00 – 5:00 pm Exhibit SETUP
4:30 – 5:30 pm Visit Exhibits/Reception
5:30 – 7:00 pm Dinner
6:00 – 8:00 pm General Session

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2027

7:00 – 8:30 am Non-CME Symposium (Breakfast)
8:00 – 4:30 pm General Session
12:00 – 1:30 pm Non-CME Symposium (Lunch)
4:30 – 6:00 pm SIP & SEE e-Posters
6:00 – 9:00 pm Social Networking/Reception
6:00 – 10:00 pm Exhibit MOVE-OUT

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2027

7:00 – 8:30 am Breakfast
8:00 – 10:00 am General Session
10:00 am Adjourn

READY TO SPONSOR?

We're glad!

Please contact JoAnn Wahl
joann@vaneurology.org
(908) 581-6110.

AVANS Programs Sponsored by Industry



EXPERT ROUNDTABLE on demand

1-hour virtual Expert Roundtable: Panel of experts (moderator and 3-5 faculty) gather to discuss specific disease-related issues, patient challenges, treatment paradigms, barriers to care, problems and solutions. Practitioners will focus on the unique needs of patients, best practices and resources available for practitioners and veterans. The session will be video-taped, edited and prepared for on-demand viewing by members and will include notation of support.

Please contact JoAnn Wahl for more information and pricing: joannevaneurology.org/ 908-581-6110

AVANS is open to working with Industry Partners to develop educational programs for its members and to help industry understand the needs of our practitioners serving our veterans and the inner-workings of the VA. *If you are interested in opportunities outside the Annual Meeting, we offer the following:*

INDUSTRY DISCUSSION

1-hour virtual industry/expert discussion: Closed private meeting with industry executives and 4-5 experts. Industry prepares a list of discussion questions and engages faculty for their viewpoints, experience, observations and recommendations. This helps industry understand the landscape, priorities, practices, guidelines and needs/expectations of health care providers and patients/caregivers.

AVANS Industry Relations Council 2027

The Industry Relations Council is an advisory council representing a variety of corporations and nonprofits whose products and services benefit veterans with neurological disorders. Membership is by application and open to those who wish to participate in shaping AVANS priorities and building ethical, meaningful relationships between industry representatives and medical professionals working with veterans.

Join Today!

IRC member benefits:

- Priority notification of meeting, event, and sponsorship opportunities.
- Attendance (in person or virtual) at scheduled IRC meetings with AVANS leadership.
- Badge recognition at the annual meeting.
- Inclusion in a new Industry Directory on AVANS's website intended for providers to have up-to-date contact information for industry representatives and medical science liaisons (MSLs).
- Membership is granted to an individual at a company. A company may have more than one IRC member as long as the additional registration is completed.
- Attendance at in-person meetings is limited to IRC members (no plus ones).

Membership is annual (January-December 2027) and is \$3,000 per individual IRC member.

2027 Membership Renewal and new member registration will begin in 4th quarter 2026.

Come back this Fall to register as an IRC member!



Be sure to sign your company up for the AVANS **Industry Directory** on the AVANS site.

- This is a listing of company websites and primary contact information. The goal of the directory is to provide easy, accessible contact information for our members to reach you about your products.
- **You must complete this application** and supply the necessary information to be included in the directory.

It is the responsibility of each company to keep the primary contacts updated with AVANS. All other information will be linked to the company website and updated by the company in real time.