AVANS
Association of VA Neurology Services

The AVANS 2027 ANNUAL MEETING



MARCH 6-7, 2027 LOEWS CORONADO

400 Coronado Bay Road, Coronado, CA 92118

A two-day conference for professionals working with veterans with neurological disorders, including: Neurologists, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Social Workers, Physical Therapists, and more...

IMPORTANT Annual Meeting DATES and DEADLINES

EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

This meeting will sell out! Don't wait to register

2 NON-CE PRESENTATION OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Applications are available now and due November 15, 2026

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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Review the prospectus for meeting details



AVANS is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization providing networking, education, and best practices for those providing neurology services to Veterans and active-duty military

Visit vaneurology.org for more information

JOIN US FOR AVANS 2027:

- 100-125+ members expected
- Meet our new board members
- Amazing location
- Array of Neurology Topics focused on New information & Important Updates
- Waterfront networking reception with providers
- Limited number of Exhibitor Sponsorships available! Don't wait to reserve your space.
- Unique sponsorship add-on opportunities

SNEAK PEEK AT MEETING TOPICS

Keynote address

VA Focus: Emerging Changes:
Collaboration between VA/IATP/TBI / Warrior Impact from Neurological and G-Force Stress (WINGS) Act / System/organization Panel / Transition of care - DOD-VA

Rapid Fire Panel:
Neuroimmunology, neuromuscular & electrodiagnostics headache devices, stroke, epilepsy, movement disorder, MS, EMR

Motor Recovery after stroke

Pain

Dementia

Functional Neurology

Plus

- Poster Sessions
- Networking time
- Welcome Reception

Estimated 10 CME Credits Available

and more...

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, mention in program, name recognition on all signage and in program, one (1) participant bag item (up to 4 ounces) provided by sponsor, able to attend this meeting, 4 complimentary registrations.

Platinum Sponsor: $35,000

10x15 space with two 6-ft tables and 4 chairs, website advertisement (30 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 slots for Non-CE presentations 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 are available now and due November 15, 2026 with committee decision by November 23, 2026. **Please note that securing a presentation slot is very competitive.**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS MUST BE SCIENTIFIC AND NOT PROMOTIONAL

Applications are now available and will be due November 15, 2026. Accepted abstracts will be notified by November 30, 2026. Abstracts/posters must disclose information from industry.

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ALL MEETING FORMS AND LINKS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE AVANS WEBSITE.

EXHIBITOR SPACE IS LIMITED AND EXPECTED TO SELL OUT.

DO NOT WAIT TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE.

EXHIBITORS AND IRC MEMBERS

may attend all sessions, meals, networking events and the Welcome Reception. We encourage you to be present anywhere our members are networking!



EXHIBITOR and SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

EXHIBIT HOURS

Exhibit set up: 1:00-4:00 Friday
Exhibt hours: Friday 4:00-6:00 pm & Saturday 8:30am -4:00 pm

Please note that all exhibitors are not required to be in the exhibit hall during session times. We encourage you to attend the sessions.

Exhibit Breaks:
Friday: 4:00-6:00 Reception in the exhibit hall
Saturday: 9:00-9:45 and 2:45-3:30
Exhibit tear down: Saturday 4:00-8:00 pm

Exhibit times may vary slightly as we get closer to the meeting.

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. The room block will be available in December 2026.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- **When can I register for a badge?** Only the team lead can register exhibitors for badges. Your company will select the representatives that attend the meeting. Badge registration will begin in November
- **Can I buy a badge to attend if my company is not exhibiting?** No, we do not have any industry badges available outside of exhibit sponsorship badges. This is by design, to allow a curated balance of industry and member attendees for optimal connections.
- **Do you have Lead Retrieval?** We do not have a lead retrieval service for this conference
- **If my abstract is accepted and I am the presenter, is there a cost to attend?** Yes, the cost is $250 per person and limited to the presenter only.

Applications for a non-CE presentation or for an abstract are due on November 15, 2026.

IMPORTANT EXHIBITOR TIPS

- **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.**
- If you are an agency partner, please contact your company lead for information.
- 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 internet paperwork.
- Even if all of your paperwork is complete, you must still register for the exhibit space on the AVANS site.

Reserve your exhibit space now

EXHIBITOR TIMELINES

- **EXHIBIT KITS** will be available to registered exhibitors on **Wednesday, November 4th.** Please note that a unique log-in will be sent to the company lead. The company lead may share this unique log in with internal and external conference teams and agencies. All communication should go through the company lead.
- Shipping information, dates and deadlines will be in the exhibit kit.
- The floor plan will be available in January 2027.
- Hotel shipping information and UPS/FedEx will be provided soon.



Industry Discussions and Expert Roundtables

AVANS is open to working with Industry Partners to develop educational programs to benefit members, and to working with Industry to develop a better understanding of the VA landscape, priorities, practices, guidelines, and the needs/expectations of health care providers and patients and their caregivers. We have 2 programs that can help provide insights:

Expert Roundtable Discussions (non-CE)

A panel of AVANS experts gathers to discuss specific cancer 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 60-minute session will be video-taped, edited and prepared for on-demand viewing with a notation of support from the sponsor. The Roundtables will be promoted by AVANS and will live on the website.

Industry/AVAHO Closed Discussions

AVANS will pull together board representatives and subject matter experts for a closed, private discussion with industry executives on a specific topic. Industry prepares a list of questions and engages the faculty for their viewpoints, experience, observations and recommendations.

Please note that we may not be able to accommodate all requests for programs-- it will depend on the topic and availability of experts.

Industry Directory



The goal of the Industry Directory is to provide easy, accessible contact information for our members to reach you about your products. This is a listing of company websites and primary contact information.

- **NOTE:** You must complete this application and supply the necessary information to be included in the directory.
- If any of your information changes, please complete a new application and the information will be updated on the site.

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

Industry Relations Council Memberships

January 1st marks renewal time for our Industry Relations Council (IRC), and we are thrilled to have you as our partners! Your membership ensures the longevity of AVANS and its impact on clinicians.

JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!

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. IRC member benefits include:

- 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 the Industry Directory on AVANS's website
- Membership is granted to an individual at a company (note: 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 is now open. Join us as an IRC member!



Association of Veteran and Active-Duty Neurology Services

Please note our new name... *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.

> **Processing of required paperwork to change the name may take up to 6 months.** Please use AVANS (Association VA Neurology Services) on all legal documents until confirmation of the name change is finalized.

Message from the AVANS Board of Directors

As AVANS grows, the Board of Directors is pleased to engage in planning for our future.

In the past 3 years, AVANS has grown from its humble beginnings to nearly 240 members from the VA and DoW. In order to provide the best services to these members, we are engaging in a strategic planning process in late 2026/early 2027. With this process, we anticipate the addition of the following:

- stronger advocacy presence in Washington, D.C. and on behalf of all members
- Additional member-focused activities throughout the year, in addition to the standing Annual Meeting
- A more strategic relationship between IRC members and board members

We look forward to sharing our strategy next Spring. In the meantime, please let us know how we can work best in partnership.

With continued gratitude,
The AVANS Board of Directors

The 2026-27 AVANS Board of Directors

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