

2026 PIPELINE CONFERENCE

June 18 – 19, 2026

Lansdowne Resort, Leesburg, Virginia

Thursday, June 18

7:00 – 8:00 am **BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION**

8:00 – 8:35 am **Welcome and Introduction**

Jacqueline French, MD, Medical Director, Epilepsy Foundation

Bernice Martin Lee, CEO, Epilepsy Foundation

Jack Parent, President, American Epilepsy Society

Alla Guekht, President, International League Against Epilepsy

Donna Walsh, CEO, International Bureau for Epilepsy

SESSION I: PRECLINICAL

Moderator: *Speaker TBD*

8:35 – 8:45 am **Epilepsy Experience Expert: 5 min talk and 5 Q&A**

Shane Hegarty, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer & Co-Founder, Axonis

8:45 – 9:00 am **Future directions in NINDS epilepsy preclinical research**

Brian Klein, PhD, Program Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

9:00 – 9:20 am **Panel: Can invitro models replace invivo models for drug discovery**

Shane Hegarty, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer & Co-Founder, Axonis

Brian Klein, PhD, Program Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Karen Wilcox, PhD, University of Utah

9:20 – 9:30 am **Q&A**

9:30 – 9:40 am **Pipeline Speaker**

9:40 – 9:50 am **Pipeline Speaker**

9:50 – 10:00 am **Pipeline Speaker**

10:00 – 10:20 am **NETWORKING BREAK**

SESSION II: PROOF OF PRINCIPLE STUDIES: PPR, TMS, AND RNS IN EPILEPSY DRUG DEVELOPMENT

Moderator: *Speaker TBD*

10:20 – 10:35 am **Using data from implanted devices as a biomarker of drug response**
Dan Friedman, MD, Professor, New York University

10:35 – 10:55 am **PPR Studies as proof of concept**
Jacqueline French, MD, Medical Director, Epilepsy Foundation

10:55 – 11:10 am **TMS**
Alexander Rotenberg, MD, PhD, Professor, Harvard Medical School

11:10 – 11:30 am **Panel: What is optimal proof of concept study**

11:30 – 11:50 am **Discussion**

11:50 – 12:30 pm **INVESTOR PANEL**
Anupam Dalal, MD, Chief Investment Officer, Acuta Capital Partners
Wasim Malik, PhD, Iaso Ventures
Basheer Zada, MS, Principal, EcoR1 Capital

12:30 – 1:40 pm **NETWORKING LUNCH**

SESSION III: DIGITAL SOLUTIONS/DEVICES

Moderator: *Speaker TBD*

1:40 – 1:50 pm **Epilepsy Experience Expert**
Andy Baskerville, Epilepsy Foundation Research Ambassador

1:50 – 2:00 pm **Pipeline Speaker**

2:00 – 2:10 pm **Pipeline Speaker**

2:10 – 2:20 pm **Pipeline Speaker**

2:20 – 2:30 pm **Pipeline Speaker**

2:30 – 2:45 pm **NETWORKING BREAK**

SHARK TANK COMPETITION

2:45 – 2:50 pm

Shark Tank Welcome

Jacqueline French, MD, Epilepsy Foundation

2:50 – 3:00 pm

Shark Tank Past Winners: How have they done?

Caitlin Grzeskowiak, PhD, Chief Research & Innovation Officer, Epilepsy Foundation

3:00 – 3:10 pm

2024 Winner Update

Neuronostics

3:10 – 3:20 pm

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Neuroview Technology

3:20 – 3:30 pm

Introductions and Rules

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Shark Tank Competition

4:30 – 4:40 pm

Deliberations/Voting

4:40 – 4:50 pm

Announce Winner

4:50–5:20 pm

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

2026 May Liang & James Lintott Scholarship Recipient

2026 Epilepsy Foundation Lifetime Accelerator Award

5:20 – 6:00 pm

Networking Break

6:00 pm

NETWORKING RECEPTION

Friday, June 19

7:00 – 8:00 am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION**

8:00 – 8:05 am **Welcome Remarks**

SESSION IV: EPILEPSY DEVICES, DATA AND AI

8:05 – 8:15 am **Epilepsy Experience Expert**

Himanshu Misra, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, EnlitenAI

8:15 – 8:30 am

Evolving Role of AI in Wearable and Non-Wearable Devices

Gregory Krauss, MD, Professor of Neurology, Johns Hopkins University

8:30 – 8:45 am

Regulatory updates on AI

8:45 – 9:00 am

Empower&D

Caitlin Grzeskowiak, PhD, Chief Research & Innovation Officer, Epilepsy Foundation

SESSION V: PIPELINE FOR GENE BASED AND CELL THERAPIES

Moderator: *Speaker TBD*

9:00 – 9:10 am

Epilepsy Experience Expert

9:10 – 9:25 am

RRE Recap: Natural history control for trials

9:25 – 9:35 am

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NETWORKING BREAK

SESSION VI: PEDIATRIC TRIALS

Moderator: *Speaker TBD*

10:50 – 11:00 am

Epilepsy Experience Expert

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SESSION VII: CLINICAL DRUGS

Moderator: *Speaker TBD*

11:40 – 11:50 am	Epilepsy Experience Expert
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12:20 – 12:30 pm	Pipeline Speaker
12:30 – 1:40 pm	NETWORKING LUNCH

SESSION VIII: CLINICAL TRIALS

Moderator: *Speaker TBD*

1:40 – 1:50 pm	Epilepsy Experience Expert
1:50 – 2:20 pm	<p>Panel: Access to investigation medicine after randomized trial balancing burden of clinical trial participation – the role of the sponsor, CRO, site, coordinator and participant</p> <p><i>Dan Friedman, MD, Professor, New York University</i> <i>Brad Galer, MD, Chief Executive Officer, Mosaica Medicines</i> <i>Jennie Minnick, Administrative Coordinator, Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania</i> <i>Tolga Uz, PhD, Senior Director Clinical Lead, Lundbeck</i></p>
2:20 – 2:40 pm	<p>EF Research Ambassador Boot Camp</p> <p><i>Caitlin Grzeskowiak, PhD, Chief Research & Innovation Officer, Epilepsy Foundation</i></p>
2:40 – 3:00 pm	Networking Break
3:00 – 3:15 pm	<p>Reimagining Clinical Trial Design to Increase Inclusivity</p> <p><i>Claude Steriade, MD, Associate Professor, New York University</i></p>
3:15 – 3:30 pm	RRE Recap: Improving trial efficiency

Wesley Kerr, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh

3:30 – 3:50

Discussion

SESSION IX: CLINICAL DRUGS

Moderator: *Speaker TBD*

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CONCLUDING REMARKS

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