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### **I. Embargo Policy for *Neurology*<sup>®</sup> journal studies**

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### **II. Embargo Policy for 2009 AAN Annual Meeting Abstracts**

The embargo for all non-late-breaking abstracts, which include more than 2,000 pieces of research, to be presented at the upcoming 2009 AAN Annual Meeting in Seattle, is 4 pm, ET, Wednesday, February 25, 2009, which is the date and time all non-late breaking abstracts will be posted online via [www.aan.com](http://www.aan.com). This embargo date and time applies to all non-late breaking abstracts to be presented at the AAN Annual Meeting in Seattle, April 25-May 1, 2009, unless otherwise noted by the AAN Media and Public Relations Department.

The AAN strictly enforces its embargo policy, which prohibits the distribution or publication of the contents of abstracts ahead of the embargo date and time. Embargoed press releases on newsworthy non-late breaking scientific abstracts will be distributed to credentialed journalists in early February.

The embargo for late-breaking abstracts to be presented at the AAN Annual Meeting in Seattle remains in effect until the date and time of the scientific presentation of the late-breaking abstract at the AAN Annual Meeting in Seattle, April 25-May 1, 2009, or unless otherwise noted by the AAN Media and Public Relations Department. Late-breaking abstracts are not posted online in advance of the AAN Annual Meeting. Late-breaking abstracts are accepted from neurologists, neuroscientists, and other researchers whose work is of major scientific importance, warranting expedited presentation and publication. Key aspects of the research must have been conducted after November 3, 2008. Embargoed press releases on newsworthy late-breaking abstracts will be distributed to credentialed journalists in late April with press conferences taking place in Seattle during the week of the Annual Meeting, April 25-May 1, 2009. For questions regarding Annual Meeting policies, please contact Jay Mac Bride in the AAN Media and Public Relations Department at (651) 695-2795, [jmacbride@aan.com](mailto:jmacbride@aan.com).

### **III. Sanctions for Embargo Violators**

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### **IV. Press Credentials for Embargoed Material**

Journalists must provide the following credentials for review by AAN staff in order to receive embargoed content from the *Neurology*<sup>®</sup> journal or the Annual Meeting abstract program.

- Business card clearly showing media affiliation (a print, online, or broadcast news organization) and position (editor, writer, producer, reporter).
- Letter of assignment on official company letterhead from an editor of a recognized publication or a producer of a broadcast program certifying that you are covering the study or abstract for the respective news organization.
- At least one published bylined sample of editorial and/or news work.
- Published bylined samples of coverage from previous articles about the *Neurology*<sup>®</sup> journal or the AAN Annual Meeting (if applicable).