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New Headquarters of the American Academy of Neurology
201 Chicago Avenue South, Minneapolis

What is the American Academy of Neurology?

- The American Academy of Neurology is the world’s largest professional association of neurologists; largest trade association in Twin Cities.
- Founded by the chair of the neurology department at the University of Minnesota in 1948, the American Academy of Neurology has more than 24,000 neurologists and neuroscience professionals dedicated to promoting the highest quality patient-centered neurologic care.
- The Academy employs 140 people and plans to bring nearly 1,000 physicians from around the world into Minneapolis each year for meetings.
- The Academy publishes the medical journal Neurology®, the world’s most highly cited clinical neurology journal as well as Neurology Now®, an award-winning magazine for patients and caregivers with a reach of 1.5 million.

Facts about the New Headquarters

- The five-story, 62,000 square foot building is the first substantial office building to be constructed in downtown Minneapolis in the past 10 years.
- The Academy’s new building was funded using City of Minneapolis Recovery Zone Facility Bonds, which are designed to encourage capital investment and are funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The balance was provided from Academy reserves.
- Scheduled to take occupancy in May of 2012.
- With its proximity to light rail transit, the Twin Cities airport and numerous hotels, restaurants and theaters, the historic Mill District is an ideal destination for Academy staff and the hundreds of neurologists who will be traveling to Minneapolis each year to attend Academy meetings.
- The five-story building features a sensory garden, roof-top terrace and state-of-the art meeting space capabilities. The Academy will also provide electricity to vendors of the Mill City Farmers Market through outlets strategically placed along the exterior of the building. The Academy will be applying for LEED certification of the new building.
- Mortenson Construction, along with ESG architects and 20 Below Studio, are helping to construct the new building.

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What is a Neurologist?
- A neurologist is a doctor with specialized training in diagnosing, treating and managing disorders of the brain and nervous system such as Alzheimer’s disease, autism, multiple sclerosis, migraine, epilepsy, and stroke. For more information about the Academy, visit www.aan.com.

What is the American Academy of Neurology Foundation?
- The American Academy of Neurology Foundation is now second only to the government in the number of neurologic research grants it provides.
- For nearly two decades, clinical research training fellowships from the Academy’s Foundation have supported the equivalent of more than 264 years’ worth of research funding.
- This year alone, the Foundation and the Academy are providing $2.4 million for more than a dozen fellowships that will fund research from some of the best and brightest neurologists in the world in their quest for preventions and treatments for neurologic disorders. The Foundation remains focused on one critical need: to find cures for neurologic disorders.
- With one in six people affected by a brain disorder, the Foundation is also reaching out to the public, patients and caregivers to raise awareness and ask for their support.
- More than 100,000 votes from the public were cast in 2011 on the more than 100 video entries submitted to this year’s Neuro Film Festival. In addition, the Foundation hosted the Brain Health Fair in Honolulu last month, helping nearly 1,400 patients and caregivers.