



Embargo Policies

The American Academy of Neurology (AAN), the world's leading neurology professional association of more than 28,000 neurologists and neuroscience professionals, allows credentialed members of the media to receive embargoed content of its medical journal, *Neurology*[®], as well as scientific abstracts to be presented at the AAN Annual Meeting. The following embargo policies are strictly enforced by the AAN:

I. Embargo Policy for *Neurology* Journal Studies

Articles appearing in the AAN's medical journals, *Neurology* and *Neurology*[®] *Clinical Practice*, are embargoed for release to the public until 4:00 p.m., ET, the day before the Tuesday print publication date.

If the full article is chosen to be published online ahead of print publication, the paper and its findings are embargoed until 4:00 p.m., ET, the day of online publication to <http://www.neurology.org> or <http://www.cp.neurology.org>.

If there are any questions concerning an embargo date and time, please contact Rachel Seroka, Program Manager, Media and Public Relations, at rseroka@aan.com or (612) 928-6129.

Credentialed representatives of the press may request further information about embargoed *Neurology* and *Neurology: Clinical Practice* articles, including advance copies of articles and help coordinating interviews with researchers, by contacting Rachel Seroka, Program Manager of AAN Media and Public Relations at rseroka@aan.com or (612) 928-6129. Post-embargo press releases are available at <http://www.aan.com/pressroom>.

II. Embargo Policy for 2015 AAN Annual Meeting Abstracts

The embargo for all non-emerging science abstracts, which includes more than 2,000 research presentations at the 2015 AAN Annual Meeting in Washington D.C., is 4:00 p.m., ET, Thursday, February 26, 2015, which is the date and time all non-emerging science abstracts will be posted online via <http://www.aan.com>. This embargo date and time applies to all non-emerging science abstracts to be presented at the AAN Annual Meeting in Washington, April 18-25, 2015, 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-emerging science abstracts will be distributed to credentialed journalists in early February.

The embargo for emerging science abstracts (formerly known as late-breaking scientific abstracts) to be presented at the AAN Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. remains in effect until 12:01 a.m. Friday, April 17, 2015, unless otherwise noted by the AAN Media and Public Relations Department.

Emerging science abstracts are not posted online in advance of the AAN Annual Meeting. Emerging science 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 October 2014. For questions regarding Annual Meeting policies, please contact Rachel Seroka at rseroka@aan.com or (612) 928-6129.

III. Sanctions for Embargo Violators

Failure by media organizations to abide by the AAN embargoes will result in suspension of media credentials, which will affect access privileges to embargoed content for the journal *Neurology*, embargoed media materials, and embargoed abstracts presented at the AAN Annual Meeting.

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* 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). If a business card is used to register, an additional form of identification may be requested.
- 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 two published bylined samples of editorial and/or news work in English.
- Published bylined samples of coverage from previous articles about the *Neurology* journal or the AAN Annual Meeting (if applicable).