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I. Embargo Policy for *Neurology* Journal Studies

Articles appearing in the AAN's medical journal *Neurology* and all *Neurology* journal publications are embargoed for release to the public until 4:00 p.m. ET, on the day of online publication.

If there are any questions concerning an embargo date and time, please contact Renée Tessman, Senior Manager, Media and Public Relations, at rtessman@aan.com or (612) 928-6137.

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II. Embargo Policy for 2017 AAN Annual Meeting Abstracts

The embargo for all non-emerging science abstracts, which includes more than 2,700 research presentations at the 2017 AAN Annual Meeting in Boston, is 4:00 p.m. ET, Thursday, March 2, 2017, which is the date and time all non-emerging science abstracts will be posted online via AAN.com. This embargo date and time applies to all non-emerging science abstracts to be presented at the AAN Annual Meeting in Boston, April 22-28, 2017, 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 by early March.

The embargo for emerging science abstracts (formerly known as late-breaking scientific abstracts) to be presented at the AAN Annual Meeting, remains in effect until 12:01 a.m. ET, Friday, April 21, 2017, 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 24, 2016. For questions regarding Annual Meeting policies, please contact Renée Tessman at rtessman@aan.com or (612) 928-6137.

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* 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).