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**2026**

# **EPILEPSY: State of the Art and Future Directions**

## **Live Conference**

Saturday, May 16, 2026 • 8:00 am - 2:25 pm

**USC Health Sciences Campus**, Aresty Conference Center

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### **Presented by:**

Department of Neurological Surgery, Department of Neurology,  
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and  
the USC Office of Continuing Medical Education

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PROGRAM AGENDA

8:00 AM–8:45 AM

Live Registration Opens and Continental Breakfast

8:45 AM–9:00 AM

Welcome and Introduction: Ryan McGinn, MD, MASc, Brian Lee, MD, PhD, and Charles Liu, MD, PhD

STATE OF THE FIELD

Moderator: Brian Lee, MD, PhD

9:00 AM–9:20 AM

Medically Refractory Epilepsy - Epidemiology and Approach: David Millett, MD, PhD

9:20 AM–9:40 AM

Psychiatric and Social Comorbidities of Epilepsy: Shawna Benard, MD, MPH

9:40 AM–10:00 AM

Community and Rural Practice - Challenges and Opportunities: Michael Gibbs, MD and Hari Veedu, MD

10:00 AM–10:20 AM

Epilepsy in Transition - from Pediatric to Adult Care: Sucheta Joshi, MD, MS

10:20 AM–10:40 AM

The USC Epilepsy Consortium: Hubs and Spokes, and Beyond: Charles Liu, MD, PhD

10:40 AM–11:00 AM

Break

CURRENT TREATMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Moderator: Ryan McGinn, MD, MASc

11:00 AM–11:20 AM

Treatment of Women with Epilepsy: Laura Kalayjian, MD

11:20 AM–11:40 AM

Epilepsy Genetics - Impacts on Treatment: Maija-Riikka Steenari, MD

11:40 AM–12:00 PM

Stereo EEG/Seizure Localization in Medically Refractory Epilepsy: Ryan McGinn, MD, MASc and Brian Lee, MD, PhD

12:00 PM–12:20 PM

Laser Ablation and Surgical Resections: Brian Lee, MD, PhD

12:20 PM–12:40 PM

Stimulation in the Treatment of Epilepsy: Darrin Lee, MD, PhD

12:40 PM–1:20 PM

Lunch

ADVANCES - PRESENT AND FUTURE

Moderator: Brian Lee, MD, PhD

1:20 PM–1:40 PM

Autoimmune Epilepsy - Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment: Jonathan Kuo, MD and Masoud Majed, MD

1:40 PM–2:00 PM

Thalamic Stereo-Encephalography and Personalized Stimulation: Ryan McGinn, MD, MASc

2:00 PM–2:20 PM

Stem Cells and Epilepsy: Michael Bonaguidi, PhD

2:20 PM–2:25 PM

Closing Remarks: Ryan McGinn, MD, MASc, Brian Lee, MD, PhD, and Charles Liu, MD, PhD

2:25 PM

Adjourn

2:30 PM

Optional Programming Session (RNS, DBS, VNS)

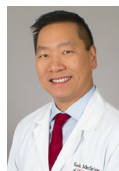
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**Course Director**

Assistant Professor of Clinical Neurology, Department of Neurology, Keck School of Medicine of USC



**Charles Liu, MD, PhD**

**Course Director**

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**Brian Lee, MD, PhD**

**Course Director**

Director, Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery

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■ **Shawna Benard, MD, MPH**

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■ **Sucheta Joshi, MD, MS**

Medical Director, Comprehensive Epilepsy Program, Children's Hospital, Los Angeles

Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics, Keck School of Medicine, USC

■ **Laura Kalayjian, MD**

Medical Director, Neurophysiology Lab, and Director, Neurology Obstetrics Clinic, Los Angeles General Hospital

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■ **David Millett, MD PhD**

Director, Hoag Epilepsy Center, Hoag Neurosciences Institute

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Clinical Neurology, Department of Neurology, Keck School of Medicine of USC

## GUEST FACULTY

■ **Michael Gibbs, MD**

Medical Director, Epilepsy Program, Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara, California

■ **Maija-Riikka Steenari, MD**

Associate Division Chief for CHOC Neurology Division

Associate Professor, Department of Neurology and Pediatrics, University of California Irvine School of Medicine, Irvine, California

■ **Hari Veedu, MD**

Epilepsy Program Director, Kern Medical

Consultant Neurologist, United Neuroscience Inc., Bakersfield, California

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Our comprehensive epilepsy program is designed for healthcare professionals who manage the care of patients with epilepsy. This one-day course provides an overview of complexities of modern epilepsy care, including diverse etiologies of epilepsy, practice settings, and comorbidities.

We will also review modern therapies for epilepsy refractory to antiseizure medications, which include surgical management and treatment of epilepsy with stimulation devices. Some aspect of emerging research will also be presented.

Participants will attend a series of interactive lectures by expert USC faculty and invited speakers along with case presentations. Participants can attain and integrate new, practical information into their clinical practice on managing and improving outcomes in patients with epilepsy.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Identify when to refer patients to a Level 4 Epilepsy Center.
- Assess if a patient is a candidate for epilepsy surgical workup.
- Know various treatment options for epilepsy.
- Identify when to consider genetic and autoimmune causes of epilepsy.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is intended for neurologists, neurosurgeons, psychiatrists, primary care physicians and other healthcare professionals seeking to enhance their understanding of the latest in epilepsy diagnosis and treatment.

## ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

The Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

## CREDIT DESIGNATION

The Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California designates this live activity for a maximum of 4.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. **Physicians** should claim only the credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The following may apply 4.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™* for license renewal:

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**Physician Assistants:** The National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants states that *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* accredited courses are acceptable CME requirements for recertification.

## REGISTRATION

### Epilepsy: State of the Art and Future Directions-May 16, 2026

Early-bird price for live registration ends May 12, 2026 at 12:00 pm, PDT.

To register after May 12, 2026, register on-site on May 16, 2026, at the venue.

#### Tuition:

#### Early-Bird

#### After May 12

MD/DO

☐ \$150

☐ \$175

NP/PA/APP or RN/AH or PT

☐ \$100

☐ \$125

Resident/Fellow

☐ \$50

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**Cancellation:** Cancellations must be received by the USC Office of CME (fax or email) by May 12, 2026, 12:00 pm PDT for a refund. A \$50 cancellation fee will be applied. In the event of course cancellation by conference organizers, registration fees will be fully refunded. USC will not refund any travel costs incurred.

**Location:** Catherine and Joseph Aresty Conference Center, in the lower ground level of the Harlyne J. Norris Cancer Research Tower on the USC Health Sciences Campus, 1450 Biggy Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033

**Parking:** \$20 at Biggy Parking Structure (P8): 1334 Biggy Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033. Parking is contactless and there will not be an attendant on duty. Follow the signs with these instructions: Park in any unmarked space. **Text BGGY to 25023.** Enter your license plate and payment details.

#### Register:

**Mail:** 1540 Alcazar Street, CHP 223, Los Angeles, CA 90033

Mail-in registration must be postmarked by May 12, 2026.

**Online:** [keckusc.cloud-cme.com/epilepsy26](https://keckusc.cloud-cme.com/epilepsy26)

**Visa or Mastercard only**

**Phone:** (323) 442-2555 | Fax: (323) 442-3734

**AMEX, Mastercard or Visa**

**Email:** [uscme@usc.edu](mailto:uscme@usc.edu)

**On-site:** Available May 16, 2026, 8:00 am, Aresty Conference Center.

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We strive to accomodate dietary recommendations. Please note that not all food items may meet special requirements. Food items will be labeled for your convenience. **\*Registration confirmation and event reminder will be emailed.**

#### Method of Payment: No cash payment accepted.

☐ **Check** (Check payable to USC. Check payment must be postmarked by May 12, 2026)

☐ **Credit Card** (American Express by Fax/Phone/Mail only, Mastercard or Visa online)

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