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Douglas Coulter, Ph.D., Named President-elect of the American Epilepsy Society

BALTIMORE - Douglas A. Coulter, Ph.D., begins his term as President-elect of the [American Epilepsy Society \(AES\)](#) at the conclusion of the Society's annual meeting in Baltimore (Dec. 6-10, 2019). A medical and scientific society of 4,200 members, the AES is dedicated to advancing research and education for preventing, treating and curing epilepsy. Dr. Coulter will become president of the society in 2021.

Dr. Coulter is a professor of pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania and neurology researcher at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. For nearly 30 years, Dr. Coulter has directed NIH grant-funded research programs, first at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond (1990-1999), then at the University of Pennsylvania/Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (1999-present). Throughout his career, his research interests have focused primarily on understanding the cellular and molecular mechanisms of epilepsy and epileptogenesis, mechanisms of action of antiepileptic drugs, and epilepsy therapies with the goal of facilitating development of enhanced therapeutic strategies.

Dr. Coulter has been an active member of the AES for almost 30 years. He has served on a wide range of committees and task forces across the research and education spectrum. Dr. Coulter has served as chair of the following councils and committees: Scientific Program Committee, Research and Training Council, Research Awards Committee, Basic Science Committee, Year-Round Education Committee/Science Education Subcommittee, Basic Science Taskforce (co-chair); and as member on the Nominations Committee, the Finance Committee, the Council on Education, and the Continuing Medical Education Committee. For the last three years, as co-chair of the Basic Science Taskforce, Dr. Coulter has provided leadership on efforts to reinvigorate participation of the Basic Research community for the Annual Meeting and the Society. Dr. Coulter is a well-published author and has served on numerous editorial boards including as an Editorial Board member and a contributing editor of [Epilepsy Currents](#), AES' open access commentary journal.

Dr. Coulter received his Ph.D. from the Boston University Marine Program in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and conducted postdoctoral training in Dr. David Prince's laboratory at Stanford University, California. In 2010, he was the recipient of the prestigious AES Epilepsy Research Recognition Award for Basic Science.

About the American Epilepsy Society

Founded in 1946, the American Epilepsy Society (AES) is a medical and scientific society whose members are dedicated to advancing research and education for preventing, treating and curing epilepsy. AES is an inclusive global forum where professionals from academia, private practice, not-for-profit,

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government and industry can learn, share and grow to eradicate epilepsy and its consequences.

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