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Gregory L. Barkley, M.D. Receives American Epilepsy Society 2020 J. Kiffin Penry Award for Excellence in Epilepsy Care

CHICAGO - Gregory L. Barkley, M.D. was awarded the J. Kiffin Penry Award for Excellence in Epilepsy Care at the AES2020 event of the American Epilepsy Society (AES). Dr. Barkley is Interim Chair of Neurology, Associate Professor of Neurology at Wayne State University. He has devoted his career to care for people with epilepsy, with compassion, altruism, and goodness. Dr. Barkley was the co-founder of the Henry Ford Comprehensive Epilepsy program which has grown to be a major regional epilepsy program. He has been involved with clinical drug and device trials and starting in the early 1980's, and has conducted pivotal work in research and clinical development of magnetoencephalography (MEG).

Other research endeavors have included AED trials and responsive neurostimulation (RNS). Dr. Barkley has been a local PI on the NIH Neurodevelopmental Effects of Antiepileptic Drugs (NEAD) grant and the NIH Maternal Outcomes and Neurodevelopmental Effects of AEDS (MONEAD) grant and its extension. He also has maintained a large clinical practice and for the past 12 years operated a support group for women with PTSD.

Dr. Barkley has served on the board of the AES, the Epilepsy Foundation, and the National Association of Epilepsy Centers, and on the medical economics and management committee at the American Academy of Neurology.

The J. Kiffin Penry Award for Excellence in Epilepsy Care honors Dr. Penry's lifelong focus on and genuine concern for the patient with epilepsy. It recognizes individuals whose work has had a major impact on patient care and has improved the quality of life for persons with epilepsy. The award is funded through the AES J. Kiffin Penry Fund.

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

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