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## **Vicky H. Whittemore, Ph.D., Receives the American Epilepsy Society's 2020 Distinguished Service Award**

CHICAGO - Vicky H. Whittemore, Ph.D. was presented with the 2020 Distinguished Service Award during AES2020 of the American Epilepsy Society (AES), a medical and scientific society whose members are dedicated to advancing research and education for preventing, treating and curing epilepsy.

Dr. Whittemore is a Program Director at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). She combines her basic neuroscience training with her passion for helping individuals with epilepsy and genetic disorders to shepherd a portfolio of grants that cover basic, translational and clinical studies on the epilepsies with a focus on the genetic epilepsies and sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP). She joined the staff of NINDS in August 2011 after 23 years working for and with nonprofit organizations including the Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance, Genetic Alliance, Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE), and the National Coalition for Health Professional Education in Genetics (NCHPEG).

She currently serves AES and partner organizations as co-chair of the Epilepsy Research Benchmark Stewards Committee, on the Sergievsky Grant Work Group, as an ex officio member of the steering committee for the Epilepsy Leadership Council, member of the PAME Strategic Planning Work Group, and a NINDS liaison with the Research & Training Council.

Established in 1993, the AES Distinguished Service award recognizes outstanding service by an individual in the field of epilepsy, including non-educational and non-scientific, with an emphasis on exemplary contributions to advancing AES' mission and service to its members.

### ***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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