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William D. Gaillard, M.D., Elected President of the American Epilepsy Society

BALTIMORE - William D. Gaillard, M.D., FAES, begins his term as president 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. Gaillard is a professor of pediatrics and neurology at The George Washington University, professor of neurology at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and adjunct professor of Hearing and Speech Sciences University of Maryland in College Park. He is the chief of the divisions of Child Neurology, Epilepsy and Neurophysiology, as well as director of the Comprehensive Pediatric Epilepsy Program at the Children's National Medical Center (CNMC) in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Gaillard's clinical research focuses on the use of advanced imaging to investigate the effect of childhood epilepsy on brain structure and function with an emphasis on cognitive systems. His group also develops and implements imaging strategies to improve epilepsy outcomes. In addition, Dr. Gaillard is an active member in national pediatric epilepsy consortia, including the Pediatric Status Epilepticus Research Group and the Pediatric Epilepsy Research Consortium (PERC). He is the past chair of the International League Against Epilepsy's (ILAE) Diagnostic Methods Commission and Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery Task Force and served on its Pediatric Commission.

An AES member for more than 25 years, Dr. Gaillard has served as chair of the Clinical Investigators Workshop Committee and the Pediatric Content Committee. He has been on the AES Board of Directors and is the immediate past treasurer of the AES. He is an active participant in mentoring activities, including the Junior Investigators Mentoring program and past co-chair of the AES Research and Training Grant Review Study Section.

Dr. Gaillard is a graduate of Yale College and the Yale University School of Medicine. He completed his pediatric training at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, his neurology training at Johns Hopkins, and his epilepsy, neurophysiology and imaging fellowship at National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

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 to eradicate epilepsy and its consequences.

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