



Penn Medicine

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PENN NEUROMUSCULAR SYMPOSIUM 2026

CME-ACCREDITED SYMPOSIUM

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

7:45 AM – 3:30 PM EDT

Arthur H. Rubenstein Auditorium at the
Smilow Center for Translational Research
3400 Civic Center Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19104

<https://upenn.cloud-cme.com/neuromuscular2026>



PROGRAM OVERVIEW & TARGET AUDIENCE

The annual *Penn Neuromuscular Symposium* will discuss available and novel therapies for patients with neuromuscular disorders ranging from immuno-modulation to gene therapy. Experts will also present clinical cases selected from the Penn neuromuscular clinic to discuss where new diagnostic methods and treatments apply. The course will be interactive and attendees are encouraged to participate and exchange their experience and ask questions as they see fit.



The Symposium will also explain how to enhance collaboration and knowledge exchange among neurologists and other healthcare professionals taking care of this unique patient population, which will also help facilitate enrollment in exciting clinical trials here at Penn.

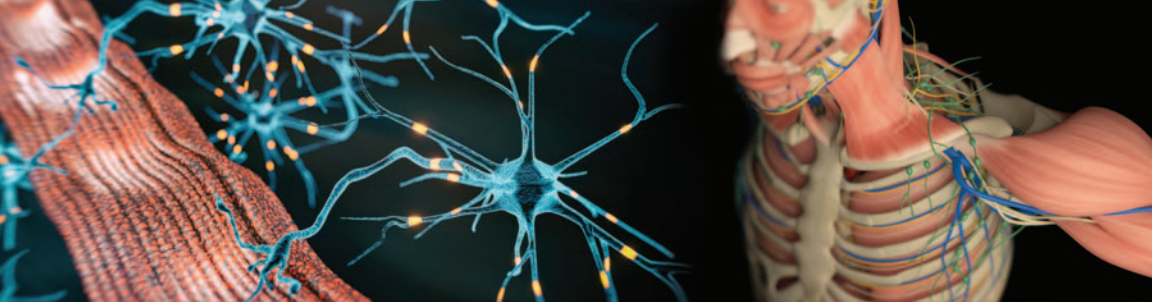
LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon conclusion of this educational activity, the participant will be better able to:

- Describe novel treatments for myasthenia gravis, including emerging therapies and their mechanisms of action.
- Discuss new diagnostic approaches and treatment strategies for neuropathy associated with amyloidosis.
- Discuss the different types of demyelinating neuropathies and outline current approaches to their diagnosis and management.
- Describe novel treatments for spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), including recently approved therapies and emerging clinical trial data.
- Describe current approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary complications in neuromuscular diseases.
- Apply antibody testing in the diagnosis of inflammatory myopathies and describe novel therapies under investigation for their treatment.
- Discuss the role and recent advances of gene therapy in the treatment of hereditary myopathies.
- Discuss challenging clinical cases to enhance diagnostic reasoning and management strategies in neuromuscular disorders.
- Discuss recent advances in the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary neuropathies.

HOSTING DEPARTMENT

The *Penn Neuromuscular Symposium* is hosted by the Department of Neurology at Penn Medicine.



ACCREDITATION



In support of improving patient care, Penn Medicine is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

DESIGNATION OF CREDIT

Physicians: Penn Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 6.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Physician Assistants: AAPA accepts certificates of participation for educational activities certified for 6.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* from organizations accredited by ACCME or a recognized state medical society. PAs may receive a maximum of 6.25 Category 1 credits for completing this activity.

Nurses: This program provides 6.25 NCPD hours.

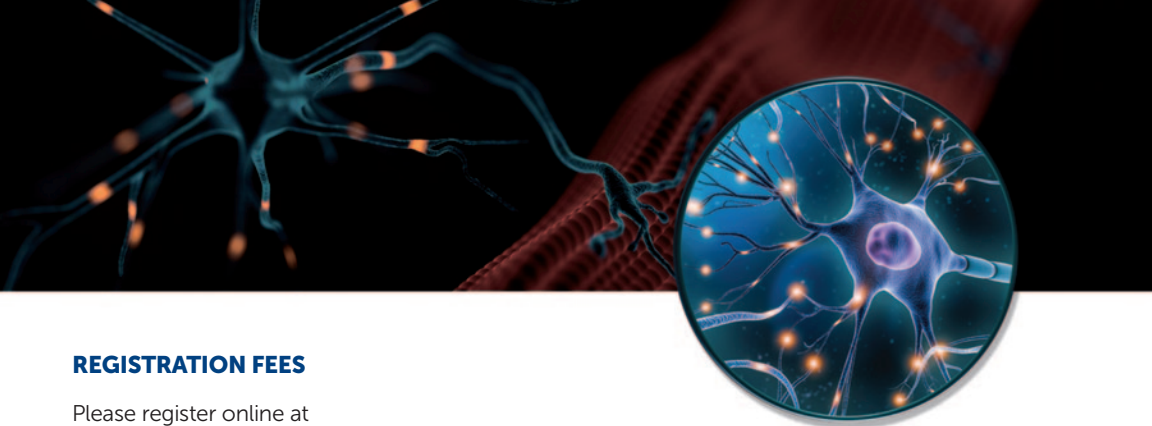
Certificates and Transcripts: After the conference has concluded, all participants will receive a follow-up email with instructions and a link with instructions on how to claim their credit. Once participants submit the request for credit, the earned credits will be available for viewing on your transcript or available for printing at <https://upenn.cloud-cme.com>. Please note that the individual certificate will not be mailed.

LIVE AND VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS

Penn Neuromuscular Symposium will be held Saturday, March 21, 2026 by in-person or live-stream (virtual) attendance. The live and virtual presentations will follow the scheduled agenda in real time (EDT).

IN PERSON MEETING LOCATION

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REGISTRATION FEES

Please register online at
<https://upenn.cloud-cme.com/neuromuscular2026>.

In-person Registration Fees

The fees to attend in-person are as follows: \$125 for physicians and industry attendees, \$75 for nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other healthcare professionals. There is no fee for residents, fellows, students and Penn Medicine Neurology employees, faculty and staff to attend.

All pre-registered, in-person attendees will receive access to the conference, attendee booklet, continental breakfast, lunch and breaks. Registration also includes access to view the presentations online for one year. Walk-ins are discouraged. Please be sure to register in advance.

Live-stream Registration Fees

The fees to attend virtually are as follows: \$100 for physicians and industry attendees, \$50 for nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other healthcare professionals. There is no fee for healthcare professionals from Africa, Asia and Latin America, residents, fellows, students and Penn Medicine Neurology employees, faculty and staff to attend virtually.

All pre-registered virtual attendees will receive an email that includes a link with instructions to sign-in and join the virtual conference 48 hours preceding the symposium, as well as the attendee booklet (downloadable PDF). Registration also includes access to view the presentations online for one year.

Need to Register by Mail?

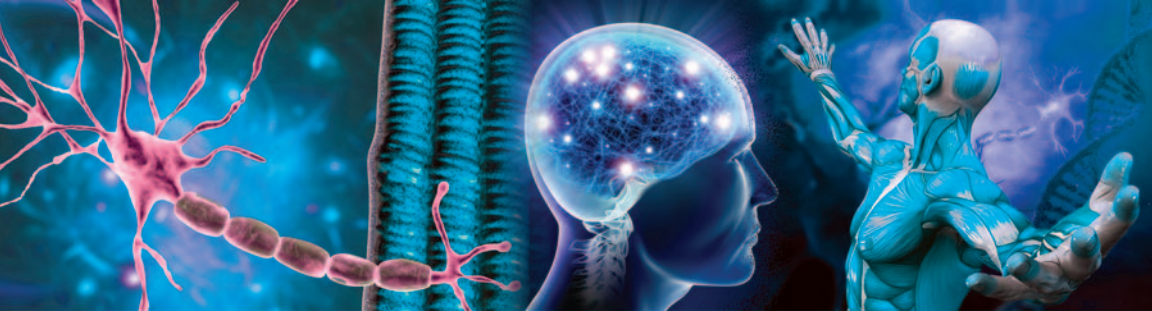
Please note: mailed registrations may take more than 5-10 business days before they are received because we continue to experience longer delays in receiving mail. We encourage all attendees to register online. See the registration form for mailing instructions. All registrations will be confirmed by email as long as your registration is received no later than March 19, 2026.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR SPAM BOX FOR EMAILS REGARDING THIS CONFERENCE.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In order to process refunds for course withdrawals, cancellations must be received in writing by March 6, 2026 (subject to a service charge equivalent to 10% of the registration fee, but no less than \$25.00). No refunds will be issued thereafter.

The University reserves the right to cancel or postpone any course due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event of cancellation or postponement, the University will refund registration fees but is not responsible for related costs or expenses to participants, including cancellation fees assessed by hotels, airlines, and travel agencies.



**Directions to Perelman Center for Advanced Medicine/
Smilow Center for Translational Research:**

The Arthur H. Rubenstein Auditorium at the Smilow Center for Translational Research is located on floor C of the Perelman Center for Academic Research, 3400 Civic Center Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. We strongly recommend you use GPS for exact directions to and from your starting point or if you prefer, take public transportation to and from campus, please visit <http://www.upenn.edu/services/transportation> for options.

Parking: On Saturdays, attendees may park at the Penn Museum Parking Garage, 3220 South Street, Philadelphia, PA. Cost per day for this garage is \$18. Parking fees will not be validated or reimbursed.

Overnight Accommodation within Walking Distance:

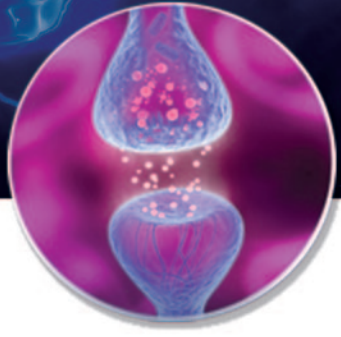
The Study at University City Hotel
20 South 33rd Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
215-387-1400

There is no room block or discounted rate available and rooms are subject to availability.

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AGENDA

- 7:45 AM – 8:20 AM In-Person Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 AM – 8:20 AM Sign into the Virtual Platform (*Virtual Attendees Only*)
- 8:20 AM – 8:30 AM **Welcome**
Chafic Karam, MD

MORNING SESSION

- 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM **How to Incorporate Novel Treatments in Myasthenia Gravis**
Rebecca Hsu, MD
- 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM **Advances in Gene- and RNA-Targeted Therapies for SMA and ALS**
Matthew B. Harms, MD
- 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM **Neuromuscular Case Presentation**
Eduardo Perez, MD
- 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Break
- 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM **Hereditary Neuropathies, Including hATTR – New Insights and Treatments**
Steven S. Scherer, MD, PhD
- 11:00 AM – 11:45 AM **ARTHUR ASBURY ENDOWMENT LECTURE:**
Guillain-Barré Syndrome: The Move to Targeted Therapies
David R. Cornblath, MD
- 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM Lunch Break

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 12:45 PM – 1:15 PM **Novel Therapeutic in Hereditary Muscular Dystrophies**
Lauren Elman, MD
- 1:15 PM – 1:45 PM **Diagnosing and Managing Demyelinating Neuropathies**
Marcus V.R. Pinto, MD
- 1:45 PM – 2:15 PM Break
- 2:15 PM – 2:45 PM **Neuromuscular Case Presentation**
Tyler Crissinger, MD
- 2:45 PM – 3:15 PM **Antibody Testing and Novel Therapies in Inflammatory Myopathies**
Paul McIntosh, MD
- 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM **Questions & Wrap Up**
- 3:30 PM Adjourn

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Please note we are unable to accept faxed registration forms.

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Name (First)	(Last)	
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Address (☐ Affiliation or ☐ Home)		
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REGISTRATION FEES

(pre-payment is required to be officially registered)

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE:

- ☐ Physicians and industry employees – \$125
- ☐ Nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, researchers and other healthcare professionals – \$75
- ☐ There is no fee for residents, fellows, students and Penn Medicine Neurology employees, faculty and staff to attend.

LIVE-STREAM (VIRTUAL) ATTENDANCE:

- ☐ Physicians and industry employees – \$100
- ☐ Nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, researchers and other healthcare professionals – \$50
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- ☐ There is no fee for healthcare professionals from Africa, Asia or Latin America.

PAYMENT METHOD

- If you are paying by check or credit card, please register online at
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- If you are paying by check, you may mail your completed registration form and check made payable to **The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania/CME** to:
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