

2013 Annual Conference Faculty Profiles

Name	Course Track and Profile
 <p>Corrie Adamson, M.D.</p>	<p>Course Track: Advanced IONM</p> <p>Dr. Adamson practices neurosurgery at Duke University, where he serves as Associate Professor of Neurosurgery. He is also Chief of Neurosurgery Durham V.A. Medical Center. His interests include general neurosurgery with focus on neuro-oncology; education of students and residents; and research on brain tumors.</p>
 <p>Susan Agostini, R. EEG/EP T., CLTM</p>	<p>Course Track: LTM/Epilepsy</p> <p>Susan Agostini manages the epilepsy monitoring unit at Banner Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. She has 22 years' experience in the field and is responsible for oversight of the daily operations of the unit. She is also on the ASET Board of Trustees and a member of the American Epilepsy Society, and member of the Board of Directors for the Epilepsy Foundation of Arizona. She also serves as facilitator for the Central Phoenix Epilepsy Empowerment group, and is the recipient of the Epilepsy Foundation of Arizona H.O.P.E award in 2013 – "Helping Open People's Eyes on Epilepsy"</p>
<p>Course Track: ICU Monitoring</p> <p>Jason Alster, MSc</p> <p>Jason has a Master's of Science with a concentration in neurophysiology. He is currently working at a busy neurodiagnostic lab at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut. He was responsible for developing a protocol for continuous EEG monitoring in the Neuro Intensive Care unit there. He has been involved in different aspects of neurodiagnostics and published neurodiagnostics research in the USA and Israel, since 1979. His experience includes routine EEG studies in preemies, children and adults; auditory and visual evoked potentials; long term monitoring; Neuro ICU monitoring; ambulatory monitoring; EMG and nerve conduction testing; sleep wake studies and scoring, behavioral help for neurological and psychiatric patients as a biofeedback therapist especially for insomnia, and neurofeedback for ADHD. He is the recipient of the Mary Carskadon Award for Excellence in Sleep Research by a Technologist for work in long term monitoring in coma in a neuro intensive care unit, testing prognostic abilities of the EEG, Density Spectral Array, ABEP, and Circadian Temperature Rhythms.</p>	
 <p>T. J. Amdurs, R. EEG T., M.S.</p>	<p>Course Track: Professional Development</p> <p>T.J. works in the Neurodiagnostic Lab at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He has been in the field for nineteen years, and has extensive experience as a lab manager. He has a Master's Degree in Professional Leadership and has a special interest in lab management skills. He is currently serving a term on the ASET Board of Trustees.</p>

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	<p>Course Track: Trends in IONM</p> <p>Dr. Anderson works with pediatric patients at Seattle Children's Hospital, where he is the Director of the Department of Anesthesia and Pain Management. He specializes in providing anesthesia for neurological surgeries that require IONM. He is in the forefront of research and development of new techniques and has published scholarly works.</p>
	<p>Course Track: EEG Key Topics</p> <p>Dr. Ardeshta practices neurology at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is the Director of the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit there. His expertise includes epilepsy surgery and interpretation of EEG and Long Term Monitoring studies.</p>
	<p>Course Track: Trends in IONM</p> <p>Dr. Balzer has always been a popular IONM presenter. He speaks nationally and internationally. He has completed two fellowships at the University of Pittsburgh and his daily work includes administration of IONM services at 12 University of Pittsburgh hospitals, teaching of technologists, fellows and residents. He is involved in research and has authored peer reviewed articles and chapters in textbooks.</p>
	<p>Course Track: Evoked Potentials</p> <p>Denise has been in the field of Neurodiagnostics for eighteen years and has always put education first. She now serves as faculty for the Neurodiagnostic Program at the Institute of Health Science. She has been working on her Doctorate in Health Administration.</p>
	<p>Course Track: Sundown Seminar - Updates in Sleep Medicine</p> <p>Scott has experience as a manager in a busy sleep medicine company and now works for a company that provides dental appliances for the treatment of sleep disorders. He is currently serving a term on the ASET Board of Trustees and also on the ASET Grass Roots Committee. He believes in taking a proactive approach to changes in the field, and will provide an overview of current changes in sleep medicine which will impact PSG Technologist jobs.</p>

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	<p>Course Track: LTM/Epilepsy</p> <p>Dr. Das is an attending epileptologist at the Indiana University Health Campus in Indianapolis, IN. He completed an epilepsy fellowship at Harvard University and is Board Certified in Neurology. He will be presenting an overview of the various EEG patterns seen in coma.</p>
	<p>Course Track: LTM/Epilepsy</p> <p>Dr. Drazkowski works at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, AZ and the Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center in Phoenix. He is the Director of the EEG services and Co-Director of the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center. He gave the ASET Ellen Grass Lecture in 2010. Since he was a technologist prior to going to medical school, he has a very special connection and appreciation of the role we play in the neurodiagnostic team. His enthusiasm is motivating and he collects fascinating video and EEG case studies.</p>
<p>Course Track: Educator's Workshop - Innovative Teaching Methods</p> <p>Jean Farley, R. EEG T., M.A.</p> <p>Jean is the long-time Program Director for the Laboure' College Neurodiagnostic Program in Boston. She also teaches at Northeastern University.</p>	
	<p>Course Track: LTM/Epilepsy</p> <p>Susan comes to us from Duke University where she works as a team leader and senior neurodiagnostic technologist. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Health Communications Degree at Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI. She has authored several articles for the ASET Journal in the past and has served as an Associate Examiner for ABRET.</p>
<p>Course Track: Trends in IONM</p> <p>Clare Gale, R. EEG/EP T., CNIM, FASNM, CRTT</p> <p>Clare is well known to ASET conference attendees as a frequent speaker on IONM topics. She has a wealth of experience and knowledge to share. She is enthusiastic about IONM education. She has been involved in IONM for over twenty-four years and owns her own IONM company.</p>	
	<p>Course Track: Kathleen Mears Memorial Lecture and ICU Monitoring</p> <p>Sabrina is the Director of Neurodiagnostic Operations for Neuromonitoring Technologies, Inc. (NMT). She has over thirty years' experience in neurophysiology and has always had a special interest in ICU monitoring. In her current role she is expanding services to include continuous EEG in the ICU and EMU. She is past president of ASET and has authored numerous peer reviewed Journal articles and has contributed to chapters in textbooks on the topics of IONM and EEG.</p>

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Kathryn Hansen,
R. EEG T., B.S, CPC

Course Track: Professional Development

Kathryn works as a health care consultant, is credentialed in billing and coding and is self-employed. Her expertise includes advanced billing and coding and Electronic Medical Record integration. She serves as faculty at the Kentucky Community and Technical College and Med Tech College, teaching practice management.

Course Track: ICU Monitoring

Leah Hanson, R. EEG/EP T.

Leah Hanson has worked in neurodiagnostics for many years, and has experience in the clinical setting as well as working with instrument companies in research and design and training and education. She currently works for RhythmLink and her expertise in electrode design and interface will contribute greatly to her topic on electrode options for long term recordings.



Larry Head, R. EEG/
EP T., CNIM, RPSGT,
RST, FASET

Course Track: Evoked Potentials

Larry is well known to technologists as a dynamic speaker. He is a past recipient of the Theda Sannit Outstanding Educator Award. He has been a professional educator for many years and has built his own neurodiagnostic education company. He has a talent for making learning fun.



Robert Holdefer,
Ph.D., DABNM

Course Track: Trends in IONM

Dr. Holdefer is a neurophysiologist in the intraoperative neuromonitoring program at University of Washington, which provides services to three hospitals in Seattle. He also teaches graduate students in the Rehabilitation Medicine Department. He is chairman of the Research and Investigation Special Interest Group of ASNM and is involved in an evidence based systematic review of IONM during surgeries for spinal deformities.

Course Track: Educator's Workshop - Student Recruitment and Success: A National Perspective

Wendy Howerter, Ed.D.

Wendy is the Dean of the Neurodiagnostic Technology Program at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, IL. She has Doctorate in Education with a focus on Executive Leadership, teaches business and information technology, and has administrative experience in health care and education.

Course Track: NCS Key Topics

Janet James, R. EEG T., R.NCS.T., CNCT

Janet's everyday work includes many nerve conduction studies working with four physicians in her busy EMG lab at White-Wilson Hospital in Florida. She has 28 years' experience and also currently serving as co-chair for tech education for the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine. She excels at coaching learners through hands-on skill training.

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Course Track: Sundown Seminar - CLTM Board Prep Workshop

Stephanie Jordan, R. EEG/EP T., CNIM, CLTM

Stephanie is the lab manager at Swedish Hospital in Seattle, WA where she also works with students from the nearby Bellevue Community College Neurodiagnostic Program. She supervises the Long-Term Monitoring Unit at Swedish and she is also serving a term as an ASET representative to the Committee on Accreditation of Neurodiagnostic Technology Programs.

Course Track: Pediatrics Neurodiagnostics

The Kennedy Krieger Team: Joshua Ewen, M.D. and Valerie Paasch, Ph.D.

The Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore, MD provides a unique and comprehensive approach to the diagnosis and treatment of children with neurological disorders and developmental disabilities. Doctors Ewen and Paasch will be co-presenters for this interactive workshop that will provide an overview of the techniques they have developed to help their patients get through the process of lead placement and recording for EEG and PSGs.



Ryan Lau, R. EEG/EP T., CNIM, CLTM, M.S.

Course Track: ICU Monitoring

Ryan is the Director of Neurophysiology at the Indiana University Health System. He is responsible for managing all facets of the Neurophysiology Department which includes the following services: EEG, EP, NCS, EMG, IONM, and Long Term Monitoring including ICU Neuro-telemetry and the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit. The Neuro-telemetry unit services one of the largest patient populations for neurological critical care in the country, and offers innovative technology. Ryan has expertise in all facets of ICU monitoring and was invited to speak on this topic at the 2013 Hans Berger Symposium in Richmond, VA. He is also on the ASET Board of Trustees.

Course Track: Pediatric Neurodiagnostics

Sharon Liner, R. EEG T.

Sharon works at the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston and has many years' experience working with the pediatric patient population. She also works with students from the Alvin Community College Neurodiagnostic Technology Program.



Ann Little, M.D.

Course Track: NCS Key Topics

Dr. Little is an attending neurologist at the University of Michigan. She specializes in treating Neuromuscular Diseases including amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, neuropathies, myopathies and disorders of neuromuscular transmission such as myasthenia gravis. She uses EMG and nerve conduction to aid in the diagnosis for her patients.

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 <p>Jaime Lopez, M.D.</p>	<p>Course Track: Advanced IONM</p> <p>Dr. Lopez is widely recognized in the Neurodiagnostic community. He is active with the American Clinical Neurophysiology Society and contributes to the establishment of guidelines for IONM. He is a past Ellen Grass Lecturer. He specializes in IONM at Stanford University in California. He is also currently on the ABRET Lab NIOM Board and he will discuss the benefits of obtaining accreditation of an IONM service and will provide an overview of the process.</p>
 <p>Eli Mizrahi, M.D.</p>	<p>Course Track: Pediatric Neurodiagnostics</p> <p>Dr. Mizrahi is an internationally recognized expert on neonatal EEG and neurology. He works at the Baylor Clinic System in Houston, Texas. He is Chief of Neurophysiology at St. Luke's Hospital. He has authored many scientific and medical journal articles and is a contributing author to the text "The Atlas of Neonatal EEG".</p>
<p>Course Track: NCS Topics</p> <p>Jerry Morris, R.NCS.T., CNCT, M.S.</p> <p>Jerry frequently serves as faculty for ASET Nerve Conduction courses. He is nationally recognized as an expert in this skill and is also an exceptional presenter. He is a recipient of the ASET Theda Sannit Outstanding Educator Award. He has given over 100 lectures for ASET so far!</p>	
 <p>Elizabeth Mullikin, R. EEG/EP T., CNIM, FACHE, MPA, M.A., MNM</p>	<p>Course Track: Professional Development</p> <p>Elizabeth has been a neurodiagnostic professional for many years and has worked her way up the career ladder through various levels of lab management. She is currently the regional service line executive for neuroscience in the Sutter Health system of San Francisco Bay. She is responsible for the daily oversight of quality patient care, service line growth and physician resources. Elizabeth was the Kathleen Mears Lecturer at the 2011 ASET Annual Conference.</p>
 <p>Sherry Nehamkin, R. EEG/EP T., CNIM, CLTM, FASET</p>	<p>Course Track: LTM/Epilepsy</p> <p>Sherry works as an LTM Reader at the Cleveland Clinic where she remotely reviews LTM recordings from various locations. Since patients come from all over the world to be treated at the Cleveland Clinic epilepsy centers, she has the opportunity to see a wide variety of seizures and a diverse patient population. She will share her expertise in seizure assessment.</p>
<p>Course Track: Advanced IONM</p> <p>Greg Niznik, CNIM, DABNM</p> <p>Greg is the CEO of a Neuro Monitoring Company in Marietta, GA. He has many years' in Intraoperative Neuromonitoring and has taught fellows and residents this specialty.</p>	

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James Riviello, M.D.

Course Track: Pediatric Neurodiagnostics

Dr. Riviello is a pediatric epileptologist and is the current Medical Editor for the ASET Neurodiagnostic Journal. He works with patients at the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center at New York University. He has a long-standing interest in pediatric epilepsy, epilepsy surgery, the pediatric epileptic encephalopathies, clinical neurophysiology, and pediatric neurocritical care. He has been involved in the production of national and international guidelines for pediatric epilepsy surgery, the diagnostic assessment of status epilepticus, the treatment of status epilepticus, and continuous EEG monitoring for neonatal seizures.

Course Track: Evoked Potentials

Mark Ryland, AuD, R. EP T., R.NCS.T., CNCT, RPSGT

Mark has been a frequent speaker for ASET seminars, annual courses and webinars. He is the recipient of the ASET Theda Sannit Outstanding Educator Award. He is full time faculty for the Cuyahoga Community College Neurodiagnostic Program. He has achieved his doctorate degree in audiology. He is an energetic speaker and incorporates humor in his presentations.

Course Track: Sundown Seminars - Autonomic Testing Workshop

James Schmelzer, B.S.

James works in the Autonomic Testing Lab at the Mayo Clinic. He will share his expertise in this fascinating diagnostic specialty.



Erica Seagrave,
R. EEG/EP T., CNIM

Course Track: Trends in IONM

Erica is the CEO of an IONM service and has been in the field since 1995. She is passionate about her work and about sharing her expertise. She has trained many clinicians and is a frequent speaker at national and international meetings. She will be facilitating an interactive workshop to solve problems that may occur during intraoperative neuromonitoring.



Mark Stecker, M.D.,
Ph.D., FASNM,
DABNM

Course Track: EEG Key Topics

Dr. Stecker is Chairman of the Neuroscience Program at Winthrop University Hospital on Long Island, NY. He has served as faculty and program director for Neurodiagnostic Technology Programs in the past. He has published over 80 articles in medical journals. He is a talented presenter with a wide range of interests. His appreciation of technologists shines through whenever he gives a presentation.

Course Track: LTM/Epilepsy

Pat Trudeau, R. EEG T., CLTM

Pat is a long-time ASET member who works at the Marshfield Clinic in Wisconsin. She is also serving a term on the ABRET Board of Trustees. She has many years' experience in working with Long Term Monitoring. She is witty and upbeat and is also known as the M.C. for the Synapse Bowl! She will be presenting a heartfelt lecture about intractable epilepsy.

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 <p style="text-align: center;">Dennis Turner, M.A., M.D.</p>	<p>Course Track: Advanced IONM</p> <p>Dr. Turner is a Professor, of Neurosurgery and Neurobiology at Duke University. He practices at Duke University Medical Center. His current responsibilities include clinical care, specializing in movement disorders, stereotactic neurosurgery, and complex spine abnormalities. His special interests include Intraoperative Neuromonitoring and ICU Monitoring. Current clinical research interests include clinical trials in Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, deep brain stimulation for depression, and sensory restoration for development of brain machine interfaces.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Jennifer Walcoff R. EEG T., CNIM</p>	<p>Course Track: EEG Key Topics</p> <p>Jennifer is the lead technologist and epilepsy coordinator at Johnson City Medical Center in Tennessee. She has been in the field for over ten years. She has spoken at ASET educational events as well as regional society meetings. She has also served on several ASET committees and is a newly elected member of the ASET Board of Trustees.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">James Watt, B.S., CNIM, R. EP T.</p>	<p>Course Track: Advanced IONM</p> <p>James is the Program Director of the IONM training program at the Larry Head Institute. He has over fifteen years' experience in IONM, and has been an educator for over 10 years. He is a past ASNM Board Member, editor of ASNM's publication "The Monitor. He has given presentations at ASET, ASNM, MSET, ISET and CSET meetings and has served as a volunteer in Ghana, Malawi and Barbados as neuromonitorist and educator.</p>
<p>Course Track: Sundown Seminar - EEG Board Prep Workshop Kirsten Yelvington, R. EEG T., CLTM</p> <p>Kirsten manages a very busy LTM Unit at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL. She is involved in teaching other technologists and has a keen interest in neurophysiology. She graduated from the neurodiagnostic program at the Shands Teaching Hospital and became an R. EEG T. in 1994.</p>	