

# Interagency Collaborative to Accelerate Research on Epilepsy (ICARE)

## Meeting Agenda - May 28, 2025

Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd, Bethesda, MD

NSC conference room 1255

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- 10:30am – 10:45am**     **Welcome – Dr. Ann Poduri, MD, Deputy Director, NINDS**
- 10:45am – 12:05pm**     **ICARE Member Research Updates**
- 10:45am - 11:05am     NIH/NINDS – Ann Poduri, Deputy Director NINDS
- 11:05am - 11:35am     Epilepsy Foundation (EF) – Caitlin Grzeskowiak, PhD, Chief Research and Innovation Officer EF
- 11:35am - 12:05pm     American Epilepsy Society (AES) – Wendy-Jo Toyama, MBA, FASAE, CAE, Chief Executive Officer AES
- 12:05pm – 12:30pm**     **ICARE Portfolio Analysis Update**
- Miriam Leenders, PhD, Program Director, NINDS
- 12:30pm – 1:30pm**     **Lunch Break**
- 1:30pm – 4:00pm**     **Progress and challenges in PTE research**
- 1:30pm - 1:45pm     Introduction – Ben Churn, PhD, Program Director, NINDS
- 1:45pm - 1:55pm     Reason for Studying PTE - Jack Somers, Captain, US Military, retired
- 1:55pm – 2:05pm     PTE Funding Investment – Melissa Miller, PhD, Program Manager Epilepsy Research Program, CDMRP, DOD / Miriam Leenders, PhD, Program Director, NINDS
- 2:05pm – 2:25pm     Moving Forward: Progress, Roadblocks and Pathways (Part 1)
- Growing our bench of researchers: P-TERC and CDMRP - Ramon Diaz-Arrastia, MD, PhD, University of Pennsylvania
- Progress in treating the veteran population - David C. McCarthy Jr., MD, VA Center for Excellence
- Team Science: (1) EpiBios4Rx Study - Aristeia Galanopoulou, MD, PhD, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
- (2) PABI - Elaine O-Loughlin, PhD, Associate Director Research Initiatives, CURE Epilepsy

**2:25pm – 2:40pm Break**

2:40pm – 3:00pm Moving Forward: Progress, Roadblocks and Pathways (Part 2)

Modelling Clinical Systems - Amy Wagner, MD, University of Pittsburgh

Roadblocks to Data/Sample Sharing - Paul Vespa, MD, University of California Los Angeles

3:00pm – 3:30pm Moderated panel discussion and Q&A

**3:30pm Closing Remarks and Meeting Wrap-up**