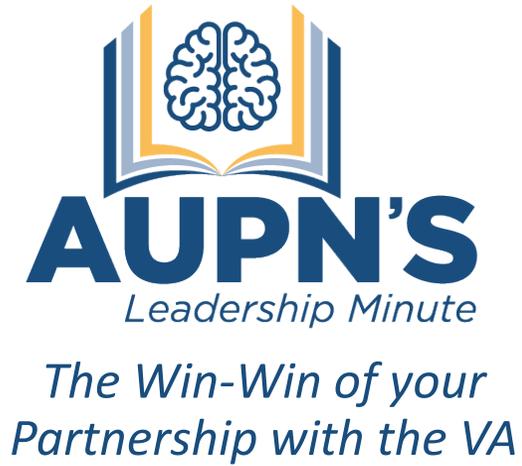




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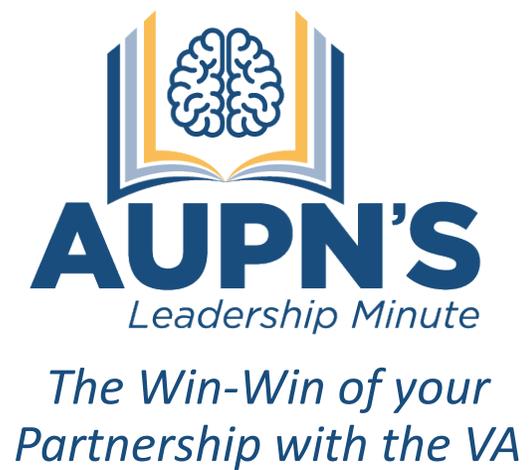
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# Value of the VA: Neurology Chair's Perspective

- **Funding: Faculty Line**
  - VA Supports Resident and Medical Student Education as a Core Mission
  - Residency & Medical Student Program Directors' Education Time
  - Joint University/VA positions
- **Funding: Resident Positions**
  - Core Neurology Residency Positions
  - Fellowship Funding
- **Funding: Research**
  - VA Merit Review Grants & FT Research Positions & Others
- **Joint Strategic Planning**
  - Good VA Chief is critical
- Excellent Site for Medical Student and Resident Education

# Partnering with the VA: Clinical care

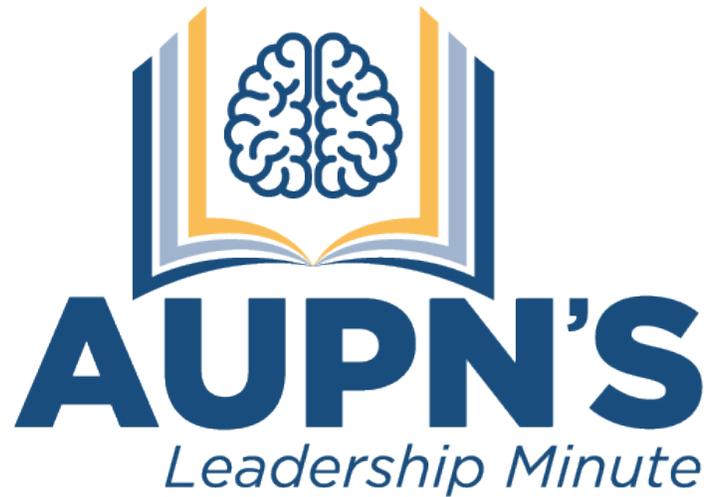
- **Joint University/VA positions offer staff additional subspecialty opportunities**
  - Locally, or regionally/nationally via Telehealth
    - VA National Telestroke Program
    - VA National TeleNeurology Program
    - ALS multidisciplinary clinics
    - Epilepsy Centers of Excellence
    - Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence
    - Parkinson's Disease Research Education & Clinical Centers

# Partnering with the VA: Education

- **Educational funding, proportional to VA time**
  - Faculty effort for medical student & resident education
  - Residency and fellowship positions
- **Advanced fellowships (non-GME, full time)**
  - Specialized clinical & research interests post-residency
    - Geriatric Neurology, Polytrauma & TBI Rehabilitation, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease, Spinal Cord Injury Research, Patient Safety, Health Services Research, Medical Informatics, Health Professions Education Research
  - [Advanced Fellowships - Office of Academic Affiliations](#)

# Partnering with the VA: Research

- **Types of research supported include:**
  - Clinical Science
    - VA Center for Cooperative Studies infrastructure for multi-center clinical trials
  - Health Services
  - Basic Science
- **Mechanisms of grant support for VA faculty**
  - Career Development Awards (K equivalent)
  - Merit Awards (R01 equivalent)
  - Those employed by VA at least 25h/week are eligible



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