

My name is Gauri Pawar and I am the Vice Chair for Education and Residency Program Director at West Virginia University School of Medicine. Medical education is my passion and I have had multiple opportunities to pursue my passion.

Residency In-service Training Examination (RITE) Advisory Panel of the AAN was the launch pad of my career. I joined the panel as a member in 2005. I became the Chair of that panel for three two-year terms, ending in 2017. It was one of the most gratifying experiences of my career. It also gave me an opportunity to serve on the AAN's Graduate Education Subcommittee and Examination Subcommittee. I currently serve as a member of the NeuroSAE/Question of the day workgroup and eLearning subcommittee for the AAN since October 2018.

My enthusiasm for teaching and education has been recognized by learners and I have received five "Resident Teaching Awards". Recently, I was humbled to be recognized on a larger scale by receiving the 2020 AAN "Program Director Recognition Award".

Since 2017, I have represented the AAN on the Neurology Review Committee (NRC) of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). It has been an exciting time collaborating on the NRC with talented clinician educators, making necessary revisions not only to the core neurology program requirements but also to fellowships in clinical neurophysiology, epilepsy, neuromuscular and pain medicine. Although the NRC work requires a significant time commitment, I have found the work to be challenging and thought-provoking, requiring collaboration within the NRC as well as with other Review Committees. My skills and work on the NRC have been recognized by the other committee members and I am currently serving an elected two-year term as the Vice Chair of the NRC.

Other national positions I hold include representing the AAN as a member of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology Maintenance of Certification (MOC) article-based Pilot Project since 2018. In the past, I served as an ABPN oral examiner for seven years, working with 4 different ABPN Directors. As a member of the Association for University Professors of Neurology (AUPN) Program Director Liaisons Group since 2017, I have collaborated with other team members to create consistent communication between residency program directors and department chairs nationally.

An important role for me is mentoring. I enjoy mentoring medical students, residents, junior faculty, and peers locally and nationally. I served as a mentor on AAN's first Director Mentorship Leadership Program last year and have been active on Resident Leadership Subcommittee since 2013. I have been involved in mentoring many medical students over the years to pursue a career in neurology. As the only female full professor in our department, I take pride in listening and mentoring all faculty who seek my advice and serve as a role model for junior faculty within our department and at our institution.

Thank you.