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Dr. Nelson is a first-generation physician who hails originally from Iowa, where he was introduced to neuroscience at the University of Iowa. Attending Michigan State University as an Alumni Distinguished Scholar, he majored in Zoological Neuroscience, graduating with high honors and Lyman Briggs Distinction. Student president of his medical school AMA and SIGN chapters before graduating the Mayo Clinic with a Master's in Molecular Neuroscience via the NIH's Ruth L. Kirchstein National Research Service Award, he received the Zumbro Valley Medical Society's Outstanding Young Leader Award as well as awards of appreciation from the Mayo Clinic, the Minnesota Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. Completing pediatric residency at what is now Rutgers, he trained in child neurology at Columbia where he served as chief resident and was selected New York Presbyterian Hospital's combined Columbia / Cornell campus resident/fellow of the month. Completing fellowship in clinical neurophysiology at NYU Langone Health with a focus on pediatric epilepsy, Dr. Nelson was given the opportunity to stay on at NYU, where he started the pediatric epilepsy monitoring program at Bellevue Hospital--the nation's oldest continuously operating public hospital. He now directs both adult and pediatric epilepsy at Bellevue for the flagship epilepsy program within New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation--the largest public health care system in the United States. Child neurology residency program director at NYU Grossman School of Medicine since 2014, he has taken part in their neurology department's ground-breaking educational work including nationally-recognized endeavors pushing the envelope in neurologic simulation. Recognized via multiple local and national teaching awards, Dr. Nelson has over 20 peer-reviewed publications on topics ranging from neurology education to pediatric epilepsy. He serves on national committees for several professional organizations and has been elected Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Neurology, and the Child Neurology Society.