



ISEN Annual Meeting

ISEN 34th Annual Meeting Program



ISEN
International Society for
ECT and Neurostimulation

18 May, 2025 8:00am - 6:00pm

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Los Angeles Downtown

120 South Los Angeles Street
Los Angeles, California 90012



Join Us for a Productive ECT
& Neurostimulation Event!

Contact Information
events@isen-ect.org

Sunday, May 18, 2025

ABOUT ISEN

The International Society for ECT and Neurostimulation (ISEN) is a global organization dedicated to advancing the safe, ethical, and effective use of Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) and other neurostimulation treatments. Since its founding in 1976, ISEN has become a leading voice in education, research, and advocacy for these essential mental health treatments.

Mission: To strengthen the practice of ECT and neurostimulation through education, training, research, advocacy, and international collaboration.

Vision: Improving the lives of patients with severe neuropsychiatric illnesses through accessible, high-quality neurostimulation treatments. Key activities of the society include:

- The Journal of ECT – ISEN's official publication
- Annual Meeting & Scientific Program – Featuring world-renowned experts
- ECT Certification Courses – Recognized globally for excellence
- Webinars, Task Forces & Panels – Addressing critical issues in neurostimulation
- International Partnerships & Advocacy – Expanding treatment access worldwide

ISEN Annual Meeting & ECT Certificate Course

2025 marks ISEN's 34th Annual Meeting, featuring plenary sessions, expert presentations, and a poster session covering ECT, TMS, and emerging brain stimulation therapies. The ECT Certificate Course includes didactic and practicum sessions, culminating in an online certificate exam.

Members receive discounted registration rates.

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VENUE & ACCOMMODATIONS



Venue Information:

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Los Angeles Downtown
120 South Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles,
California, 90012

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/laxdtdt-doubletree-los-angeles-downtown/>

Located in the heart of Downtown LA, the Hilton DoubleTree offers a modern and dynamic setting for meetings and events. Just steps away from Little Tokyo and the Arts District, this venue blends convenience with a vibrant local atmosphere. Featuring state-of-the-art facilities and ample breakout spaces, it's the perfect place for collaboration and creativity. Enjoy a stylish environment, freshly prepared catering, and the renowned hospitality that Hilton is known for.

Accommodations:

Attendees are responsible for booking overnight accommodation if needed. A block of rooms has not been reserved at any hotel.

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IMPORTANT EVENT NOTES

Refund Policy

A refund of the registration fee, less an \$85 processing fee, will be made when an email written request followed by an email-written confirmation is received two weeks prior to the event start date. After this time, refunds cannot be made. Fees will not be refunded for failure to participate. The sponsors of the course reserve the right to cancel or postpone any conference because of unforeseen circumstances or insufficient enrollment. In the event of such cancellations, full tuition will be refunded. ISEN reserves the right to refuse registration, or refund registration fees, to any person whose presence has the potential to be disruptive and/or not consistent with the mission and goals of the organization.

Event Format and Digital Materials

The ISEN Annual Meeting is an in-person event, bringing together leading experts and professionals in the field of neurostimulation. To ensure accessibility, video recordings of the meeting will be made available to registrants approximately one week after the event. However, continuing education credits (CME) will only be available for sessions attended in person.

ECT Certificate Course

The ECT Certificate Course is designed as an immersive, hands-on learning experience and will be offered exclusively in person. Due to the nature of the training, this course will not be recorded. Attendees must be present to complete the course requirements and obtain certification. Registrants will have access to program materials, including slide sets provided by speakers in advance, through a password-protected page on the ISEN website.

Disclosure of Commercial Relationships

In compliance with the ACCME Standards for Commercial Support, all individuals in a position to control/influence the content of this activity are required to disclose relevant financial interests with any commercial interests and/or non-FDA approved use of a drug or a device that is included in the presentation.

Enhancing Communication

If you require assistance with hearing or vision to make this conference accessible to you, please email events@isen-ect.org at least three weeks prior to the event date.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION LANGUAGE STATEMENT

Continuing Education (CE) Language Statement

International Society for ECT & Neurostimulation (ISEN)
34th ISEN Annual Meeting
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Live

Joint Accreditation Statement



JOINTLY ACCREDITED PROVIDER™
INTERPROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by Amedco LLC and **International Society for ECT & Neurostimulation (ISEN)**. Amedco LLC is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Amedco Joint Accreditation #4008163.

Professions in scope for this activity are listed below.

Physicians (ACCME) Credit Designation

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.

Nurses (ANCC) Credit Designation

This activity has been approved for ANCC contact hours.

Psychologists (APA) Credit Designation



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ASSOCIATION

This course is co-sponsored by Amedco and ISEN. Amedco is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Amedco maintains responsibility for this program and its content.



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PROGRAM

Morning Sessions

7:30am – 8:30am

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00am – 8:30am

Update on the Society and Welcome & Opening Remarks

Daniel Maixner, MD, ISEN President & Irving Reti, MBBS, ISEN Program Committee Chair

Beyond Depression: Other Indications for ECT

8:30am – 9:00am

ECT in Catatonia Associated with Autoimmune Encephalitis

Sohag Sanghani, MD, MPH, ISEN Secretary

9:00am – 9:30am

Pediatric Catatonia: Diagnosis and Treatment

James Luccarelli, MD, DPhil

9:30am – 10:00am

ECT-AD: Advancing Evidence to Support the Safety and Efficacy of ECT for the Treatment of Agitation in Dementia

Brent Forrester, MD, MSc.

10:00am – 10:30am

Does ECT have a Role in Treatment-Resistant PTSD?

Nagy Youssef, MD, PhD

10:30am – 10:45am

Break

10:45am – 11:15am

Q&A Session

11:15am – 12:00pm

Cannabis and ECT – How Little We Know

Dr. Henry Levine

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PROGRAM

Afternoon Sessions

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Awards Luncheon

- **2025 Trainee Travel Awards** presented by Daniel Maixner, MD, ISEN President
- **Best Abstract by a Trainee Award** presented by Phern-Chern Tor, MBBS, MMed (Psy) – Treasurer, ISEN
- **Best Abstract Award** presented by Sohag Sanghani, MD, MPH, ISEN Secretary
- **Best Publication, Journal of ECT Award** presented by Randall Espinoza, MD, MPH – The Journal of ECT, Editor
- **Mary Rosedale Patient Advocacy Award** presented by Donna Ecklesdafer, MSN, RN – Nursing Committee Chair

ECT Stigma and Advocacy

1:30pm – 2:15pm

Challenging Stigma and Attitudes Towards ECT using an Educational Video

Shanthi Sarma, MBBS RANZCP FPOA and collaborator Titta Gigante

2:15pm – 2:45pm

ECT for Forensically Involved Patients: Challenges & Successes

Peter B. Rosenquist, MD

2:45pm – 3:00pm

Question & Answer Session



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Afternoon Sessions

3:00pm – 3:15pm

Break

Studies in Neuromodulation

3:15pm – 3:45pm

Recover: A National (USA), a multisite, prospective, randomized, double-blind, pivotal trial of VNS antidepressant efficacy in Medicare Patients

Charles R. Conway, MD

3:45pm – 4:15pm

Clinical Outcomes comparing MST and ECT in Patients with Depression

Daniel M. Blumberger, MD

4:15pm – 4:45pm

Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation for Refractory Mood Disorders

Daphne Voineskos, BMBS, PhD, FRCPC

4:45pm – 5:00pm

Question and Answer Session

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Poster Session & Closing Reception



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ANNUAL MEETING FACULTY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Rebecca Morgan, MPA, APR - Executive Director, ISEN
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ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FEES

Category	Early Bird Rates	Regular Rates	Onsite Rates
ISEN Physician Members	\$490	\$550	\$600
ISEN Other Clinician Members	\$490	\$550	\$600
ISEN Nurse Members	\$175	\$200	\$225
ISEN Residents/Fellows/Student Members	\$175	\$200	\$225
Non-Member Physicians	\$870	\$950	\$1,050
Non-Member Other Clinicians	\$870	\$950	\$1,050
Non-Member Nurses	\$275	\$300	\$325
Non-Member Residents/Fellows/Students*	\$275	\$300	\$325

*Requires status verification - Registration

Visit www.ISEN-ect.org to register online.

All registrants must submit a current copy of their medical license, or practice equivalent, in order to participate in this event. You will be able to upload such documentation after you register. Documentation must be uploaded to your ISEN account by April 26, 2024. Trainee and student registrants must verify their status via an enrollment verification letter. Email such documentation to contact@isen-ect.org. International registrants may be eligible for reduced pricing. To learn more, and to join or renew your membership, please visit www.isen-ect.org/membership.

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EXHIBITOR TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Convening Organization and Show Management

The International Society for ECT and Neurostimulation (ISEN) is the convening organization and show management for the ISEN Annual Meeting, to be held on May 18, 2025, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Los Angeles Downtown. For inquiries, please contact events@isen-ect.org.

2. Eligible Exhibits

ISEN reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any company or product for exhibition and to reject or limit exhibit applications at its discretion.

3. Installation, Show, and Dismantling

Exhibitors must adhere to the designated setup, exhibition, and teardown schedules as outlined in the Exhibitor Prospectus. Early dismantling is not permitted without written permission from ISEN. Any materials left behind without instructions will be discarded.

4. Cancellation, Withdrawal, or Reductions in Space

- Exhibitors must provide written notice of cancellation to ISEN. Refunds will be issued as follows:
- More than 90 days before the event: 50% cancellation fee applies.
- Less than 90 days before the event: No refunds.
- ISEN reserves the right to reassign booth space.

5. Space Assignments and Subleasing

Booth assignments will follow the procedures outlined in the exhibitor contract. Exhibitors may not sublease or reassign their space or equipment without prior written approval from ISEN.

6. Relocation of Exhibits

ISEN reserves the right to modify the floor plan or relocate exhibitors if necessary. Any changes will be communicated in advance.

7. Limitations on Exhibits

ISEN reserves the right to remove any exhibit or representative that is deemed inappropriate, disruptive, or unethical. Exhibitors must ensure all fees are paid in full before the event. No exhibitor may host an event conflicting with the official meeting schedule without written approval.

8. Music, Audio Effects, Photography, and Videotaping

Music and audio-visual presentations must be at a reasonable volume and not disrupt neighboring exhibits.

Photography and video recording of exhibits is only permitted with the exhibitor's consent.

9. Copyright Compliance

Exhibitors must obtain proper licensing for any copyrighted material, including music or video, used in their exhibit. ISEN is not responsible for any copyright violations by exhibitors.

10. Security

ISEN will provide general security; however, it is not responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to exhibitor property. Exhibitors are encouraged to carry their own insurance.

11. Applicable Laws

Exhibitors must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, including those regarding fire safety, health regulations, and hazardous materials. All displays must be fireproof.

12. Limitation of Liability

ISEN, its officers, directors, employees, and agents, as well as the conference venue and service contractors, shall not be held liable for any loss, damage, injury, or business interruption related to the exhibit. Exhibitors assume all responsibility for their participation and agree to indemnify ISEN against any claims.

13. Insurance

Exhibitors are responsible for their own liability insurance. ISEN does not provide coverage for exhibitor property. Upon request, exhibitors must provide proof of coverage, including general liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000 for personal injury liability and \$500,000 for property damage.

14. Force Majeure

If the ISEN Annual Meeting is canceled, postponed, or modified due to unforeseen circumstances beyond ISEN's control (e.g., natural disasters, government regulations, strikes, pandemics), ISEN shall not be held liable for any resulting financial loss to exhibitors.

15. Termination of Right to Exhibit

ISEN reserves the right to terminate an exhibitor's participation without refund if they fail to comply with these terms, violate ethical or professional standards, or engage in disruptive behavior.

16. Exhibitor Rules and Regulations

- Booth Construction & Show Services
- Standard booth setups must not exceed 8 feet in height.
- Exhibits must not obstruct neighboring booths or walkways.
- Additional booth decorations and equipment are available through ISEN's official service provider at the exhibitor's expense.

17. Use of Display Space

Exhibitor booths must be staffed during all exhibit hours.

18. Direct sales of merchandise or equipment from booths is prohibited without prior written approval.

ISEN logos or branding may not be used on exhibitor materials without permission.

19. Conference Activity Approval

Any exhibitor-sponsored events, meetings, or demonstrations before, during, or after the conference must be approved by ISEN to ensure they align with the meeting's educational integrity.

20. FDA Approval/Clearance

Exhibitors displaying or promoting medical devices not yet approved by the FDA must clearly disclose their regulatory status in compliance with FDA guidelines.

21. Exhibit Hall Badges

All exhibitor representatives must be registered and display their ISEN-issued badges at all times.

22. Union Labor Compliance

Exhibitors must comply with union labor regulations at the venue. Tipping of labor staff is strictly prohibited.

By participating in the ISEN Annual Meeting, exhibitors agree to abide by these terms and conditions. ISEN reserves the right to amend these regulations as needed, with prior notice to exhibitors. For any questions, please contact events@isen-ect.org.

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ISEN ANNUAL CONFERENCE & ECT RECEPTION



Date: May 17, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Kyoto Gardens, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Los Angeles Downtown

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we kick off the ISEN 34th Annual Meeting! This special reception is the perfect opportunity to network and connect with colleagues, speakers, and leaders in the field of ECT and neurostimulation.

Enjoy:

Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres to satisfy your appetite

Beer and Wine with two complimentary drink tickets per guest (additional beverages available for purchase)

Take advantage of this chance to mingle, share ideas, and celebrate the start of an exciting conference! We look forward to welcoming you to an evening of good food, great company, and meaningful connections.

Who's Invited?

- All Conference and Course Attendees

Cost: \$30 per person

Complimentary Attendance for:

- Newly Named Fellows & Distinguished Fellows
- Board Members
- Course and Conference Session Presenters

Register today and secure your spot!