Come to New Orleans...

• To hear about the latest trends in ENP technology and health care
• To get your continuing education in the most interesting and interactive way possible, from our expert faculty
• To participate in activities and discussions that fulfill our social responsibilities in the local and national healthcare arena
• To network with colleagues and visit with friends
• To have fun in a city that has risen to the challenge, and still offers gracious charm, and great food... "Laissez les bon temps rouler", Let the good times roll with ASET!
## GENERAL SESSION SCHEDULE—AT-A-GLANCE

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### POSTERS:

- Please visit our poster abstracts in the Exhibit Hall during Continental Breakfast and extended breaks on Thursday. A variety of interesting topics will be visually presented, and the authors will be present to explain their research, case studies and innovative techniques.

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### EXHIBIT HALL HOURS

- **Wednesday, August 6**
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- **Thursday, August 7**
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**ASET Updates and Closing Remarks**

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Exhibit Hall Opening Reception**

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### Thursday, August 7, 2008

8:20 - 8:40 a.m.

**Abstract: Utilization of Paraspinal Muscles for Triggered EMG – Justin Silverstein, CNIM, R. NCS T., BA**

This is an overview of a procedure which uses EMG of the paraspinal muscles to add reliability in IONM during pedicle screw insertion.

8:40 - 9 a.m.


The functions of the ear depend upon a variety of engineering wonders, including electrical, mechanical and hydraulic features. Listen to this fascinating explanation of how the ear works.

9 - 10:00 a.m.

**Kathy Mears Memorial Lecture – “Rising to the Challenge of END Licensure” Dorothy Gaiter, R. EEG T., R. NCS T.**

10 - 10:30 a.m.

**Break in poster area with authors present**

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Abstract: Everything You Need to Know About Electrodes, but Were Afraid to Ask**

Our electrodes are the key to a successful study in all modalities. But what do you really know about them? Do you know the answer to these questions: What is the wire made of and does it affect the quality of a recording? What about electrode burns? Three presenters promise a lively discussion.

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
“Hey New Orleans, Where Ya At? – The Effects of Hurricane Katrina on the Local Medical Community?”
presented by Leo Happel, Ph.D.
Dr. Happel is a professor at Louisiana State University, with expertise in clinical neurophysiology and IONM. He is passionate about his hometown and restoring patients’ access to medical treatment.

THE ELLEN GRASS LECTURE:
“The Iraq War: The High Impact of Head and Neck Injury on END Testing”
presented by Jamie Lopez, M.D.
Dr. Lopez is the Director of the Intraoperative Monitoring Department of Stanford University Medical Center, and works with the Veteran’s Administration of California. His presentation will help us prepare for the influx of returning veterans in need of neurological care.

KATHLEEN MEARS MEMORIAL LECTURE:
“Rising to the Challenge of END Licensure”
presented by Dorothy Gaiter, R. EEG T, R. NCS T.
Dorothy has gone to the Alabama legislature to advocate for state licensure four times in recent years. She will explain why this effort is important to END Technologists, and how to make government advocacy work for us.

THE ASET 2008 SYMPOSIUM:
“Rise to the Challenge: Expanding our Practice for the Future” -
Four expert panelists with a vision of the future will talk about the role of education, credentialing and hospitals in putting our skills to work to improve patient care.

Changing Roles in END Technology
Anita Schneider, R. EEG/EP T., CNIM, Michelle Nagel, R. EEG/EP T., CNIM, BS

Advancing Our Educational Opportunities: The ASET Bachelor’s Degree Task Force
Leisha Osburn, R. EEG/EP T., CNIM, MS

The Role of Hospitals, Societies and Credentialing Organizations in Advancement
Adele Wirch, R. EEG/EP T., CNIM, MS

Tips for making the most out of your Annual Conference experience...

There are so many choices when you look at the ASET annual conference schedule! If you really want to make the most out of your time at this conference, it will take some forethought and planning. We have included descriptions of each lecture to help you understand the content of each talk. Here are some helpful hints:

Plan your daily schedule before you arrive
Take a look at all the subjects offered and highlight those that will help you the most in advancing your career. People tend to choose topics that are familiar to them, while exploring new territory is often more interesting and may help you develop new skills. If you need a break from technical topics, try one of the lectures in the “Career in END Management Course” or the “END Educators Course”.

Listen to presentations rather than try to match slides with handouts
Our course faculty lecturers take great pride in sharing information with you, and want you to see the best they have to offer. Since our handout deadline is two months before the conference, lecturers often add the latest examples or case studies to their slide presentations after the handouts have been turned in. This is why, sometimes, the slides do not match the handouts. Keep in mind that handouts are a tool, but listening and enjoying the slide presentations are more important. Don’t worry about following a handout page by page and missing the best part of lectures!

A word about handouts
When you arrive at the conference you will receive a CD with all of the handouts from all of the courses, but printed handouts will be available only in the meeting rooms at the start of each lecture.

2008 POSTER ABSTRACTS

Atomoxetine Induces Correlated Changes in Motor Cortex Inhibition and ADHD Symptoms
Jie Zhang, R. EEG/EP T., CNIM, BS
Donald Gilbert, MD
Tara Lipps, RN, MSN
Nina Natarajan, BS
Jared Brandyberry
Zhewu Wang, MD
Randy Sallee, MD, PhD
Eric Wasserman, MD

Glossokinetic Artifact: A Challenge Case
Gilma C. Jimenez, MA

EEG Electrode Application, A New Approach
Jack Connolly, R. EEG T.
Maria Deburgo, R. EEG T.

Electroneurodiagnostic Education and Training
Deb Jester Carson, R. EEG/EP T., MEd

Myogenic Potentials Presenting as Periodic Discharges in the Electroencephalogram
Heidi Snodgrass, R. EEG/EPT., R. NCS T., CNIM
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                   Dr. Robert Bonwetsch  | EMG in IONM  
                   Leo Happel, PhD.  | Stark Law III : Private Billing  
                   for END Services  
                   Rhonda Roberts  |
| 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. | Neonatal EEG: Technical  
                   Aspects, Patterns & Artifacts  
                   Eli Mizrahi, MD  | Analysis and Trending  
                   Options for LTM and ICU  
                   Monitoring  
                   Marco Moreno, M.S., R. EEG T.  | Practical Information  
                   for TcMEP Monitoring  
                   Robert Cox, PhD.  | Productivity, Capacity, Intensity:  
                   Efficiency Models for the END Lab  
                   Adele Wirch,  
                   M.S., R. EEG/EP T., CNIM  |
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Normal EEGs  
Atif Husain, MD  | Brain Waves and Moore’s Law:  
the Shape of Things to Come  
Ron Emerson, MD  | SSEP as a Compliment to  
TcMEP in IONM  
Clare Gale, R. EEG T., CNIM  | Our U.S. Health Care System:  
What's Wrong and What  
Might Happen Next  
Marc Nuwer, MD  |
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                   Debby Ferguson,  
                   R. EEG/EP T., R. NCS T., RPSGT  | Case Studies in Tuberous  
                   Sclerosis Complex,  
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                   Scott Blodgett, RPSGT  |
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                   Syndromes: Childhood & Beyond  
                   James Rivielo, M.D.  | Staffing Considerations in LTM  
                   Randy Danner, R. EEG T.  | Throacic Neuromonitoring  
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                   Planning & Monitoring  
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                   Judy Giovinazzo, BS, CNIM  | Communication Skills  
                   William Galvin,  
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                   Meledy Kise, R. NCS T.  | Pediatric ICU Case Studies  
                   James Rivielo, MD  | Cardiovascular  
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                   Janet James,  
                   R. EEG T., R. NCS T.  | Networking Options:  
                   Remote Access to ICU &  
                   LTM Data  
                   Jack Connolly, R. EEG T.  | Spinal Case Review:  
                   Facilitated Group Interaction  
                   Donald York, PhD  | The Who, What, Where,  
                   Why & How of Developing Assessment Tools  
                   William Galvin, MEd, RRT, CPFT  |
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                   Fred Aubert, MD  | Event Monitoring in the ICU  
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                   Mary Fellman, R. EEG T.  |  |
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                   Janet James, R. EEG T., R. NCS T.  
                   Jerry Morris, MS, R. NCS T.  | Panel Discussion:  
                   ICU Trends, Issues  
                   Questions all faculty  | Billing, FDA & Supervision Challenges in the Operating Room  
                   Rebecca Clark Bash,  
                   R. EEG/EP T., CNIM  | END Program Directors  
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**Course Descriptions**

**Friday, August 8th**

8 – 8:50 a.m.

**EKG for the EEG Technologist**
It is important to recognize common EKG patterns that may appear as an artifact on the scalp EEG, and to observe the EKG channel we run, with some understanding of the significance of abnormal EKG rhythms. Case studies will prove that the EKG channel can become the key to diagnosing neurological and cardiac events.

**SUDEP: What Every Technologist Should Know**
Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy is an issue of vital importance for technologists who work with patients in the LTM lab. Learn about the patient profiles and risk factors, and possible prevention measures that you can take, and share with your patients. It may save a life!

9 – 10 a.m.

**Neonatal EEG: Technical Aspects, Patterns and Artifacts**
Dr. Mizrahi is an internationally recognized expert in the field of neonatal EEG. Don’t miss the opportunity to learn more about this very special patient population, from preemies to post-term infants.

**Analysis and Trending Options for LTM and ICU Monitoring**
The data collected in continuous EEG settings can be overwhelming. This presentation will help you understand how to use trending software to help you edit EEG and find significant samples with accuracy and efficiency.

**Practical Information for TCMEP Monitoring**
This is a fact filled guide to performing TCMEPs in Intraoperative Monitoring. You will hear helpful hints and “how-to’s” of transcranial motor evoked potentials.

**Productivity, Capacity, Intensity: Efficiency Models for the END Laboratory**
Do you have to prove that you and your staff are working at the best efficiency possible? How to you factor in things like complexity of patient care? Learn how from a lab manager who is responsible for nine departments!

**11 – noon**

**Abnormal Looking Normal EEGs**
You know the kind…the EEGs that provoke discussion, even among the experts! Dr. Husain will share a fascinating collection of EEG samples that look abnormal, but are not.

**Brain Waves and Moore’s Law: the Shape of Things to Come**
Dr. Emerson begins this fascinating presentation with the history of how we have treated epilepsy, and progresses to futuristic treatments. It may look like science fiction, but it is not! Learn why this is an exciting time to be an END Technologist.

**SSEPs as a Complement to TCMEP in IONM**
With the onset of TCMEPs as the standard of practice in IONM, SSEPs became the forgotten modality. Learn why it takes both modalities to improve patient outcome.

**Our U.S. Health Care System: What’s Wrong and What Might Happen Next**
Dr Marc Nuwer, a pro-active expert in health care issues related to neurophysiology, will give us a perspective on the way current and future presidential administration policies can affect patient care, and our work life.

**1:10 – 2:45 p.m**

**Extended time Interactive Workshops**
Every year, the most common comment on evaluations is “not enough time”! This year we offer you the opportunity to learn in an informal setting, going beyond lectures to discussion and learning activities. No snoozing after lunch!

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1:10 – 2:45 p.m

EEG Jeopardy: An Interactive Session
Just like the game show! Answer EEG and neurological questions! Win a prize!

Case Studies in Tuberous Sclerosis Complex, Phase I and II Workshop
You will become part of a virtual epilepsy team in conference, making decisions about how to best treat patients with one of the most complicated neurological disorders. There will be case studies of Phase I work-ups. You decide who goes for Phase II, where to implant electrodes, and who gets a surgical resection.

Mapping and Monitoring the Corticospinal Tract: from Cortex to Spinal Cord
This is a very complex process and during this extended workshop we will go over various mapping techniques in detail.

On-site and Out of Sight: Managing and Evaluating Staff
These days, you may be sending staff to work in satellite labs, or to travel far and wide, to cover procedures in a private business, or working shifts that mean you rarely get to see them. So how do you communicate and evaluate in this setting?

3:45 – 4:40 p.m.

The EEG in Epileptic Syndromes: Childhood and Beyond
Some epilepsies are considered pediatric, others are likely to continue into adulthood. This is a comprehensive overview of the EEG and clinical correlations of both common and rare epileptic disorders.

Staffing Considerations in LTM
How do you cover 24 hours of patient care in the LTM lab? There are many questions: staff qualifications for night coverage, ethical issues, administrative issues. Learn more about options that might work for you.

Thoracic Neuromonitoring for Placement of Laminectomy Pain Stimulator
This is a new utilization of IONM. Learn more about it!

Health Care Literacy: The Importance of Educating our Patients
This is an area of interest to JCAHO. Do your patients fully understand the procedures you perform on them? What are the implications of an undereducated patient population?

Saturday, August 9th
8 – 8:50 a.m.

The Blink Reflex
This NCS procedure can be intimidating. Jerry Morris will help you understand how to perform this study, and give you confidence to do it right.

Setting Up an ICU Monitoring Unit
Lois Wall just completed the design, set-up and implementation of an ICU unit at Duke University. She’ll discuss everything from equipment, to networking and staff considerations to help you provide this service in the future.

Clinical Thinking, Planning and Monitoring before Incision
How can you use patient history and assessment to prevent problems in IONM? What questions do you ask? What parameters are important to observe? You can screen your patients to ensure better outcomes.

Communication Skills
This is an essential tool when working with students in a clinical site, or with colleagues in the workplace. Listening and watching is also a key part of this skill.

9 – 10 a.m.

The Brachial Plexus
A good understanding of the anatomy and physiology of the brachial plexus is essential to successful NCS studies. You will learn how to maximize testing of this area, and see case studies with representative abnormalities.

Pediatric ICU Case Studies
Dr. Riviello will share fascinating case studies, from newborn to teenage patients, with various neurological insults that bring them to the ICU for continuous EEG monitoring. Discover which patients recover fully, and which have sequelae.

Cardiovascular Multimodality Monitoring
What modalities should you use to best preserve neurological function during this type of surgery? How do you juggle the data to make the most of the information you are recording?

Begin with the END in Mind: Measuring Outcomes
In today’s world, measuring outcomes is considered the best way to determine if what you are doing is effective. It is a requirement of CAAHEP accreditation. But how do you do it? Learn more!

Troubleshooting NCS: A Virtual Tour
This will be fun! Images collected from real studies will be displayed as if you are at the EMG machine. You can figure out what went wrong and how to correct the problem!

10:20 – 11:20 a.m

Networking Options: Remote Access to ICU and LTM Data
Wouldn’t it be great to view continuous EEG from home, before you made the trip to the unit in the middle of the night? If we can see live EEG quickly, we can make decisions that will improve patient outcome.

Spinal Case Review: Facilitated Group Interaction
Using small group discussion, Dr. York will lead teams through case studies in IONM, making decisions every step of the way. This is a two part session and will continue through the next time slot.
It is not easy to come up with a way of assessing skills accurately and fairly as your students and staff learn new procedures. This lecture will help!

11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

NCS and EMG in Radiculopathy
This is a comprehensive overview of electrodiagnostics in this diagnosis, with clinical correlations and case histories.

Event Monitoring in the ICU
How can you sort out complex recordings in the ICU setting, when you can’t be at the bedside all of the time? At times, activities around the patient can cause artifacts that mimic significant cerebral events. Effective use of event monitoring will improve patient outcome in the ICU setting.

Essential Requirements
This is a mandatory program for college accreditation. What qualifications can you place on student capabilities to enter an END Program? How does this fit in with the ADA legislation?

1:40 – 3:10 p.m

EXTENDED TIME INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

NCS Hands on Workshop
Choose to be in one of two small groups, practicing with EMG equipment in a workshop setting, where you direct the choice of procedures to review and try.

Panel Discussion ICU Trends, Issues and Questions
All of the faculty from the morning presentations will be present for an informal discussion about the technical and ethical issues we face in ICU monitoring.

Billing, FDA & Supervision Challenges in the Operating Room
You won’t want to leave this session! You will hear stories that sound exactly like the things you face every day, and a variety of answers to dilemmas will be offered by Rebecca and audience members in this interactive session.

END Program Directors Council Meeting
Geared for END educators, with updates from ABRET, ASET, and the CoA-END. This is a “town hall” meeting for this special community to share suggestions, and get support.

NETWORKING & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

ASET Annual Business Meeting & Awards Luncheon
Thursday, August 7
11:35 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Hear the President’s report on the state of the Society, the Secretary/Treasurer’s Report, and the annual report of the ASET Foundation. Witness the installation of the new trustees to the ASET Board. Find out who are this year’s recipients of the Maureen Berkeley, Theda Sannit, and Distinguished Service awards. Help congratulate newly credentialed technologists and newly accredited labs. The Annual Business Meeting & Awards Luncheon is your opportunity to hear about the state of affairs of the Society, and recognize past and future leaders and technologists special achievements. It is also members’ opportunity to bring up any new business before the Society.

Poster Sessions
Thursday, August 7
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ASET poster sessions visually present information on a variety of topics – from an original study or research, to evaluation of a method, device or protocol; to offering a report on an uncommon clinical case. Poster presenters will be on hand to discuss their findings or data with attendees in an informal venue.

Interest Section Luncheon
Friday, August 8
Noon – 1 p.m.

From Acute/Critical Care END and Ambulatory Monitoring to CPT Codes and Technologists Working Alone, the ASET Interest Section briefings in ASET news and Interest Section forums on the ASET website are great sources for information sharing and getting answers to your questions. ASET’s Interest Sections are led by highly qualified and knowledgeable technologists who can help address your issues and questions – as well as direct you to other invaluable resources. Now you have the ability to ask questions in person at the Friday conference luncheon. Registration is not required. All you need do is select the luncheon table representing the section in which you have an interest and then share your questions, feedback, and suggestions.

Volunteer & Leadership Development Workshop
Friday, August 8
5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Are you interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer on one of ASET’s committees, task forces or special projects? Would you like to enhance your skills as a committee member? Learn more about how committees function and what makes an effective committee member and manager by attending this informative – and fun – interactive training session. Following an opening panel discussion on the structure of ASET and the anatomy of a committee, attendees will be divided into small groups for “The Committee Game.” Each group will form a committee and be assigned a fun task to complete – all relating to the “greening” of ASET. Then, the committees will be quizzed on what they’ve learned by group competition in the “Jeopardy” game. Prizes for the best committee reports and group winners of Jeopardy will be awarded.

The knowledge and experience you will gain from attending this workshop can be carried over into your workplace and in other volunteer service endeavors. There is no fee to attend this workshop but registration is required. To register, simply check the Volunteer & Leadership Development Workshop on the conference registration form.

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**Epilepsy Awareness Day**

**Thursday, August 7**

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

ASET, in partnership with the Louisiana State University Epilepsy Center and the Louisiana Epilepsy Foundation, and with the generous support of Weaver Company, is sponsoring an Epilepsy Awareness Day. The event will be held in the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel and all ASET annual conference registrants are invited to attend.

The event will be free and open to the public. Patients and doctors in the region will receive special invitations to attend. Tables will be set up to educate and assist those in need of services and options for care and treatment. For more details and background on the event, please refer to the sidebar, "Why Epilepsy Awareness Day."

Complimentary food and beverage will be provided. Parking validation stickers will be available to the public and guests. Participants will receive a passport map of the event tables. Upon visitation of each table, the passport will be stamped and can be redeemed at the end of the night for a free t-shirt and a chance to win the grand prize weekend for neurologists in their area. The event also will serve as the LSU Epilepsy Center’s grand re-opening, increasing awareness of the services that they offer and its new locations.

**Why Epilepsy Awareness Day?**

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina careened into the Gulf Coast, putting 80 percent of New Orleans under water and bashing the Mississippi coast. The nation’s most costly natural disaster, Katrina killed more than 1,600 people, destroyed 200,000 Gulf Coast homes, and displaced about one million people. News reports place insured property damage at $25.3 billion in 1.7 million insurance claims. Two years later, postal service data showed that New Orleans was at 66 percent of its pre-Katrina population. Three years later, life in New Orleans is far from normal: hospitals, schools, libraries, even bus service all remain limited.

In 2005, the ASET Board of Trustees unanimously voted to bring the Annual Conference to New Orleans to support the community. In bringing the conference to New Orleans, the board also was desirous of finding a community services project – preferably in the allied health care field – that the Society could sponsor and to which conferees would be encouraged to volunteer their time and services while in New Orleans. ASET’s Volunteer & Leadership Development Committee took the lead on the project and evaluated a number of proposals. The proposal received from the Louisiana State University Epilepsy Center particularly stood out and the ASET Board of Trustees was unanimous in choosing it as the Society’s community services project.

The Louisiana State University Epilepsy Center is the only comprehensive care center for epilepsy in the state of Louisiana and the Gulf South Region. In Louisiana alone, it is estimated that there are 54,000 to 90,000 individuals suffering from medically intractable epilepsy (treatment-resistant) who are in need of specialized, state-of-the-art care. Hurricane Katrina devastated a large part of the LSU Medical School and Health Sciences Center. The LSU Epilepsy Center lost its outpatient private and indigent clinics, administrative offices, inpatient epilepsy monitoring unit, surgical services, and several core physicians. They have been tirelessly working toward the re-establishment of all of these services. Its outpatient clinics returned to the New Orleans area in 2006. They have created a temporary inpatient monitoring unit at West Jefferson Hospital that was ready for its first patient in February 2008. They also have recruited a neurosurgeon with a primary interest in epilepsy surgery and research.

The Epilepsy Awareness Day event will provide patients and the general public in the Gulf Coast region with education about epilepsy and a chance for one-on-one assistance. Event participants will gain access to basic epilepsy education, diagnostic procedures (EEG, inpatient video/EEG monitoring, neuroimaging), available treatments including antiepileptic medications, VNS and epilepsy surgery, LSU Epilepsy Center services, regional research opportunities, Louisiana Epilepsy Foundation services, first-hand accounts of treatment procedures (VNS and epilepsy surgery), and contact information for neurologists in their area. The event also will serve as the LSU Epilepsy Center’s grand re-opening, increasing awareness of the services that they offer and its new locations.

Helping people access the quality care they deserve is a rewarding experience. Knowledge of treatment options will bring hope and determination to individuals that suffer from epilepsy. When registering for the ASET Annual Conference, please consider volunteering to help staff one of the education booths or assist with the logistics of the event. Your volunteer service will help ensure the success of such a large-scale event and the benefits to the Louisiana epilepsy community will be immeasurable.

To volunteer to help work the event, simply check one or more of the applicable boxes on the conference registration form. We are in need of ASET members to help staff the adult and pediatric epilepsy monitoring, epilepsy surgery, VNS, and seizure safety booths as well as members to help staff the registration and parking validation booths, assist with passports and t-shirts, and direct traffic. Volunteers will be notified of their table or function assignments in advance of the event. There will be a brief meeting for all volunteers before the start of the event for final instructions and to answer any questions. All ASET volunteers will receive a commemorative event t-shirt.

*Be sure to fill out the Epilepsy Awareness Day Volunteer Sign-up Form on the back of the registration form (page 10).*
EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP
Thursday, August 7, 2008 • 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Please fill out this part of the registration form if you wish to volunteer during Epilepsy Awareness Day. Please indicate up to 3 activities to which you would prefer to be assigned.

First Name Last Name

ASET Member ID

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

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SPECIAL REQUESTS
I HAVE SPECIAL ACCESSIBILITY OR DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE EXPLAIN.

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SAFETY REQUESTS

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME ATTENDING THE ASET ANNUAL CONFERENCE
☐ YES ☐ NO

STUDENT AUTHORIZATION
Program Director's authorization: This student is enrolled in the formal program that I direct and receives no stipend for clinical work.

Signed ____________________________
Date ________________________________

[Program Director's signature required]

GUEST/SPOUSE REGISTRATION

First Name ____________________________
Last Name ____________________________
Nickname for Badge ___________________

ASET PRIVACY POLICY
NOTE: ASET provides attendee information to exhibitors and other attendees of ASET conferences. To ensure that we only provide the information you want released, please select one of the following. If no box is checked, your information will be included.

☐ My information as shown.
☐ My information as shown, except email
☐ My information should not be released

Return your completed registration form with payment to:

ASET, Inc.
6501 E. Commerce Ave, Ste, 120
Kansas City, MO 64120
Fax: 816.931.1145
Fed ID# 74-1553534

QUESTIONS?
Contact ASET at 816.931.1120 or mercedes@aset.org
GENERAL INFORMATION

CONFIRMATION NOTICE
Registrations are normally processed within seven business days of receipt. A registration confirmation will be e-mailed once the registration has been processed.

REGISTRATION POLICIES
- Participants are urged to register online at www.aset.org.
- To register, payment must accompany your registration form. No registrations will be processed without payment.
- The full meeting registration fee includes a CD containing all meeting handouts, general session, education classes, exhibit hall, opening reception, Epilepsy Awareness Day, and breakfasts and lunches on Thurs., Fri., and Sat.
- Registration fees for one or two-day attendance includes a CD containing meeting handouts and general session or courses, breakfast and lunch ( excludes Wed.) opening reception, and Epilepsy Awareness Day [if applicable] and exhibit hall.
- Guest meal package includes admittance to the exhibit hall, opening reception, Epilepsy Awareness Day and lunch on Thurs., Fri., and Sat.
- Additional fees apply for the Sundown Seminars; refer to the meeting registration form on page 9 of this brochure for additional details.
- Attendees who lose their badge will be subject to a replacement fee.

REGISTRATION HOURS
The pre-registration and on-site registration desks will be open during the following hours:
Wednesday, August 6: 10am - 7pm
Thursday, August 7: 7am - 5pm
Friday, August 8: 7am - 5pm
Saturday, August 9: 7:30am-2pm

CANCELLATION POLICIES
- Written notice of cancellation received by ASET on or before July 7, 2008, will result in a refund of fees paid less a $50 processing fee. There will be no refunds for cancellations received after July 7, 2008.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS
If you require special assistance or dietary consideration, please complete the applicable section on the conference registration form, or call the ASET Executive office at 816.931.1120 or e-mail info@aset.org.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS
ASET continuing education credits will be awarded to participants. Approximately 3.3 ACE credits will be awarded for Wednesday, 6.5 for Thursday, 5.3 for Friday and 5.3 credits for Saturday. The Sundown Seminars will be awarded approximately 1.5 credits, and by volunteering or participating in the Epilepsy Awareness Day you can earn an additional 2.0 credits. Such crediting, however, should not be construed by program participants as an endorsement of any type of instruments or supplies mentioned or involved in these presentations.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND RESERVATIONS
Reservations are to be made directly with the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel before July 7, 2008, to secure the special conference rate of $115, single or double occupancy, per night. Any reservations made after July 7, will be on a space-available basis, and may not qualify for the conference rate. Room rates are subject to applicable local taxes. Check-in time is 3 p.m. and checkout is 11 a.m.
- Full refunds will be given for cancellations received at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled arrival.
- Reservations can be made by calling 504.525.2500. Tell them you are with the ASET conference to book the negotiated rate.

RECOMMENDED ATTIRE
Business casual attire is strongly encouraged. Please dress comfortably to create the best learning environment. The August average daily high in New Orleans is 91° F. Temperatures at night average around 74° F.

TRANSPORTATION
Air - The Sheraton New Orleans Hotel is conveniently located in the Central Business District, about 15 minutes from the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.
Local Ground Transportation - A cab ride costs $28.00 from the airport to the Central Business District for one or two persons and $12.00 (per passenger) for three or more passengers. Pick-up is on the lower level, outside the baggage claim area. There may be an additional charge for extra baggage. $1 fuel surcharge added to total fare.
Airport Shuttle: Shuttle service is available from the airport to the hotels in the Central Business District for $15.00 (per person, one-way) or $30.00 (per person, round-trip). Three bags per person. Call 866.596.2699 or 504.522.3500 for more details or to make a reservation. Advance reservations are required 48 hours prior to travel for all ADA accessible transfers. Please call well enough in advance for the specially-equipped shuttle to be reserved. For group reservations of 10 or more people please dial 866.596.2699. Ticket booths are located on the lower level in the baggage claim area.
New Orleans has a very accessible and reasonably priced public transportation system. It costs $1.25 to take an RTA bus . . . or one of the city’s famed streetcars, which travels the Riverfront and Canal Street. Where else can you actually ride on a historic landmark?

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SHIRTS
ASET orders annual conference t-shirts for attendees to purchase before or at the meeting. T-shirts are 100% pre-shrunk ultra cotton in white with the annual conference logo on the back and cost from $17 to $23. Make sure to order your t-shirt on the registration form on page 9.

All events will be held at:
The Sheraton New Orleans
500 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
504.525.2500
www.sheratonneworleans.com

For more information and ideas on what to do while in New Orleans, visit www.neworleanscvb.com.
**SPECIAL ASET FOUNDATION EVENT!**

**ASET Foundation Silent Auction**

In order to have more participation and time for bidding, items donated for the ASET Foundation's Fourth Annual Silent Auction will be on display in the Exhibit Hall and bidding will be open during all exhibit hours. Bidding will begin with the Welcome Reception and Exhibit Hall Opening on Wednesday evening and conclude at 4 p.m. on Friday. The Silent Auction will be closed out – and funds collected – at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening immediately following the Sundown Seminars. Join us at for this one-hour cocktail gathering to find out who had the winning bids and to collect your item(s) if you are among the lucky ones.

Participating in the silent auction is a great way to do some early holiday season shopping, find great items at bargain prices, and help raise funds for a worthy cause. All proceeds benefit the ASET Foundation, which helps fund scholarships and education programming throughout the year.

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**BECOME AN ASET MEMBER!**

ASET membership dues are pro-rated based on join date. Students should contact ASET Executive Office for a pro-rated amount. International members adjust dues accordingly.

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ASET Headquarters at 816.913.1120 or visit our Website at [www.aset.org](http://www.aset.org)

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