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American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology Announces 2025 Board of Directors

January 7, 2025, Deerfield, Ill. --- The [American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.](https://www.abpn.org) (ABPN) announces its 2025 Board of Directors. The board's term runs from January through December 2025.

ABPN Chair Josepha Cheong, MD

Dr. Josepha Cheong is a Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology at the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville, FL, and Faculty of the VHA VISN8 NFSGVHS Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center (GRECC). She is certified by the ABPN in Psychiatry and Geriatric Psychiatry and participates in continuing certification.

Dr. Cheong also serves as Treasurer on the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Board of Directors and is the ABPN liaison to the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP). She had formerly served as a member of the ACGME Psychiatry Review Committee. Dr. Cheong has also served on numerous committees over the past 25 years for the Association for Academic Psychiatry, American Psychiatric Association (APA) and AAGP. She had served as Chair of the AAGP Annual Meeting Scientific Program Committee in 2009 and 2013, as well as APA Chair, Council on Aging. She is the 2025 recipient of the APA Jack Weinberg Memorial Award in Geriatric Psychiatry. For the ABPN, Dr. Cheong has served on several test development committees over the past 20 years and has been a member of the board of directors since 2017.

During her service as Chair of the ABPN, Dr. Cheong will serve as Chair of the Psychiatry Council and several ABPN committees. Dr. Cheong succeeds 2024 Board Chairs Steven Lewis, MD, and Nina Schor, MD, PhD.



Josepha Cheong, MD

ABPN Vice Chair Imran Ali, MD

Dr. Ali is a tenured Professor of Neurology and is currently the Interim Dean at the University of Toledo, College of Medicine.

He has served in various leadership roles, including as the Clair Martig Endowed Chair of Neurology, Vice Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education and as the Inaugural Chair of the newly formed Department of Medical Education at the University of Toledo.

He is certified by the ABPN in Neurology, Epilepsy, and Clinical Neurophysiology and participates in continuing certification. As Vice Chair of the ABPN, Dr. Ali serves as chair of the Neurology Council and many other ABPN committees.



Imran Ali, MD

Dr. Ali is recognized as an outstanding teacher and has received many teaching awards, including the Deans Award for Teaching Excellence. Dr. Ali is listed in the Best Doctors of America; he also received the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award twice and was also inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

Dr. Ali succeeds 2024 Board Vice Chair Christopher Thomas, MD.

“I have had the privilege of working with Drs. Cheong and Ali for many years now,” ABPN President and CEO Dr. Jeffrey Lyness said. “The ABPN has benefited greatly from their deep experience and skills. Under their leadership, our board will be able to successfully move forward with the priority areas identified in our 2025 strategic plan, and is well positioned to respond to other needs as may arise over time.”

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New to the ABPN Board

The ABPN welcomes three new board members in 2025.

Nancy Bass, MD, is Professor of Neurology, Interim Chief of Child Neurology, and the Bleser Family Endowed Chair of Neurology at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. She is currently the Director of the Neuromuscular program and Co-Director of the Neurogenetics program.

Dr. Bass is certified by the ABPN in Neurology with Special Qualification in Child Neurology and participates in continuing certification.



Nancy Bass, MD

Takesha Cooper, MD, MS, is the Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, and Chief of Behavioral Health at Renown Health, Northern Nevada's largest nonprofit hospital system.

Dr. Cooper is certified by the ABPN in Psychiatry and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and participates in continuing certification.



Takesha Cooper, MD, MS

Michael S. Jaffee, MD, is the Bob Paul Family Professor of Neurology and Chair of the Department of Neurology at the University of Florida where he is the Director of the Brain Injury, Rehabilitation, and Neuroresilience (BRAIN) Center.

Dr. Jaffee is certified by the ABPN in Neurology, Psychiatry, Sleep Medicine, and Brain Injury Medicine, and participates in continuing certification.



Michael S. Jaffee, MD

"I am really looking forward to working with Drs. Bass, Cooper, and Jaffee as they join our board of directors," Dr. Lyness said. "All three have received substantial recognition for their expertise and accomplishments in their fields. They also have made important contributions to the ABPN's mission as volunteers on test development committees."

ABPN 2025 Board of Directors

Additional members of the Executive Committee include Amy Brooks-Kayal, MD, Board Secretary; Andrea Stolar, MD, Board Treasurer; Jaffar Khan, MD, Board Member-at-Large; and Robert J. Boland, MD, Board Member-at-Large.

The ABPN board of directors is comprised of board-certified psychiatrists and neurologists.

In addition to Dr. Cheong, the 2025 ABPN Psychiatry Directors include:

- Iqbal Ahmed, MD
- Sheldon Benjamin, MD
- Robert J. Boland, MD
- Takesha Cooper, MD, MS
- Sandra M. DeJong, MD
- David C. Henderson, MD
- Andrea G. Stolar, MD

In addition to Dr. Ali, the 2025 ABPN Neurology Directors include:

- Ericka Fullwood Augustine, MD, MS
- Nancy Bass, MD
- Amy Brooks-Kayal, MD
- Ericka P. Greene, MD, MACM
- Michael Jaffee, MD
- Jaffar Khan, MD
- Benn E. Smith, MD

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