

Personal Statement

I have been a dedicated member of the Neurocritical Care Society (NCS) since 2015, and I am honored to submit my candidacy for the Board of Directors. Over the past eight years, I have actively contributed to NCS through leadership, innovation, and global engagement. I currently serve as Chair of the ENLS Committee, where I have contributed to the development of ENLS 6.0 and the strategic development of ENLS 7.0, focusing on equity, digital innovation, and global scalability.

As ENLS Chair, I have emphasized the importance of a global presence, helping drive initiatives that promote neurocritical care education in resource-limited settings and pediatrics. My committee work has centered on collaboration and building bridges across professional boundaries.

My clinical and academic practice as a pediatric neuro intensivist, Associate Professor at the University of Miami, and Scientific Faculty member at The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis are inherently multidisciplinary. I lead high-acuity teams involving intensivists, neurologists, neurosurgeons, and allied health professionals. Through my work in global neurocritical care education, I collaborate with neurosurgeons, pediatricians, and educators in Latin America and Africa. These initiatives are examples of my commitment to inclusive, interprofessional, and globally connected care.

One of my greatest strengths is strategic program building—creating systems for sustainable education, research, and care delivery that can be scaled internationally. I'm also deeply committed to mentoring the next generation of neurointensivists. A personal area of growth has been learning how to scale leadership through delegation, ensuring that the programs I launch remain strong through intentional mentorship and distributed ownership. This is something I plan to implement within ENLS.

My vision for NCS is bold and actionable: to be the global standard-bearer for equitable neurocritical care, harnessing the power of innovation, interdisciplinary expertise, and education to elevate care worldwide. If elected to the Board of Directors, I will champion initiatives that increase accessibility to neurocritical care education, support collaborative research and training across borders, and ensure that all members—regardless of geography, discipline, or resources are included, supported, and empowered by the Society.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to contribute to the future direction of NCS.

Warmly,

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