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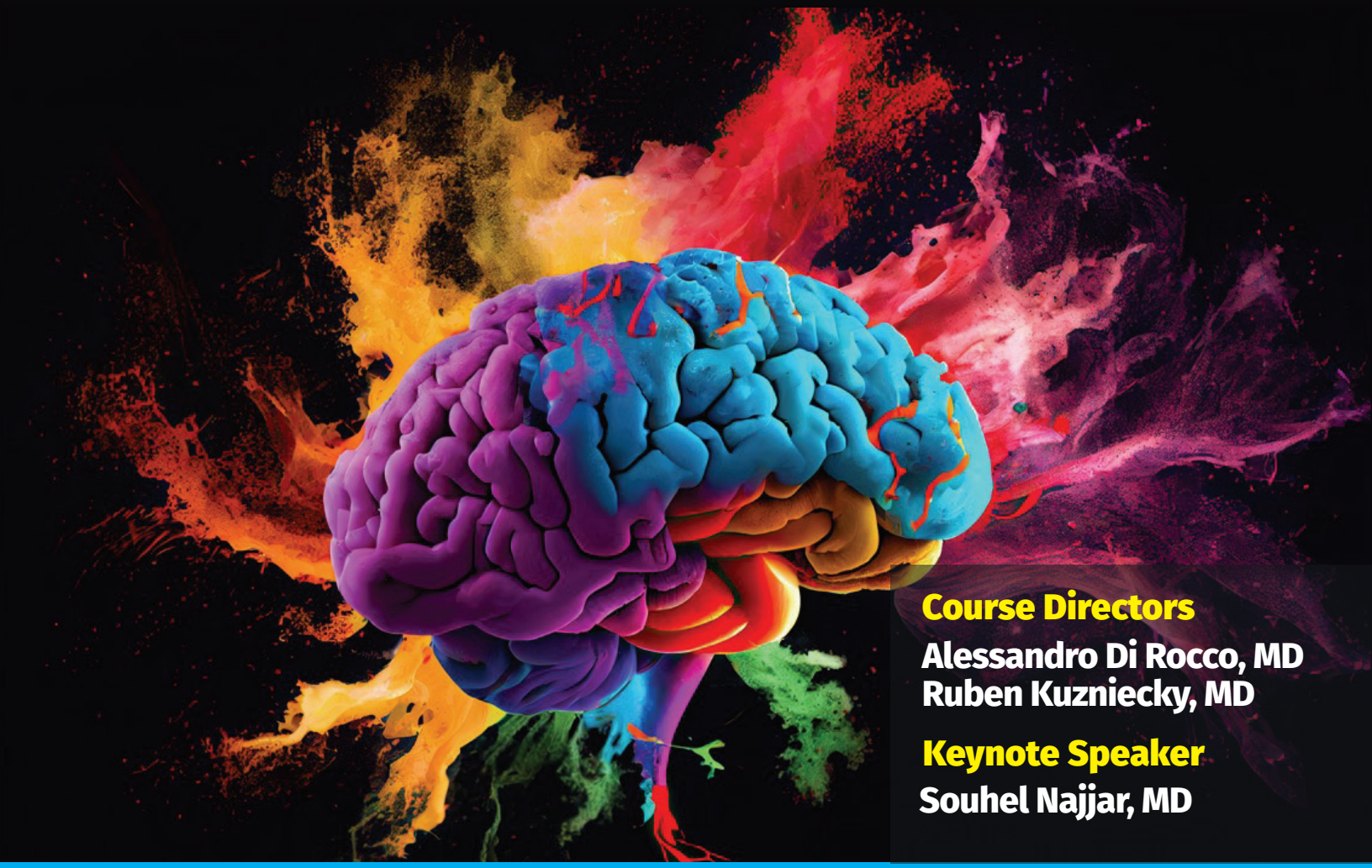

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Keynote Speaker

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This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 7.25 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) Credits for learning and change.

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Program Agenda

7:30am	**Breakfast**	
7:50am	**Opening Remarks**	Ruben Kuzniecky, MD
8:00am	**Migraine Management: What is New and Not so New**	Noah Rosen, MD
8:30am	**Pain Management**	Robert Duarte, MD
9:00am	**Update On Acute Stroke & Preventive Management**	Salman Azhar, MD
9:30am	**CNS Inflammatory Disorders**	Daniel Gratch, MD
10:00am	**Break & Exhibitors**	
10:10am	**Rationale and Pipeline for Tau-directed Therapeutics in Alzheimer's Disease and other Tauopathies**	Luca Giliberto, MD, PhD
10:40am	**Clinical Manifestations of Brain Inflammation**	Souhel Najjar, MD
11:25am	**Parkinson's Talk**	Noah Kieffer, PA
11:45am	**Lunch**	**EMS Provider Q&A with Neurology Expert** ***(in-person only)***
12:30pm	**Interventional Stroke Treatment**	Richard Jung, MD
1:00pm	**An Update on Epilepsy: Diagnostics & Treatments**	Anna Bank, MD
1:30pm	**Neuromuscular Disease Management**	Aaron Zelikovich, MD
2:00pm	**Diagnosis and Treatment of Headache Syndromes in Children and Adolescents**	Juliann Paolicchi, MD
2:30pm	**Patient Story & Musical Performance Parkinson's Disease - Led by**	Pamela Quinn & Colin O'Connor
2:55pm	**Medical & Surgical Management of Parkinson's Disease**	Federica Avantaggiato, MD Priyanka Moondra, DO
3:25pm	**Fall Prevention**	Mara McCrossin, NP Margaret Irwin, PT
3:55pm	**Closing Remarks**	Alessandro Di Rocco, MD
4:00pm	**Conclusion**	

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Statement of Need: While foundational neurological knowledge is shared, each profession (Physician, NP, PA, RN) requires specific skills and insights to integrate new information into their distinct scope of practice. A gap exists in providing tailored education that allows each professional to effectively apply updated neurological knowledge to their daily clinical responsibilities – from advanced diagnostic interpretation by physicians/APCs, to precise patient.

Program Objectives: All Northwell Health CME-CE activities are intended to improve patient care, safety and outcomes. At the conclusion of this conference, participants should be able to:

DIFFERENTIATE between established and newly updated evidence-based treatment guidelines for common neurological disorders (e.g., stroke, epilepsy, MS, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's), identifying the scientific rationale for recommended changes.

CRITIQUE & CONTRAST established versus newly updated evidence-based treatment guidelines for common neurological disorders (e.g., stroke, epilepsy, MS, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's) by accurately identifying key changes and explaining their underlying scientific rationale in case-based scenarios.

SELECT & PRIORITIZE evidence-based interventions within a patient's care plan that are explicitly designed to optimize specific patient outcomes, including reducing disease progression, improving symptom management, enhancing functional independence, and elevating overall quality of life, as evidenced by appropriate intervention selection in clinical vignettes.

Target Audience: This activity was planned by and for Physicians, Nurse practitioners, Nurses, Physician assistants, Physical Therapists and Emergency Medical Services. All other members of the health care team who are interested in Neurology for the Non-Neurologist are welcome to attend.

JOINTLY ACCREDITED PROVIDER™ WITH COMMENDATION INTERPROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

Joint Accreditation Statement: In support of improving patient care, Northwell Health 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 health care team.

Credit Designation Statement:

Physicians: Northwell Health designates this live activity for a maximum of *7.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.* Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nurses: Northwell Health designates this activity for 7.25 ANCC contact hours.

Physician Assistants: Northwell Health has been authorized by the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 7.25 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

Physical Therapists: Long Island Jewish Medical Center, member of Northwell Health, is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Physical Therapy as an approved provider of physical therapy and physical therapist assistant continuing education. This course is awarded 8.7 contact hours.

Emergency Medical Services: The NYC REMAC designates this live activity for 4 hours Category A and 2 hours Category B NYC REMAC CME. Remote credit will be handled on an individual basis by the NYC REMAC Training & Education Committee. For more information click https://nycremsco.org/lms/

Verification of Attendance: This will be provided to all attendees.

American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM): ABIM CME MOC ACCREDITED

Successful completion of this CME activity,which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the participant to earn up to 7.25 MOC points in the American Board of Internal Medicine's (ABIM) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABIM MOC credit.

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Registration Fees:

❑ **$90**	Non-Northwell Physicians
❑ **$75**	Northwell Physicians
❑ **$40**	Non-Northwell PAs, NPs, RNs, PTs, EMS
❑ **$25**	Northwell PAs, NPs, RNs, PTs, EMS
❑ **$30**	Non-Northwell residents/fellows
❑ **$20**	Northwell residents/fellows
❑ **$25**	All Others
NO CHARGE	Students with ID (NO CME CREDIT)

In-Person Registration Fee Includes:
Breakfast, lunch, course materials, certificates, and parking.

Virtual Registration Fee Includes:
Access to virtual conference, virtual course materials, and certificates.

Cancellation Policy: To receive a refund, all cancellations must be confirmed via email to **Jenny Lino,** CME project manager **(Jlino@northwell.edu),** by **4/15/2026.** An administrative fee of $10 will be kept for all cancellations. No refunds will be made after this date or for "no-shows."

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Americans With Disabilities Act: This conference is in compliance with provisions of the ADA and is accessible for individuals with special needs. If you would like to attend this conference and require any special accommodations, please contact the Office of CME at (516) 730-2263.

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