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EDUCATION

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH **AUGUST 2018**
ROLLINS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, EMORY UNIVERSITY *ATLANTA, GA*
Concentration: Prevention Science

BACHELOR OF ARTS, POLITICAL SCIENCE **MAY 2010**
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY *Youngstown, OH*
Minor: Public Health

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PARTNERS AGAINST MORTALITY IN EPILEPSY (PAME) JANUARY 2025 – PRESENT

SENIOR ADVISOR FOR OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

- Provide strategic direction on PAME's key areas of community engagement, strategic partnerships, and education initiatives while supporting bereaved individuals and families.
- Increase public and professional awareness of PAME with a focus on growing partnerships and strategic collaborations.
- Enhance communications through digital channels including all professional social media, newsletter, and website.
- Grow provider and patient education opportunities and increase public and professional awareness of PAME through conducting presentations.
- Maintain and cultivate new donor relationships and secure financial support for mission-driven initiatives.
- Co-lead the annual PAME conference for over 300+ attendees. Develop educational resources and create opportunities for families to connect and contribute to PAME's mission.

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE THROUGH ALISON KUKLA CONSULTING, LLC

XENON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. SEPTEMBER 2026 – PRESENT

- Participate on patient engagement advisory council to provide strategic advice and input.

OVID THERAPEUTICS, INC. AUGUST 2026 – PRESENT

- Participate on patient engagement advisory council to provide strategic advice and input.

NEUROPACE JUNE 2026 – PRESENT

- Patient advisory services to support NeuroPace marketing and creation of a patient advisory council.

NEURELIS FEBRUARY 2025 – PRESENT

- Participate on patient engagement advisory council to provide strategic advice and input.

EPILEPSY ALLIANCE OF AMERICA JANUARY 2025 – PRESENT

- Organize and facilitate young adult and couples impacted by epilepsy retreats.
- Participation in both consumer and HCP targeted campaigns and media kits.

DARTMOUTH HEALTH JANUARY 2025 – PRESENT

- Serve as a Cognitive Coach in the delivery of the home-based self-management and cognitive training changes lives (HOBSCOTCH) program.

THE BAND FOUNDATION NOVEMBER 2024 – FEBRUARY 2025

- Coordinated key elements of an impact campaign for *The Curse of Stigma* film focused on International Epilepsy Day to enhance understanding of the challenges of living with epilepsy in Africa and opportunities to combat stigma.

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EPILEPSY FEBRUARY 2024 – PRESENT

- Support IBE-INVOLVE which aims to deliver on two major strategic goals: empowering and amplifying the voice of people with epilepsy, and serving and supporting IBE chapters, committees, and teams.

UCB JULY 2023 – PRESENT

- Member of UCB global patient council to provide strategic advice and input.
- Member of the EpilepSee Initiative. Co-Chair of Seizure Preparedness & Care SubGroup.
- Participation in both consumer and HCP targeted campaigns.

EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF AMERICA MARCH 2018 – JULY 2022

- Led and managed the Epilepsy Learning Healthcare System (ELHS) Community Core while developing collaborative working relationships with individuals and partnering organizations to communicate and enhance the various goals to improve health outcomes (i.e. quality of life, seizure control, and seizure freedom).

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

SENIOR MANAGER, PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS **OCTOBER 2021– DECEMBER 2024**

- Provided day to day oversight of EF's Sudden Unexpected Death due to Epilepsy Program (SUDEP) program to meet program development, implementation, and evaluation objectives.
- Provided bereavement support and peer support through consulting referrals, interviewing clients, and compiling case histories.
- Facilitated sessions with individuals, family members, and caregivers to better understand grief and involved other professionals and community support groups when required. Held trainings with staff on grief and bereavement support.
- Expanded bereavement services by starting a monthly Young Adults Bereavement Support Group and co-facilitated it in addition to the monthly Adults Bereavement Support Group. Started and administered Discord servers for both bereavement groups.
- Served as the Foundation's staff lead for our partnerships with Partners Against Mortality in Epilepsy (PAME), Children Neurology Foundation SUDEP Project Advisory Committee, CURE Epilepsy Risk Prevention Project, Infantile Spasms Action Network (ISAN), and other projects as assigned.
- Represented the Epilepsy Foundation as one of the North American chapters of the International Bureau for Epilepsy (IBE) by attending IBE meetings and assisting with projects and activities organized by IBE.
- Identified potential funding sources, supports SUDEP Program fundraising efforts, and assists with development and monitoring of program budgets.
- Provided day to day oversight of EF's self-management programs to meet program development, implementation, and evaluation objectives.
- Responsible for managing, developing, and overseeing $250,000 in contracts allocated from a $3.5 million-dollar CDC Cooperative Agreement grant. Monitored and tracked budget expenditures.
- Ensured the timely completion of all contract deliverables and reports as outlined in the scope of work for funding agencies.
- Interfaced with the local network and partner organizations to provide training, coordination, and monitoring of activities related to the CDC Cooperative agreement and corporate sponsor agreements.
- Conducted national and local outreach through presentations and conference workshops to create public and professional awareness of Foundation programs.
- Coordinated national partnerships to support program outreach and expansion.
- Collected and analyzed data and generated reports for projects as needed to assess successes, challenges, and future activities.
- Organized and moderated webinars on a variety of topics to expand our reach to the community.
- Collaborated with internal departments for coordination of resources to ensure favorable workflow of activities.
- Serves as a member of the Volunteer Spotlight Committee to select Epilepsy Foundation volunteers to recognize as Volunteer Spotlight recipients on a quarterly basis.

PROGRAM MANAGER, EPILEPSY LEARNING HEALTHCARE SYSTEM (ELHS) **JULY 2019 – SEPTEMBER 2021**

- Worked cross-departmentally to coordinate and manage community engagement activities and partnerships between local Epilepsy Foundation offices, community service organizations, and epilepsy centers within the Epilepsy Learning Healthcare System (ELHS).
- Established and maintains strategic national partnerships to support program recognition, expansion, and collaborations. Supports workgroups in targeted areas of health education, community engagement, and research.
- Responsible for managing, developing, and overseeing $200,000 in contracts allocated from a $3.5 million-dollar CDC Cooperative Agreement grant. Monitors and tracks budget expenditures.
- Ensured the timely completion of all contract deliverables and reports as outlined in the scope of work for funding agencies.
- Served as the Foundation's staff lead for our partnership with Partners Against Mortality in Epilepsy (PAME) and Children Neurology Foundation SUDEP Project Advisory Committee.
- Served as the ELHS Leadership staff liaison between EDEN and ELHS focusing on non-data ELHS priorities.
- Led the visionary direction and event management for our bi-annual Community Day. In 2020, the event was adapted to be virtual and attended by over 500 people.
- Responsible for planning and implementing our twice a year ELHS Learning Sessions through coordinating all event logistics (i.e. agenda planning, day of staff lead, etc.)
- Managed and implemented two SUDEP Summit events in 2020 by coordinating all event logistics and pre-event activities (i.e. workgroup meetings and planning team meetings).
- Communicated regularly with staff and volunteers from affiliated and collaborative organizations to implement program initiatives, provide training and technical assistance, and monitor program outcomes.
- Conducted presentations to outside organizations to create public and professional awareness of Foundation programs and promote the work of the Foundation and its mission.
- Served as a member of the Volunteer Spotlight Committee to select Epilepsy Foundation volunteers to recognize as Volunteer Spotlight recipients on a quarterly basis.
- Organized and moderates Facebook Lives on a variety of topics.

PROJECT MANAGER FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS **JANUARY 2019 – JULY 2019**

- Led and managed workflow and process for the Consensus Project on Preferred Practices for Rescue Therapies.
- Responsible for planning and implementing an in-person consensus conference for the advisory group.
- Assisted with evaluation process and dissemination of results by submitting abstracts and posters to conferences.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:
NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH **FEBRUARY 2017 – JULY 2019**

POPULATION HEALTH COORDINATOR *NORFOLK, VA*

- Coordinated the district's community health improvement activities, including planning, implementation, and evaluation of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).
- Engaged with district leadership, stakeholders, and community members to ensure continued progress towards achieving desired outcomes for the CHIP.
- Managed CDC PHHS Block Grant ($50,000) focusing on Obesity Prevention through an internal healthy vending program and implementing intervention activities within the city of Norfolk.
- Planned and implements cross-departmental community outreach projects: PrideFest 2017 & 2018, NRHA Community Impact Days, and 'Healthy Habits' Summer Camp Workshops.
- Designed a monthly internal staff newsletter to improve communication within the health department.

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **APRIL 2013 – JANUARY 2017**

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROTECTION *WASHINGTON D.C.*

- Supported the Director's public engagement and outreach with multiple stakeholders and constituency groups focused on children's health and environment.
- Organized events and programs with other federal agencies, EPA Program Offices, regions, states, tribes, international and non-government partners to promote outreach, implementation and communication of office's programs and policies.

SCHEDULER, OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

- Managed daily and long-term strategic schedule of the Administrator while working as a liaison to the White House, Congressional Offices, and outside organizations.

THE WHITE HOUSE **JUNE 2010 – APRIL 2013**

SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS *WASHINGTON D.C.*

- Managed external relationships with organizations, elected officials, Cabinet Members and other high-profile individuals.
- Planned and managed Presidential events including the White House Tribal Nations Conferences of over 500 tribal and government officials and the 2012 Citizen's Medal Presentation Ceremony.
- Management of the Office's Internship Program.

CONFIDENTIAL ASSISTANT FOR THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

- Assisted the Executive Director of the Office of Government Reform in creating a plan for restructuring and reorganization of the Executive Branch to make agencies work more efficiently.

STAFF ASSISTANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL

- Provided logistical and organizational support to all functions of office and managed the Office's Internship Program.
- Top Secret/SCI Clearance.

ASSOCIATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

- Built and implemented a database of the approximately one thousand political appointments in the Federal Government.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- ILAE Pediatric SUDEP and Mortality Prevention Task Force: SUDEP Communication Delphi Working Group (2026 – Present)
- ILAE-IBE Joint Awards Committee (2026 – Present)
- *Brain and Behavior* Publication Reviewer (2026 – Present)
- Neurelis Neuroscience Council (2026 – Present)
- CURE Epilepsy SUDEP Clinical Biomarker Grant Review Committee and Team Science Initiative Advisory Panel (2025 – Present)
- APHA Abstract Conference Review Committee (2025 – Present)
- IEC Abstract Review Committee (2025)
- Epilepsy Foundation Shark Tank Competition LOI Review Committee (2025 – Present)
- IBE GENS Validation and Publication Group (2025 – Present)
- Chicago Board of Elections, Election Judge (2024 – Present)
- Hidden Truths Project Committee Member, Chicago (2024 – Present)
- *Scientifica* Publication Reviewer (2024 – Present)
- Epilepsy Foundation Research Ambassador Review Committee (2024 – 2025)
- Epilepsy Foundation Shark Tank Practice Pitch Committee (2024 – Present)
- International League Against Epilepsy Scientific Organizing Committee (2024 – 2025)
- Obama Presidential Center Inclusive Design Working Group (2023 – 2024)
- Stakeholder Input on a Novel Epilepsy Self-Management Intervention Research Study (2023)
- Biden-Harris Transition Volunteer Interviewer for Appointments Team (2020 – 2021)
- International Bureau for Epilepsy Global Youth Team (2021 – 2023)
- Virginia Department of Health Medical Reserve Corps (2020 – 2021)
- American Public Health Association Conference, Moderator (2020, 2024)
- American Public Health Association, Disability Section Mentor (2019 – Present)
- Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia Professional Advisory Board (2018 - 2021)
- Pediatric Epilepsy Learning Healthcare System Team Member (2017 – Present)

- LGBT Life Center Volunteer (2017 – 2019)
- Smithsonian's National Zoo: Keeper Aide Small Mammal House (2012 – 2015)
- Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE) Volunteer (2011 – 2017)
- Campaign Manager for Joe Schiavoni for State Senate (2010)
- Obama for America: Field Organizer, GOTV Team, Campus Coordinator (2008)

GRANTS AND FUNDING SECURED

- Senior Manager, Improving Epilepsy Education, Systems of Care, and Health Outcomes through National Partnerships, CDC Cooperative Agreement Grant, Amount: $250,000 in contracts allocated from $3.5 million dollars.
- Project Manager, Preventing and Controlling Obesity and Chronic Disease Through Evidence Based Programming, CDC Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) Block Grant, Amount: $50,000
- Project Manager, Preventing and Controlling Obesity and Chronic Disease Through Evidence Based Programming, CDC Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) Block Grant, Amount: $40,000

PRESENTATIONS

- **Kukla, A.,** et all. (2026, December) MedScape Panel: Seizing the Window of Opportunity to Prevent a Seizure Emergency. To be presented at the American Epilepsy Society Conference. Denver, CO.
- **Kukla, A.,** et all. (2026, December) MedScape Panel: Clinical Needs and Emerging Therapeutics in Focal Epilepsy: Merging Scientific Advances with Clinical Care. American Epilepsy Society Conference. To be presented at the American Epilepsy Society Conference. Denver, CO.
- **Kukla, A.,** Duffy, M. (2026, December) Family Day Conference Co-Hosts. To be presented at Partners Against Mortality in Epilepsy Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- **Kukla, A.,** Reilly, P., (2026, September) *Our life with epilepsy*. EF Kentuckiana's Women and Epilepsy Brunch. Louisville, KY.
- **Kukla, A.,** et all. (2026, September) *Exploring existing tools in supporting person centered care in epilepsy*. To be presented at 16th European Epilepsy Congress. Athens, Greece.
- **Kukla, A.,** et all. (2026, September) *Patients as Partners: Why SUDEP Counseling Must Include the Voices of Those It Affects Most*. To be presented at 16th European Epilepsy Congress. Athens, Greece.
- **Kukla, A.,** et. all. (2026, June) *Solving the World's Problems in Epilepsy Management.* 3rd Annual IMPRES Conference, Austin, TX.
- **Kukla, A.** (2026, June) *Always Searching for Better Management? The Importance of the SUDEP Discussion.* 3rd Annual IMPRES Conference, Austin, TX.
- **Kukla, A.** (2026, June) "Epilepsy 101: Seizure Recognition & First Aid". AES BRIDGE Summer Research Internship Webinar.
- **Kukla, A.,** et all. (2026, June) *Panel: Access to investigation medicine after randomized trial balancing burden of clinical trial participation – the role of the sponsor, CRO, site, coordinator and participant.* Epilepsy Foundation Pipeline Conference, Leasburg, VA.
- **Kukla, A.** (2026, June) *Epilepsy Experience Expert*. Epilepsy Foundation Pipeline Conference, Leasburg, VA.
- **Kukla, A.** (2026, June) *20+ Years with Drug-Resistant Epilepsy*. NIH Curing the Epilepsies Conference, Bethesda, MD.
- Tokatly Latzer, I., Friedman, D., Williams, D., Lapham, G., **Kukla, A.**, Karnieli-Miller, O., Pearl, P., (2026, June). *Prior SUDEP Awareness Profoundly Impacts Parental Trauma, Grief, and Coping Strategies: Call for a Paradigm Shift in SUDEP Practice.* Poster presented at NIH Curing the Epilepsies Conference, Bethesda, MD.
- Garcia, I., **Kukla, A.,** Robinson, T. (2026, May) "Epilepsy Vent Session." What the EF Podcast.
- Tokatly Latzer, I., Friedman, D., Williams, D., Lapham, G., **Kukla, A.**, Karnieli-Miller, O., Pearl, P., (2026, May). *Prior SUDEP Awareness Profoundly Impacts Parental Trauma, Grief, and Coping Strategies: Call for a Paradigm Shift in SUDEP Practice.* Poster presented at American Academy of Neurology, Chicago, IL.
- **Kukla, A.,** Moser, K., (2026, February) "The Epilepsy Dialogue Project: Advancing Epilepsy Care Together." Western Epilepsy Research Day Virtual Meeting.
- **Kukla, A.,** (2026, January) "Empowering Patient Discussions on Seizure Mortality". Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago Health Equity Webinar Series.

- **Kukla, A.,** et all. (2025, December) SIG | Psychosocial Comorbidities: Whole Person Health – Prioritizing Care Partner Well-Being in Epilepsy, Presentation Title: Stand by Me: Empowering Care Partner Dyads in Epilepsy. American Epilepsy Society Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- **Kukla, A.,** Duffy, M. (2025, December) Family Day Conference Co-Hosts. Partners Against Mortality in Epilepsy Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- **Kukla, A.** (2025, November) Epilepsy Mortality Prevention Legislation: Opportunities to advance state level policy. American Public Health Association Conference. Washington D.C.
- Moser, K., **Kukla, A.** (2025, September) Turning Challenges into Solutions: Advancing Epilepsy Care Together. IEC. Lisbon, Portugal.
- **Kukla, A.** (2025, June) "Epilepsy 101: Seizure Recognition & First Aid". AES BRIDGE Summer Research Internship Webinar.
- Clarke, D., Conecker, G., Jones, M., **Kukla, A.** (2025, June) "Stronger Together: Lived Experience and Advocacy". IMPRES Conference.
- Moser, K., **Kukla, A.** (2025, May). Co-Chair and Co-Host for IBE Global Youth Team (GYT) and ILAE Young Epilepsy Section (YES) joint workshop.
- **Kukla, A.** (2024, December) "Patient Voices Across the Life Span. The Evolving Needs for Seizure Rescue Medications and Seizure Action Plans." AES, Los Angeles, CA. Panel presented by Epilepsy Foundation and Medscape.
- **Kukla, A.,** Duffy, M. (2024, December) Family Day Conference Co-Hosts. Partners Against Mortality in Epilepsy Conference. Los Angeles, CA.
- **Kukla, A.,** Evison, S. (2024, November) "National Epilepsy Awareness Month." Microsoft Disability Awareness Podcast.
- Garcia Sosa, R., Stanton, T., **Kukla, A.,** Chappell, J. (2024, November) "Technology, Wearables, & AI." 14th Annual Epilepsy Education Conference, Chicago, IL. Panel presented by Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago.
- **Kukla, A.,** Windrum, M., Mulliger, J. (2024, November) "Panel Discussion: Epilepsy Self-Management Programs" 2024 Statewide Epilepsy Conference, Virtual & In-Person. Panel hosted by the Epilepsy Coalition of New York State.
- Moser, K., **Kukla, A.** (2024, November). Co-Chair and Co-Host for IBE Global Youth Team (GYT) and ILAE Young Epilepsy Section (YES) joint workshop.
- Haut, S., **Kukla, A**., O'Loughlin, E., Wong, N. (2024, October) "What Does the Epilepsy Community Want in a Risk Assessment Tool?" Panel hosted during CURE Epilepsy Workshop, New York, New York.
- **Kukla, A.** (2024, September) "A personal journey with epilepsy." Epilepsy Foundation Pipeline Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Stanton, T., Fountain, N., **Kukla, A.** (2024, September) "Digital Solutions for Clinical Trials and Beyond" Panel. Epilepsy Foundation Pipeline Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- **Kukla, A.** (2024, September) "Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP)." Epilepsy Foundation Leadership Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- **Kukla, A.** (2024, September) "CURE Epilepsy SUDEP Risk Predication Project." Epilepsy Foundation Leadership Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- **Kukla, A.,** Reilly, P. (2024, September) "Changing the plan in family planning." What the EF Podcast.
- **Kukla, A**., Miller, W., Williams, K., Hopgood-Willis, M., Miller, B. (2024, August) "Back to School Success: Ensuring Safety for Students with Epilepsy." Epilepsy Foundation Webinar.
- **Kukla, A.,** (2024, June) "Epilepsy 101: Seizure Recognition & First Aid". AES BRIDGE Summer Research Internship Webinar.
- **Kukla, A**., Johnson, E., Waldman, G., LaRoche, S., Star, D. (2024, June) "LGBTQIA+ and Epilepsy." Epilepsy Foundation Webinar.
- **Kukla, A**., Goyal, M., Lalor, K., Thaggard, K. (2024, May) "Debunking Epilepsy Misconceptions." Epilepsy Foundation Webinar.
- **Kukla, A.,** (2024, April) "SUDEP Program at the Epilepsy Foundation". Device Accelerator Course Webinar hosted by Epilepsy Foundation and Danny Did Foundation.
- **Kukla, A.,** (2024, March) "Journey of Impact from Field Organizer to Senior Manager at Epilepsy Foundation with Alison Kukla." Public Health Careers Podcast.
- **Kukla, A**., Pasupuleti, A., French, J., Chappell, J., Reilly, P. (2024, March) "Capturing the Waves: How to Best Prepare for an EMU Stay." Epilepsy Foundation Webinar.

- Brown, D., **Kukla, A.** (2024, February) "What's On the Horizon: State Policy Hot Topics." Epilepsy Foundation Public Policy Institute, Washington D.C.
- Ansley, H., Devine, K., **Kukla, A.,** Farkas, B. (2024, February) "Legislative Issue Training." Epilepsy Foundation Public Policy Institute, Washington D.C.
- **Kukla, A**., (2024, February) "PAME Conference Re-Cap". Epilepsy Foundation Continuing Education Webinar Series.
- **Kukla, A**., (2024, January) "My Epilepsy Journey." Reproductive Healthcare for the Child Neurologist: Multi-disciplinary Perspective Webinar hosted by Child Neurology Society.
- **Kukla, A**., Stern, J. (2023, December) "Seizure Action Plans and Seizure Rescue Medications: Is Your Care Being Optimized?" Webinar presented by the Epilepsy Foundation and Medscape.
- **Kukla, A.** (2023, December) "Understanding the Patient Voice in the Setting of Seizure Action Plans and Rescue Therapies." AES, Orlando, FL. Panel presented by Epilepsy Foundation and Medscape.
- **Kukla, A.,** Duffy, M. (2023, December) Family Day Conference Co-Hosts. Partners Against Mortality in Epilepsy Conference. Orlando, FL.
- **Kukla, A**., Pack, A., Gerrard, E., Penovich, P., Hopgood-Willis, M. (2023, November) "How to Best Prepare for Pregnancy." Epilepsy Foundation Webinar.
- **Kukla, A**., (2024, November) "My Epilepsy Journey & Epilepsy Foundation Anti-Stigma Campaign". Angelini Pharma Webinar.
- **Kukla, A.,** Reilly, P. (2023, September) "The lived experience. A personal journey with epilepsy." ILAE's International Epilepsy Congress, Dublin, Ireland.
- **Kukla, A**., Nichol, A., Reilly, R., Yang, A. (2023, August) "Navigating the Transition to College." Epilepsy Foundation Webinar.
- **Kukla, A**., (2023, June) "Epilepsy 101: Seizure Recognition & First Aid". AES BRIDGE Summer Research Internship Webinar.
- **Kukla, A**., (2023, June) "Why Epilepsy is Different for Women? A Clinical Perspective." International Bureau for Epilepsy virtual conference.
- **Kukla, A**., Johnson, E., Waldman, G. (2023, June) "Transgender Health and Epilepsy." Epilepsy Foundation Webinar.
- **Kukla, A**., Fecske, E. (2023, March) "Mortality in Epilepsy: Nurses Tackling the Difficult Conversations." American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) Conference, Orlando, FL.
- **Kukla, A**., Shellhaas, R. Gupta, G. (2023, March) "A-Zzzzzz: The Connection between Sleep and Epilepsy." Epilepsy Foundation Webinar.
- **Kukla, A**. Loblein, H., Rizakos, E. (2023, February) "Epilepsy & Mental Health: Facts, Tips, & Resources." Epilepsy Foundation's Teens Speak Up! & Public Policy Institute, Washington D.C.
- Brandy, D., Devin, K., Gibbs, E., **Kukla, A.,** Piner, M., Reszetar, J. (2023, February) "Legislative Issue Training." Epilepsy Foundation's Teens Speak Up! & Public Policy Institute, Washington D.C.
- **Kukla, A**., Slotnick, M. (2022, December) "Coping with Grief by Incorporating Wellness." Partners Against Mortality in Epilepsy (PAME) Conference, Nashville, TN.
- **Kukla, A.,** (2022, October) "Understanding SUDEP." Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota Webinar.
- **Kukla, A**., Perry, E., Carst, N., Deuble, J. (2022, October) "Lessons Learned from Grief, How to Better Support Siblings" Epilepsy Foundation Webinar.
- **Kukla, A**., Santilli, N., Hirsch, L. (2022, August) "Rescue Therapies for Adults and Children" Epilepsy Foundation Webinar.
- **Kukla, A**., Kiriakopoulous, E. (2022, May) "HOBSCOTCH: Building Skills to Manage Cognitive Challenges and Improve Quality of Life" Epilepsy Foundation Webinar.
- **Kukla, A**., Donner, E., Pcard, R. (2021, October) "Safety Series: New Advances in Stopping SUDEP & Equity" Epilepsy Foundation Webinar.
- **Kukla, A**., Epps, S. (2021, June) "Managing Our Surroundings During and After Seizures." EpiEdi Virtual Educational Series hosted by Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia.
- **Kukla, A.,** (2021, June) "My Journey with Epilepsy" Antiepileptic Drug & Device (AEDD) Trials XVI Meeting, Virtual Event.
- Herman, S., **Kukla, A.** "ELHS: Patient Engagement". Grand Rounds at Dignity Health St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. (2021, March).
- **Kukla, A.,** (2020, October) "Patient Family Partner (PFP) Recruitment and Integration" Epilepsy Learning Healthcare System's Fall Learning Session, Virtual Event.

- Kiriakopoulous, E., **Kukla, A**. (2020, February) "#KnowYourEpilepsy" Epilepsy Foundation Webinar.
- **Kukla, A.** (2019, November) "Ignite Talk: My Life with Seizures" Anderson Center's Learning Network Community Conference, Cincinnati, OH.
- Storey, M., **Kukla, A**., Reilly, P. (2019, October) "Understanding Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy" Webinar presented by the Epilepsy Foundation.
- **Kukla, A.** (2019, October) "Co-Production and Partnership" Epilepsy Learning Healthcare System's Spring Learning Session, Charlotte, NC.
- **Kukla, A.,** Farrell, K. (2019, July) "The Epilepsy Learning Healthcare System" 2019 Dup15q Family Conference & Scientific Symposium, Houston, TX.
- **Kukla, A.** (2019, May) "Common Learnings to Improve Standardized Seizure Documentation Process" Epilepsy Learning Healthcare System's Spring Learning Session, Philadelphia, PA.
- **Kukla, A.** (2019, March) "Building a Referral Network: The Epilepsy Learning Healthcare System." Epilepsy Foundation 2019 Skill Building Institute Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- **Kukla, A.** (2019, March) "An Individual Emotional Health Perspective." Epilepsy Foundation Wellness Institute Emotional Health Summit, Atlanta, GA.
- Kiriakopoulous, E., **Kukla, A**. (2019, February) "#KnowYourEpilepsy" Epilepsy Foundation Webinar.
- **Kukla, A.** (2019, January) "Network Ignite Talk." PCORNet LHS Learning Session 1, Atlanta, GA.
- **Kukla, A.** (2019, January) "Learning from Patients." PCORNet LHS Learning Session 1, Atlanta, GA.
- **Kukla, A.** (2018, November). Guest Lecturer for doctoral class Introduction to Health Services, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA.
- **Kukla, A.** (2018, September) "Implementing Patient Reported Outcomes in Routine Clinical Care." Cincinnati Children's Learning Network Community Conference, Cincinnati, OH.
- **Kukla, A.** (2018, June) "My Epilepsy Story." Partners Against Mortality in Epilepsy Conference, Alexandria, VA.
- **Kukla, A.** (2018, June) "Partnering Together: Co-production and designing a network that meets patient and parents/caregiver and clinicians needs." Epilepsy Learning Healthcare System Expert Design Meeting, Chicago, IL.

PUBLICATIONS & POSTERS

- Tokatly Latzer, Tenne-Fishbain, T., I., Lapham, G., **Kukla, A.**, Donner, E., Whitney, R., Friedman, D., Uliel-Sibony, S., Pearl, P., Karnieli-Miller, O., Pearl, P., (2026, May). *Development and Preliminary Evaluation of a Generative AI-Based Simulator for SUDEP Counseling.* Poster to be presented at the American Epilepsy Society Conference, Denver, CO.
- Tokatly Latzer, Tenne-Fishbain, T., I., Lapham, G., **Kukla, A.**, Donner, E., Whitney, R., Friedman, D., Uliel-Sibony, S., Pearl, P., Karnieli-Miller, O., Pearl, P., (2026, May). *Development and Preliminary Evaluation of a Generative AI-Based Simulator for SUDEP Counseling.* Poster to be presented at the Partners Against Mortality in Epilepsy Conference, Denver, CO.
- Laloyaux, C., Tervonen, T., Villanueva, V., Sirven, J., **Kukla**, **A.,** Jimenez-Moreno, C., Ho., K., (2026, September) *Patient and Caregiver Preferences for Acute Seizure Medications: A Quantitative Survey.* European Epilepsy Congress, Athens, Greece.
- Shankar, R., Lapham. G., Hanna J., Ashby, S., **Kukla, A.,** Cowdry, T., Striling, J., Buchhalter, J. *Role of guidelines, legislation, litigation and mechanisms for SUDEP communication in the UK and in the USA: A state-of-the-art review.* Seizure - European Journal of Epilepsy, 2026; 141, 72-79
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- 2021 International Golden Light Award, International Bureau of Epilepsy
- 2016 Education Enrichment Fund Scholar, Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE)
- Crisis Specialist Training and Certification Course, American Association of Suicidology
- Grief Recovery Method Specialist, The Grief Recovery Institute, Issued January 2022
- Seizure First Aid, Epilepsy Foundation, Issued June 2021
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MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- APHA – American Public Health Association
- AES – American Epilepsy Society
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