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Neurocritical Care Foundation Receives \$1 Million Gift from William Lawrence & Blanche Hughes Foundation in Memory of B. Wayne Hughes, Sr.

The [Neurocritical Care Foundation \(NCCF\)](#) is honored to announce the receipt of a generous \$1 million gift from the William Lawrence & Blanche Hughes Foundation, given in memory of B. Wayne Hughes, Sr. This generous investment will support several impactful initiatives established by the [Neurocritical Care Society \(NCS\)](#) focused on driving innovation, supporting future researchers and addressing disparities in neurocritical care—ultimately improving outcomes for patients with life-threatening neurological conditions.

This partnership reflects a powerful alignment between the Hughes Foundation's legacy of philanthropy and the mission of both NCCF and NCS to advance cutting-edge research and improve care for critically ill patients—an alignment made possible through the longstanding relationship thoughtfully nurtured by NCCF Trustee Benjamin Emanuel, DO, with the Hughes family over the past decade.

"I first met the Hughes family in 2014 while caring for the family patriarch, Wayne Hughes," stated Dr. Emanuel. "From that very first meeting, Wayne's generosity stood out—he made an unsolicited donation to our division that left a lasting impression. Over the years, our relationship with the Hughes family deepened through regular conversations, holiday gatherings, and even house calls. Although I had always hoped to approach them for further support, I waited until I found an initiative truly worthy of their legacy. When I joined the NCCF in 2025 and saw the impact of its mission and research, I knew I had found that opportunity. I reached out to the Hughes family, shared our vision, and they responded with the same generosity and warmth that they have always shown. We are incredibly grateful for their support."

Funding will be directed toward research initiatives established by the NCS, including exploring global disparities in care, providing structured research training and mentorship for early-career investigators and evaluating the integration of advanced technologies—such as transcranial doppler monitoring, intracranial pressure monitoring, automated pupillometry and others—into routine neurocritical care practices. In addition, dedicated resources will support pediatric-focused research into electroencephalographic (EEG) biomarkers that may help clinicians better assess consciousness in children following acute brain injury.

This gift also represents the inaugural investment in the [Henderson Equity and Research on Disparities \(HEARD\) Center](#), established in honor of Dr. Galen Henderson. A portion of the gift will

support the [INCLINE Grant](#), the Center's first major initiative, which funds collaborative research teams investigating disparities in neurocritical care both in the U.S. and internationally. Through this grant and future projects, the HEARD Center will advance its mission to eliminate disparities in neurocritical care by promoting research, mentorship, and leadership development.

"This generous gift is nothing short of transformative for the Neurocritical Care Foundation, the Neurocritical Care Society and most importantly for our patients," said the NCCF President Ahmed Hassan, MD. "It will help fund our most impactful research projects that aim to develop treatments and cures for people suffering from life-threatening neurological disorders. It's not enough to only provide care to our patients today with our current knowledge and resources, but it's incumbent upon us as a medical society to continue to advance neurocritical care research and education, to provide even better care for our patients tomorrow and beyond. This gift will help us to do exactly that."

The NCCF and NCS are deeply grateful for this extraordinary contribution and remain committed to honoring the memory of B. Wayne Hughes, Sr., through impactful research, innovation and dedication to the future of neurocritical care.

For more information on the Neurocritical Care Foundation, visit neurocriticalcarefoundation.org.

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About the Neurocritical Care Foundation

The Neurocritical Care Foundation, launched in association with the [Neurocritical Care Society](#), is a 501(c)3 organization whose goal is to foster collaboration between individuals and organizations who support and perform neurocritical care-related research, with an emphasis on treatments and cures for life-threatening neurological disorders.

About the Neurocritical Care Society

The Neurocritical Care Society (NCS) is the only professional society representing multi-disciplinary teams of neurocritical care providers around the world whose mission is to improve outcomes for patients with life-threatening neurological illnesses.

Our mission is to support research and education that improves the survival and recovery of patients treated for neurological disease in the intensive care unit.