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FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022	
HEADACHE	HALL A
<b>16:30-17:20</b>	<b>All potential adverse effects to medication should be discussed prior to prescribing</b>
	<i>Capsule: Ethically, patients have the right to know the risks of treatment, but does this extend to less dangerous or rare potential adverse effects?</i>
16:30-16:40	Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting
16:40-16:55	YES: <b>Lars Bendtsen</b> , Denmark
16:55-17:10	NO: <b>Morris Levin</b> , USA
17:10-17:20	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting
FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022	
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS (MS)	HALL C
<b>18:10-19:00</b>	<b>To withhold effective MS treatment cannot be ethically justified</b>
	<i>Capsule: Watching and waiting used to be a common approach in the (non-) treatment of people with MS. However, the advent of effective disease-modifying treatments challenge this strategy. On what grounds – if any – is it nowadays justified to withhold DMT from a person with MS provided there are no contraindications?</i>
18:10-18:20	Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting
18:20-18:35	YES: <b>Leonora Fisniku</b> , UK
18:35-18:50	NO: <b>Olaf Stuve</b> , USA
18:50-19:00	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting

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STROKE	HALL D
19:00-19:50	<b>Withdrawal of care should never be performed within the first few days after severe acute stroke</b>
	<i>Capsule: Discussions around withdrawal of care are common in the early days after severe stroke. Many patients have previously expressed the view that they would not wish to live with severe disability after stroke. However, outcomes at this early stage can be hard to predict and the intensity of medical treatment is related to risk of death. Therefore there are concerns that withdrawal of care will lead to a self fulfilling prophecy of increased risk of death.</i>
19:00-19:10	Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting
19:10-19:25	YES: <b><u>Gillian Mead</u></b> , UK
19:25-19:40	NO: <b><u>Ruth England</u></b> , UK
19:40-19:50	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting
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ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (AD) AND DEMENTIA	HALL E
17:20-18:10	<b>Should a person living with advanced stage dementia be allowed to request medical aid in dying while they are still competent, but have it triggered when cognitive function worsens?</b>
	<i>Capsule: A person develops advanced stage dementia. Years prior, before (s)he had dementia, she expresses in writing that (s)he does not want to live with this stage dementia. Is it ethical to allow advance care directives that instruct physicians to hasten own death when cognitive problems worsen?</i>
17:20-17:30	Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting
17:30-17:45	YES: <b><u>Andrew Peterson</u></b> , USA
17:45-18:00	NO: <b><u>Marie Nicolini</u></b> , USA
18:00-18:10	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting

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SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022	
NEUROIMMUNOLOGY	HALL A
<b>14:00-14:50</b>	<b>Are placebo-controlled trials still ethical for neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorders (NMOSD) in the current therapeutic environments?</b>
	<i>Capsule: There are now approved and highly effective treatments for NMOSD. Given their high efficacy, head to head trials to establish superiority are not feasible. Does the current therapeutic milieu preclude placebo-controlled studies of new agents even if the drug being tested has lesser toxicity or cost?</i>
14:00-14:10	Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting
14:10-14:25	YES: <b><u>Hans-Peter Hartung</u></b> , Germany
14:25-14:40	NO: <b><u>Alicja Kalinowska</u></b> , Poland
14:40-14:50	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting
SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022	
EPILEPSY	HALL B
<b>17:20-18:10</b>	<b>Is it ethical to provoke psychogenic seizures for purposes of diagnosis?</b>
	<i>Capsule: Inpatient video-EEG monitoring is expensive, time-consuming, and often fails to record seizures during elective admissions. As psychogenic seizures can be provoked by suggestion techniques, this permits a more efficient means of rapidly obtaining a diagnosis in many patients. Whether this involves deception is a matter of debate. Is it ethical to use a suggestion technique?</i>
17:20-17:30	Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting
17:30-17:45	Yes: <b><u>Curt LaFrance</u></b> , USA
17:45-18:00	No: <b><u>Barbara Dworetzky</u></b> , USA
18:00-18:10	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting

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NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES	HALL C
18:10-19:00	<b>Given a diagnosis indicative of pre-clinical neurodegenerative disease imposes personal responsibility on the patient.</b>
	<i>Capsule: If someone receives a diagnosis of pre-clinical neurodegenerative disease (biomarker diagnosis without signs and symptoms of clinical impairment), is that person ethically obligated to share that information with others, in particular, close family and health care providers?</i>
18:10-18:20	Introduction and Pre-Debate Voting
18:20-18:35	YES: <b><u>Josh Grill</u></b> , USA
18:35-18:50	No: <b><u>Emily Largent</u></b> , USA
18:50-19:00	Discussion, Rebuttals and Post-Debate Voting