

## Member Makes Platinum Donation to Foundation



Daniel Phillips, MD

Daniel Phillips, MD, made a platinum donation to the Foundation in support of its mission; he hopes others will consider joining him in this effort. “My general feeling is that we need to get behind the AANEM, and this includes financial backing.”

Phillips is an EDX specialist and founder of The Neurological and Electrodiagnostic Institute of St. Louis (NEI). Phillips is board certified in both neurology and electrodiagnostic (EDX) medicine and is a 23-year member of

the AANEM.

“I hoped the donation would plant the seed to get the large-scale research project going,” he said. “Those of us who have enjoyed the benefits of practice need to help support the newer physicians. With cuts in government health grants, it becomes ever more important that we support the AANEM as it steps up to meet this challenge.”

He also believes that the AANEM must advance quality EDX medical practice and patient care. Phillips has advanced these efforts by supporting the AANEM Advocacy Fund. “This requires educating the general public, governmental and professional agencies, insurance companies, and other medical providers about quality practice. The AANEM serves a vital role in advocating on issues that affect the field, in ensuring quality care for patients, and in developing programs establishing professional standards and promoting best care practices. The AANEM has demonstrated competency and success in all of these areas,” Phillips noted, “and we need to support them in these and other efforts as part of our duty to help ensure that all patients get quality, cost-effective and ethical medical care.”

Phillips has championed many AANEM services. “I have accessed the educational resources of the AANEM throughout my 27 years of practice. I’ve listened to all the CD/DVDs and read all the monographs, position statements etc.,” he said. Phillips also has taken advantage of tools that AANEM offers to advance his practice.

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“Currently, I’m very impressed by the Lab Accreditation process. This, I think, is the real vehicle to help ensure that our patients are receiving quality medical services, and it will be used to identify competent providers to the public.” Phillips strongly encourages those who have not yet started the accreditation process to do so.

As a long-time member, Phillips has engaged in AANEM committee work, previously serving on the Self-Assessment Exam Committee and currently serving on the EDX Laboratory Accreditation Committee and the State Liaison Committee.

For Phillips, supporting the Foundation is simply a small token of his appreciation for the services that the AANEM has provided throughout his career. With hopes that his platinum donation to the Foundation advances practice and research, he notes, “I’m happy that I’m able to ‘pay it forward’ to some extent.”

### About NEI

NEI is a private, community-based, EDX practice located in a St. Louis suburb. Phillips, a board-certified neurologist and Assistant Professor of Neurology at Barnes Hospital and Washington University, founded NEI in 1984. Dr. David Peeples is also boarded in Neurology and EDX Medicine and has practiced with Phillips for 20 years.

Phillips’ clinical work has focused exclusively on NCS and EMG studies since 1999, and he has personally performed over 45,000 of these tests. He has developed a large referral base of physicians from Missouri and nearby Illinois.

NEI is the first AANEM accredited lab in Missouri and received Exemplary Status. This consultative EMG practice is known for quality and exceptional service to patients and referring physicians. “I do a careful, appropriate neurological history and examination on each patient prior to EDX testing,” Phillips said. “I interpret the results and provide diagnostic information to the referring physician; I will ask for additional tests such as MRIs or specific lab studies if the diagnosis is unclear.

“At NEI, each patient receives the highest quality of care that we can provide and whatever time is necessary to accomplish this,” he continued. “We frequently find unexpected or even rare diagnoses, which makes the practice very interesting, in addition to providing a valuable service.”

Phillips is also the EDX consultant for the St. Louis Cardinals major league baseball team.

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