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**Educational and social opportunity for patients and families in an effort to END EPILEPSY®**

**LOMA LINDA, CA – August 9, 2016** – Individuals and families who have been affected by epilepsy are invited to attend the Epilepsy Workshop & Social on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Loma Linda University Health Drayson Center, located at 25040 Stewart Street, Loma Linda.

Co-sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles and Loma Linda University Health, this event is intended to connect patients and their families to information and resources about epilepsy in an effort to END EPILEPSY®.

“We are excited to be a part of this event which we expect will benefit many lives,” said Travis Losey, MD, medical director, Loma Linda University Health Comprehensive Epilepsy Program. “Epilepsy is more common than most people realize – one in 26 will be diagnosed during their lifetime, which equates to about 55,000 people in the Inland Empire.”

Losey, along with a team of physicians from the department of neurology, neurosurgery and pediatrics, will lead the event. Warren Boling, MD, chair of neurosurgery, Loma Linda University Health and a nationally recognized epilepsy surgeon with expertise in cutting-edge techniques for surgical evaluation and treatment of epilepsy, will also be participating.

Those who attend the event can expect to learn about exciting new treatments that are now available for epilepsy; meet and learn from the experts, as well as participate in a Q & A session; and meeting and connecting with other families.

“About one in three people with epilepsy experience seizures that are not controlled by their current treatments,” Losey added, emphasizing that alternative treatments will be discussed during the event.

Representatives from the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles will also be part of the program.

“My wife and I have seen first-hand the powerful impact when individuals and families affected by epilepsy come together at our Epilepsy Foundation's workshops, conferences, camps and other social events, and have a chance to meet others who understand,” said Steve Baum, board president, Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles. “Invariably everyone leaves feeling more empowered, better equipped and less alone in their fight against epilepsy.”

Additionally, there will be a social component for adults and children with epilepsy and their loved ones, including an art therapy activity and games led by an art therapist.

“The Sunday event is unique by way of its robust experts, social time for children, families and adults, and the diversity of topics to be addressed,” stated Losey.

Loma Linda University Health is home to the largest epilepsy program in the Inland Empire. The comprehensive epilepsy program now includes three adult epileptologists and two pediatric epileptologists with clinics in Loma Linda, Riverside and San Bernardino. It is the only epilepsy center in the Inland Empire with the highest designation from the National Association of Epilepsy Centers, a Level 4 designation.

“We are proud to partner with epilepsy specialists and the specialty epilepsy programs such as the comprehensive epilepsy program at Loma Linda University Health, in our region,” stated Susan Pietsch-Escueta, executive director, Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles. “Through quality care, specialists like Dr. Losey and the other physicians and team members at Loma Linda, partner with us and our community in our shared quest for freedom from seizures.”

Registration for the workshop is \$10, although scholarships are available for the event. Registration information is available online at [endepilepsy.org/2016Events](http://endepilepsy.org/2016Events) or by phone at 800-564-0445.

For more information about the [comprehensive epilepsy program](#) at Loma Linda University call 909-558-2880 or visit the program's [webpage](#).

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Loma Linda University Health includes Loma Linda University's eight professional schools, Loma Linda University Medical Center's six hospitals and more than 900 faculty physicians located in the Inland Empire of Southern California. Established in 1905, Loma Linda University Health is a global leader in education, research and clinical care. It offers over 100 academic programs and provides quality health care to over 40,000 inpatients and 1.5 million outpatients each year. A Seventh-day Adventist organization, Loma Linda University Health is a faith-based health system with a mission "to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ."

#### **[About the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles:](#)**

Established in 1957 as a 501(c)3 charitable organization, the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles is leading the fight to END EPILEPSY® and the burden of seizures. Our fundraising and community efforts support care, advocacy and education, today, while investing in research and hope for tomorrow. Our reach spans most of Southern California. Visit us online at [ENDEPILEPSY.org](http://ENDEPILEPSY.org).