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Dr. Aaron Nelson is Associate Professor in the Department of Neurology at NYU Langone Health, Director of the NYU Grossman School of Medicine Child Neurology Residency Training Program, and Director of Epilepsy for New York Health + Hospitals' Bellevue Hospital.

Dr. Nelson hails originally from Iowa, where he was introduced to neuroscience at the University of Iowa. Attending Michigan State University as an Alumni Distinguished Scholar, he majored in Zoological Neuroscience, graduating with high honors and Lyman Briggs Distinction. Student president of both his medical school and SIGN chapter before graduating the Mayo Clinic with a Master's in Molecular Neuroscience thanks to an NIH Ruth L. Kirchstein National Research Service Award, he received the Zumbro Valley Medical Society's Outstanding Young Leader Award along with awards of appreciation from the Mayo Clinic, the Minnesota Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. Completing pediatric residency at what is now Rutgers, he trained in child neurology at Columbia, where he served as chief resident and was selected New York Presbyterian Hospital's resident/fellow of the month. Following fellowship in clinical neurophysiology at NYU Langone Health with a focus on pediatric epilepsy, Dr. Nelson was thrilled to have the opportunity to stay on at NYU, starting the pediatric epilepsy monitoring program at Bellevue Hospital--the nation's oldest continuously operating hospital. He now directs both adult and pediatric epilepsy at Bellevue, the flagship epilepsy program for New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation--the largest public health care system in the United States. Child neurology residency program director at NYU since 2014, he has been blessed to be a part of their neurology departments' ground-breaking educational work including a variety of nationally-recognized endeavors pushing the envelope in neurologic education. Recognized with multiple local and multiple national teaching awards, Dr. Nelson has more than 20 peer-reviewed publications on topics ranging from neurology education to pediatric epilepsy. He serves on multiple national committees for professional organizations and has been elected fellow of both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Neurology.