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## Frances E. Jensen, MD, Joins the Board of the American Brain Foundation

**(MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 23)** – Today, the American Brain Foundation (ABF) announced that Frances E. Jensen, MD, has joined its board of directors.

Dr. Jensen is Professor of Neurology, Chair of Neurology, and Co-Director of Penn Translational Neuroscience Center in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Her research focuses on epilepsy and stroke and how epilepsy interacts with other disorders, such as autism and dementia, with a goal of revealing new therapies for the development of clinical trials.

To advocate for awareness of adolescent brain development and put the latest research in the hands of parents of teenagers, Dr. Jensen co-authored “The Teenage Brain: A Neuroscientist’s Survival Guide to Raising Adolescents and Young Adults,” (*Harper Collins, April 2015*). Translated and published in over 25 languages worldwide, the book illuminates what science has discovered about the adolescent brain and explains it in the contexts of the everyday life of an average teenager.

Dr. Jensen is a Council member and President-Elect of the American Neurological Association and Franklin Institute (Philadelphia) and serves on the Multicouncil Working Group scientific advisory panel of the BRAIN Initiative at the National Institutes of Health, among numerous other leadership positions.

“We’re delighted to welcome Dr. Jensen to the board,” said David W. Dodick, MD, incoming ABF board chair and Professor of Neurology at Mayo Clinic’s College of Medicine (Scottsdale, Ariz.) and Director of the Headache Program and Sport Neurology and Concussion Program at Mayo. “Her leadership in the field of neurology will help us advance our mission to bring researchers and donors together to cure brain diseases and disorders.”

“I am excited to be part of this board. The ABF slogan, ‘cure one, cure many’ perfectly encapsulates my own perspective on the field,” Dr. Jensen said. “With all the recent advances in basic neuroscience and clinical investigation, we are recognizing that there are many elements common to multiple disorders. This has huge opportunities for accelerating therapy and biomarker development. The ABF is uniquely positioned to fund research that crosses multiple domains within neuropsychiatric research.”

Dr. Jensen is one of five new, incoming, ABF board members, including James Erwin, Executive Vice President, Chicago Title Commercial (Houston); Jacqueline French, MD, FAAN, NYU Langone School of Medicine; Cindy McCain, businesswoman and philanthropist; and Sean Sansiveri, Vice President of Business and Legal Affairs, NFL Players Association.

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