

# Winthrop Designated a NAEC Level 4 Epilepsy Center

In an outstanding validation of its commitment to improving the lives of patients with epilepsy, The Winthrop Comprehensive Epilepsy Center was recently recognized by the National Association of Epilepsy Centers (NAEC) as a Level 4 Epilepsy Center. Level 4 Epilepsy Centers have the professional expertise and facilities to provide the highest level of medical and surgical evaluation and treatment for patients with complex epilepsy.

“This outstanding achievement is a testament to Winthrop’s dedicated team of epilepsy physicians – Dr. Alan Ettinger, Dr. David Friedman, Dr. Brian Snyder, Dr. Shicong Ye, Dr. Neil Schaul, Dr. Dmitriy Kolesnik, Dr. Vijaya Atluru and Dr. Mark Stecker, Chairman of Neurosciences,” said Malcolm Gottesman, MD, Chief of Neurology and Director of The MS Treatment Program at Winthrop. “Their tireless commitment, and the support of a highly skilled interdisciplinary team, has advanced the care of countless patients with epilepsy.”



*Members of Winthrop’s Comprehensive Epilepsy Center Team celebrate their designation as a Level 4 Epilepsy Center with members of Winthrop’s Administration. Pictured are (front row, l.-r.): Solomon Torres, Vice President, Administration; Michael Brisman, MD, Chief of the Division of Neurosurgery and Co-Director of Winthrop’s Neuroscience Special Care Unit; David Elliot Friedman, MD, Attending Physician in the Department of Neuroscience; John F. Collins, President and CEO of Winthrop; Teresa Rodgers, RN, LCSW, Nurse Coordinator, Department of Neuroscience; Karina Saade, Administrative Coordinator, Department of Neuroscience; and Nabil Zareif, NIOM, EEG, EP, EEG Lab. Back row (l.-r.): Garry Schwall, Winthrop’s Chief Operating Officer; Malcolm Gottesman, MD, Chief of Neurology and Director of Winthrop’s Multiple Sclerosis Treatment Program; Mark Menniti Stecker, MD, PhD, Chairman of the Department of Neuroscience; Shicong Ye, MD, Medical Director of the EEG Laboratory at Winthrop; Rafaelina Dowd, Administrative Director of the Department of Surgery; and Janice McGuinness, RN, Nurse Manager, Neurological Step Down Unit.*