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Rajesh's professional service extends beyond McMaster. He is the *first editor in chief* of 'CLAE Connections', the official newsletter of the CLAE, a position he has held since 2012. Over the years, through its '*rising star*' section, several young professionals in epilepsy have been profiled. Several important national initiatives in epilepsy including clinical and research programs were shared with the membership. He has been a member of the *Provincial Epilepsy Implementation Task Force* since 2013 and was the *co-chair* of the provincial committee that wrote the Ontario guidelines for the management of epilepsy in adults and children. He was also a member of the *Ontario Provincial Epilepsy Expert panel*. Nationally, he served as a board member of the Canadian Association of Child Neurologists for three years and the Canadian Board of registration of EEG technologists (CBRET) for 6 years. Rajesh was a member of the American Epilepsy Society SUDEP Task Force and the organizing committee for the third biennial Partners Against Mortality in Epilepsy PAME conference in 2016.

Rajesh has authored more than thirty-five peer reviewed journal articles and five book chapters. His major research focus is *sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP)* communication, *ketogenic diets* and *encephalopathy associated with electrical status epilepticus of sleep (ESES)*. The latter two projects are funded by the Ontario Brain Institute.