

global nerve foundation

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Welcome

The Global Nerve Foundation (GNF) was founded to improve the lives of people with peripheral nerve problems. The second year of programming has seen substantial progress in the execution of its mission, while continuing to strengthen its infrastructure to accelerate growth and impact.

In 2024, our committees developed and executed impactful programs:

- It grew its outreach by 64%, thanks to the educational content and webinars created by the awareness committee, advertised through social media campaign to the public. We also received our first grant to support outreach to family practice clinics. These initiatives raise awareness, improve referral pathways, and will shorten the time to care for patients with peripheral nerve conditions.
- The Education committee held first-rate in-person education courses, thanks to over 30 faculty volunteers from leading institutions, and over 1000 clinicians attended or viewed a series of 9 webinars highlighting cutting edge diagnostic and treatments of peripheral nerve repair through recognized clinical experts from around the globe.
- The research committee officially granted its first Young Investigator Award to Vlad Tereshenko, MD, PhD (Harvard University) for his study on painful neuromas and received 16 applications to its second grant cycle (a 50% increase from the first cycle) – and published 6 abstract recording

Critically important for the long term, GNF progressed its infrastructure. GNF diversified and increased its membership by almost 50%, with representatives from 47 countries. Over 41 experts are now actively volunteering across our 3 committees (+28%) and are the driving force to our programming and impact. GNF also implemented a new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) platform that integrates membership, events, and donations, providing a seamless foundation for future programs and initiatives.

The GNF continues to grow its relationships across the peripheral nerve industry and care provider community. GNF ended 2024 with 5 start-up industry partners, and 364 healthcare providers (HCPs) in its directory. While progress in diagnostics and treatment is accelerating, millions of patients affected by peripheral nerve conditions remain undiagnosed and untreated. With your support, GNF will continue to raise public awareness, educate HCPs, support research, and advocate for patients in need.

Finally, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our volunteer committee members and corporate partners. Your passion, commitment, and contributions are essential to advancing the GNF mission and making a meaningful difference in the lives of people affected by peripheral nerve problems.



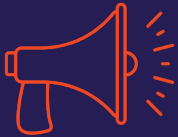
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Strategic Pillars of the GNF

The Global Nerve Foundation was formed with the mission to improve the lives of people with nerve problems through advancing and promoting excellence in nerve care. The Global Nerve Foundation coalesces everyone involved with the assessment, diagnostic, treatment and monitoring of peripheral nerve disorders – including patients, therapists, referring physicians. To achieve this, the GNF has formed volunteer committees to execute its mission across its strategic pillars of Awareness, Education, Research, and Advocacy.



Awareness

Peripheral nerve injuries affect millions of people, yet their impact often goes unrecognized. To address this gap, the Awareness Committee develops free public webinars and educational resources designed to inform both the general public and referring health care providers about nerve conditions and available treatment options. In addition, the committee has created a patient care directory, making it easier to find the specialized support needed.



Education

Because treating peripheral nerve conditions often requires collaboration across multiple medical specialties, the Education Committee partners with leading clinicians to create educational resources for providers across disciplines. These efforts strengthen knowledge, foster collaboration, and help ensure that patients receive high-quality, coordinated care that improves outcomes.



Research

Advancing research is central to the Global Nerve Foundation's mission. The Research Committee brings together leaders in the field to identify and prioritize critical research questions that hold the greatest potential to improve patient care. By guiding and supporting studies that align with the Foundation's vision, the committee helps drive innovation and accelerate progress to improve patient care.



Advocacy

The Global Nerve Foundation advocates for fair and consistent reimbursement for treatments that benefit patients and ensure appropriate compensation for clinicians. Through building consensus on patient assessment methods, diagnostic and treatment standards, and consistent clinical nomenclature, the Advocacy Committee works to shape policies that improve access to care and support best practices in treatment.

Continued Growth

In 2024, the Global Nerve Foundation (GNF) welcomed more than 200 new members, bringing total membership to 364. Engagement grew by 64% across the GNF's website and social media platforms, reflecting a strong and expanding community. This momentum extended to our volunteer committees in Awareness, Education, and Research which expanded GNF programming.

Digital Growth and Outreach

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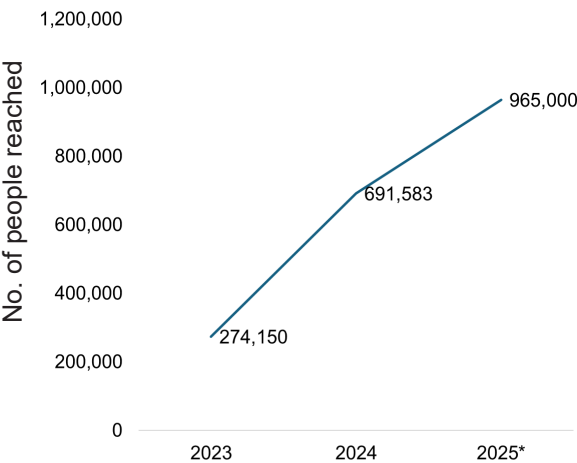
64%

Visitors in 2024

Growth in 2024

The GNF continued to see rapid growth in website traffic and expanded its reach to both the public and HCPs. This year also marked the launch of the GNF's professional website (www.professional.globalnervefoundation.org), featuring educational resources and events tailored specifically for medical providers. Together, these platforms strengthen GNF's ability to connect with diverse audiences and lay the groundwork for even greater engagement and impact in the future.

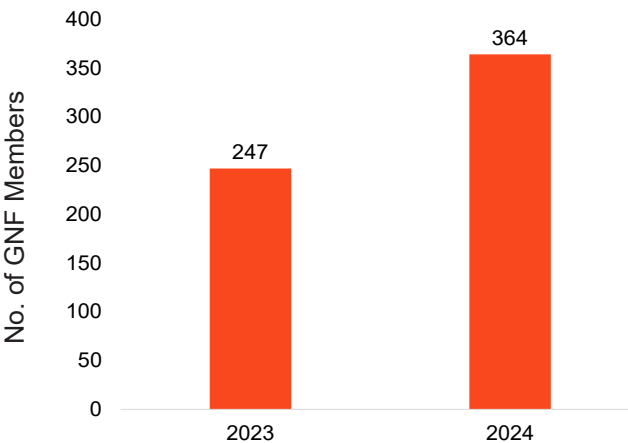
SOCIAL MEDIA



The GNF expanded its reach through multiple social media platforms. An increasing number of educational courses position the GNF well to accelerate its momentum and growth. This expanded reach helped raise awareness of peripheral nerve conditions, drive engagement in educational initiatives, and connect patients with the resources and care they need.

GNF MEMBERSHIP

Our members are the driving force behind GNF's programs, helping to identify new educational opportunities and develop valuable resources. In 2024, we expanded our impact through outreach and educational courses. In 2025, we anticipate significant growth in membership from additional educational courses and the launch of our Clinical Partnership program.



Global Engagement



Members and committee participants of the GNF represent 47 countries, highlighting the organization's global reach and diversity. This international engagement allows the GNF to tailor educational programs to meet the unique priorities and needs of different regions.

International Representation in the GNF

>30 Countries
Represented in
Educational Courses

10 Countries
Represented across
GNF Committees

47

Countries across GNF
Membership

Committees and Programs

Awareness Committee

Goals

- Foster broad awareness of peripheral nerve problems across all stakeholders
- Raise awareness of the impact of nerve disorders.
- Empower people with peripheral nerve problems and help them find care.

2024 Programs and Accomplishments

- Added **six educational webpages** to the GNF website.
- Grew its HCP directory as a resource for patients to find care.
 - **Over 300,000 visitors viewed GNF awareness resources in 2024.**
- Organized **six webinars** to raise awareness and educate the public on peripheral nerve problems.



The Global Nerve Foundation Awareness Committee, develops content and programs for the general public and referring physicians so that more patients seek care and shorten time to treatment, thereby improving patient outcomes.

2025 Programs and Goals

- Reach **at least 500,000 people** through additional educational content and social media engagement.
- Reach **at least 5,000 people** through patient webinars.

2024 Awareness Committee Members

- **Harry Hoyen**, Chair, US, MetroHealth
- **Helen Blake**, US, St. Louis Spine and Orthopedic
- **Marvin Chung**, Hong Kong, University of Hong Kong
- **Alta Fried**, US, ARMS Clinic,
- **Robert Hagan**, Neuropax Clinic
- **Anna Lane**, US, Axogen
- **Amber Leis**, Washington University
- **Deana Mercer**, US, University of New Mexico
- **Shari Moore**, Allina Health
- **Ziv Peled**, US, Peled Surgery
- **Shafic Sraj**, US, West Virginia University

Education Committee

Goals

- Deliver best-in-class multi-disciplinary education programs tailored to target audiences.
- Foster interdisciplinary collaboration.

2024 Programs and Accomplishments

- Held in-person Lower Extremity Nerves Course concurrently in the UK, and the Netherlands.
 - **54 surgeons in attendance from around the world.**
 - **Over 30 faculty volunteers.**
- Held nine monthly webinar series highlighting cutting edge care and research.
 - **Over 1,000 health care providers viewed live** or recorded webinar series.

The GNF Education Committee develops in-person and virtual education opportunities targeted to health care providers who diagnose and treat peripheral nerve problems.



2025 Programs and Goals

- Reach **at least 250 HCPs** in four multi-disciplinary, international educational courses (Functional Reconstruction, Brachial Plexus Conference, Basic Nerve Course, and Headache/Migraine).
- Reach **at least 500 people** per webinar within the first 6 months.

2024 Education Committee Members

- **Dominic Power**, Chair, UK, Birmingham Hand and Nerve Center
- **Godard C.W. de Ruiter**, The Netherlands, Haaglanden Medical Center
- **Richard Dortch**, US, Barrow Neurological Institute
- **Christopher Dy**, US, Washington University School of Medicine
- **Tahseen Chaudhry**, UK, Birmingham Hand and Nerve Center
- **Hugo den Boogert**, The Netherlands, Haaglanden Medical Center
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- **Kyle Eberlin**, US, Massachusetts General Hospital
- **Samuel George**, UK, Birmingham Hand and Nerve Center
- **Lisa Gfrerer**, US, Weill Cornell Medicine
- **Pieter Jordaan**, South Africa, Orthopaedic and Hand Surgeon
- **Jonas Kolbenschlag**, Germany, BG Trauma Center/University of Tübingen
- **Paul Malone**, UK, Birmingham Hand and Nerve Center
- **Amy M. Moore**, US, The Ohio State University
- **Tom Quick**, UK, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cleveland Clinic London, UK
- **Antoine G.L. Rocher**, South Africa, Orthopaedic and Hand Surgeon
- **Darryl Sneag**, US, Weill Cornell Medical College, Hospital for Special Surgery
- **Ek Tsoon Tan**, US, Hospital for Special Surgery, Weill Cornell Medical College
- **Michiel Zuidam**, The Netherlands, Erasmus Medical Centre

Research Committee

Goals

- Support peripheral nerve research to develop consensus on diagnosis and treatment of peripheral nerve problems.
- Stimulate young researchers to answer critical questions to advance peripheral nerve care.

2024 Programs and Accomplishments

- **Awarded first Young Investigator Award** to Vlad Tereshenko, MD, PhD (Harvard University) - *Deciphering neural nociceptive drivers behind painful neuroma*.
- Received **16 applications (50% increase)** for the second a Young Investigator Award grant cycle.
- Published **six Abstract Spotlight** recordings.

2025 Programs and Goals

- Form working groups to initiate **2 Delphi studies** by the end of 2025.
- Reach **over 100 people** per Abstract Spotlight posting.

The Global Nerve Foundation supports research through providing Young Investigator grants to clinicians, fellows, and researchers post-doctoral researchers. For more information on this program, visit: <https://globalnervefoundation.org/research-award/>



2024 Research Committee Members

- **Mark Mahan**, Chair, US, University of Utah
- **John Zuniga**, US, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Board Liaison
- **Damiano Barone**, US, Houston Methodist
- **Justin Burrell**, US, University of Pennsylvania
- **Anne Engemann**, US, Axogen
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Financial Report 2024

The Global Nerve Foundation operates on a January 1 - December 31 fiscal year. The 2024 financial information and any projections in this report have yet to be audited.

	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Actuals*
REVENUE	\$360,628	\$417,420	\$269,681
EXPENSES			
Management	\$62,016	\$79,900	\$74,161
Programs	\$97,504	\$144,946	\$139,209
Fundraising	\$53,018	\$72,945	\$72,311
Total	\$212,538	\$297,791	\$285,681
INCOME	\$148,090	\$119,629	\$(15,958)
ASSETS	\$148,090	\$267,719	\$251,761

*Unaudited estimates.

Financial Goals

Corporate Partners

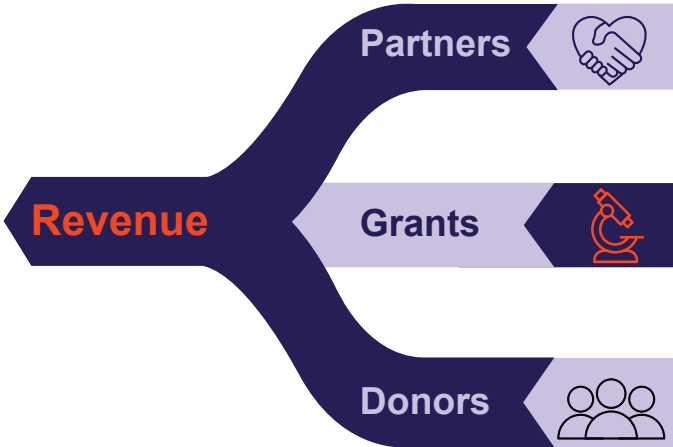
Expand the number of corporate partners through outreach and collaboration.

Grants

Apply for grants to advance nerve knowledge through supporting nerve research and awareness.

Donations

Expand our giving programs through corporate and individual giving.



2025 Goals

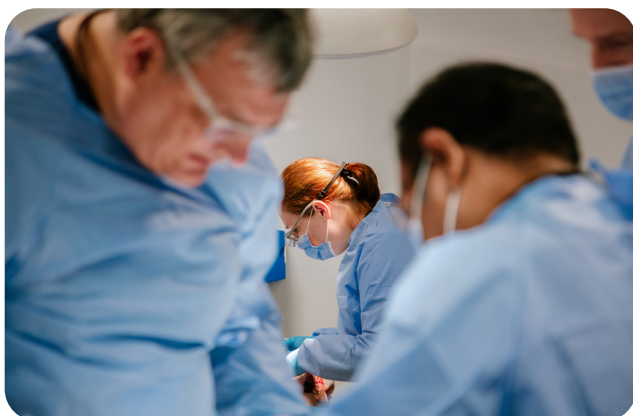
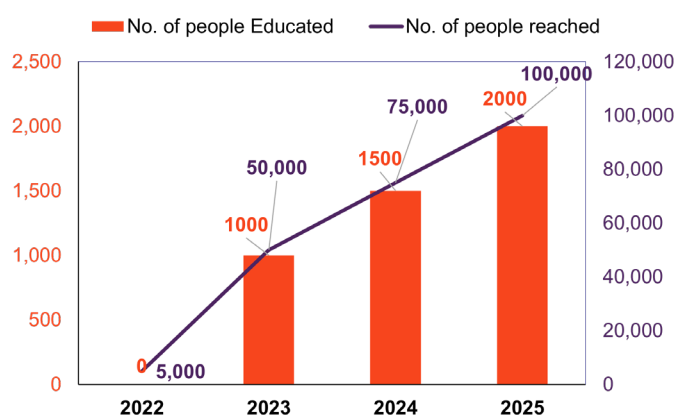
Awareness



In 2025, the Awareness Committee will develop at least 5 patient-centered webinars and add at least 4 educational pages to its website on key topics for peripheral nerve patients and care givers.

Education

In 2025, the Education Committee will host at least four in-person courses while continuing its monthly webinar series (see bar graph, right). Additionally, the committee will develop structured virtual education programs to help standardize peripheral nerve training across disciplines and ensure consistent, high-quality learning for all providers.



Research

In 2025, the Research Committee will establish working groups to conduct Delphi studies aimed at identifying gaps in peripheral nerve knowledge and care. These initiatives are expected to lead to peer-reviewed publications and may uncover opportunities for secondary research projects that could be supported through grant funding, further advancing the field.

2025 Goals

Partnerships

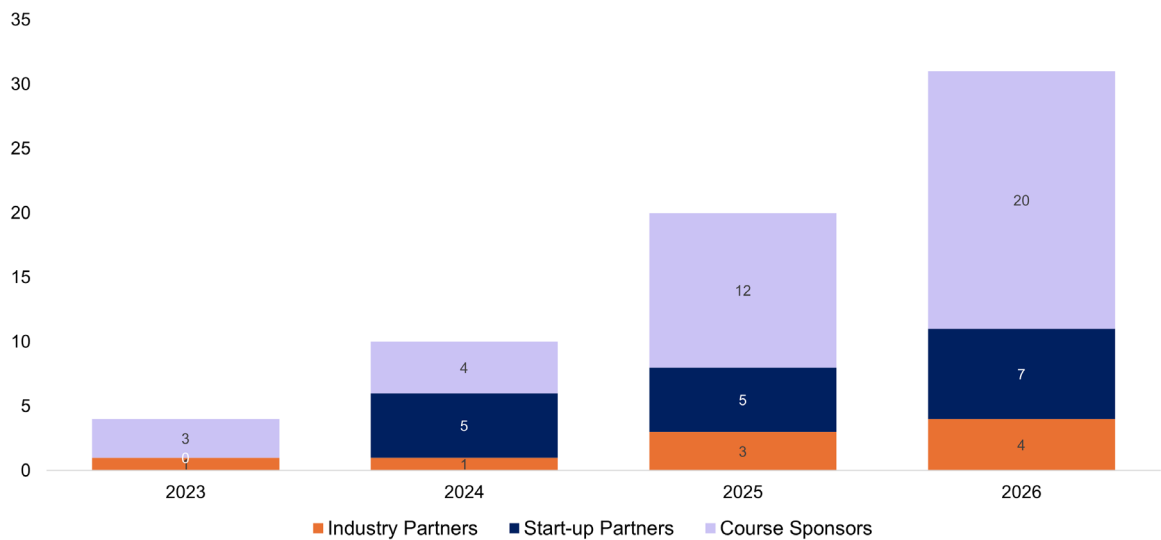
Clinical

The GNF will target peripheral nerve clinics to become clinical partners that will augment our HCP directory for patients to find care and shorten time to care for patients seeking medical assistance.



Industry

Building strong relationships is a multi-year effort. In 2024, GNF expanded its connections with industry partners through course sponsorships, strengthening support for our programs. The GNF has secured additional sponsorships and partnership commitments for 2025, positioning GNF to further grow its impact and advance its mission.



The GNF would like to thank its members and volunteers for their continuous support. Our members drive the content of our programming which, in turn, drives the GNF closer to its mission of improving the lives of people with peripheral nerve problems!

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