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Sina was born in Tehran, Iran and raised in Zanjan, Iran. He came out to Massachusetts to attend Harvard University where he obtained his undergraduate degree cum laude in Neuroscience with a secondary in Economics. In college, Sina conducted wet-lab research under the supervision of Dr. Hugo Bellen, worked as a legal intern in Levy Firestone Muse LLP, and served as a research assistant for Drs. Francis Shen, Steven Levitsky, and Jennifer Hochschild. Sina moved to California (by bike!) to begin medical school at Stanford where he is currently pursuing clinical and basic science research opportunities in the neuroscience domain. Outside of medical school, Sina is an avid cyclist, enjoys going on walks, doing yoga, and learning to salsa dance.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Sigma Xi Full Member, Stanford University (2025)
- AAN Medical Student Research Scholar, American Academy of Neurology (2024)
- AΩA Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellow, Alpha Omega Alpha (AΩA) (2024)
- Knight-Hennessy Scholar, Stanford University (2024)
- NREF Medical Student Summer Research Fellow, American Association of Neurological Surgeons (2024)
- The Pars Equality Center/Moghadam Research Scholarship Fund for Iranian Students at Stanford and MIT, The Pars Equality Center (2024)
- Berg Scholar, Stanford University (2023)
- Graduate Public Service Fellow, Stanford University (2023)
- NIH T32 Institutional Research Award Fellow, Stanford University (2023)
- Schweitzer Fellow, Stanford University (2023)
- Klingenstein Fellow, Stanford University (2022)
- Medical Scholars Fellow, Stanford University (2022)
- Sally and Cresap Moore Prize for energy and enthusiasm for interdisciplinary learning, Harvard University (2021)
- John Harvard Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement, Harvard University (2020)
- Harvard Foundation recognition for notable contributions to intercultural and race relations, Harvard University (2019)

MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

- American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), Member
- Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), Member
- American Medical Association (AMA), Member

- American Heart Association (AHA), Member

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Value of Inpatient Neuromodulation: A National Analysis of Paddle Spinal Cord Stimulation Outcomes.** *Neurosurgery*
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