

# Electrode Identifier and Electrode Survey

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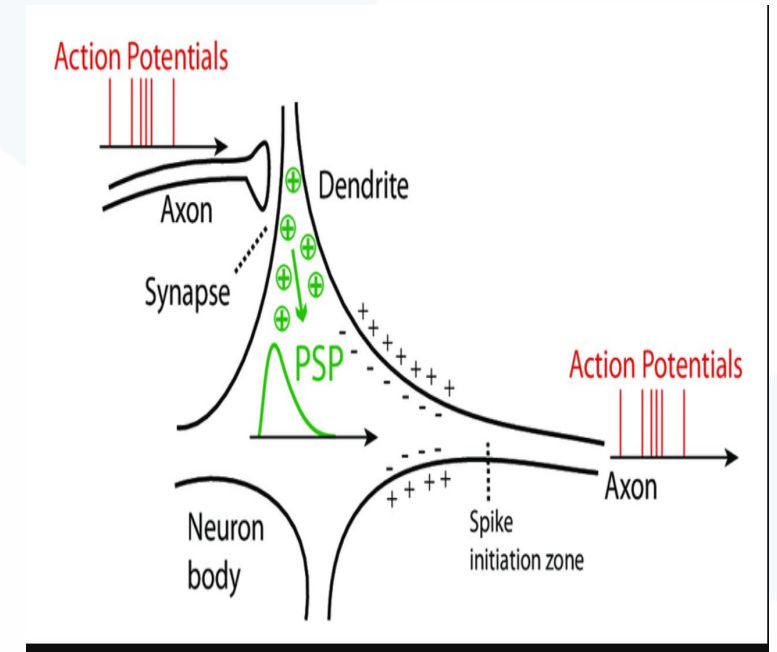


# Poll #1

- I use Brainsense technology (Electrode Identifier & Electrode Survey) as a tool to guide me for initial programmings:
  - A: 0-25% of the time
  - B: 26-50% of the time
  - C: 51-75% of the time
  - D: 76-100% of the time
  - E: I have never used Brainsense technology

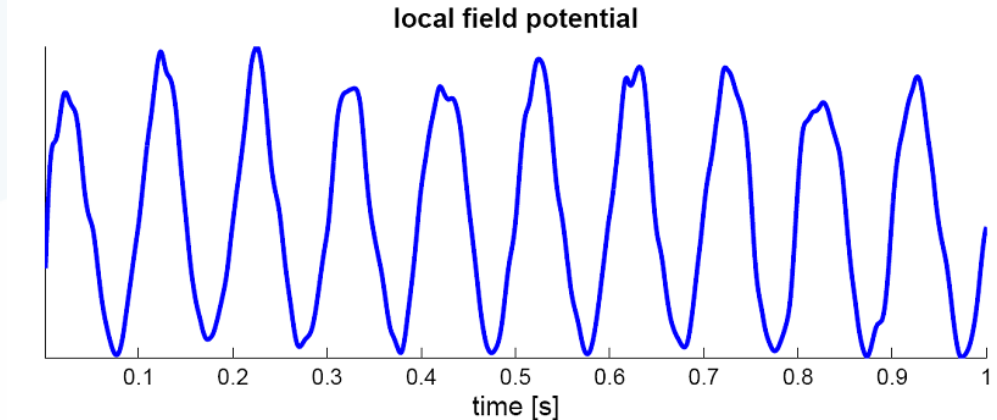
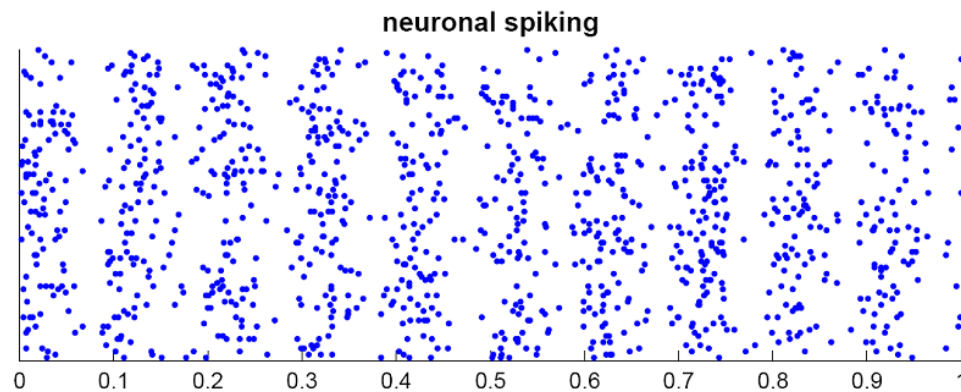
# Local field potentials

- Local Field Potentials (LFPs), are the signals measured by electrodes in the brain. They are generated by:
  - Postsynaptic potentials (PSPs): the change in the electrical voltage when one neuron communicates with another.
  - Temporal-spatial summation: Individual PSPs are minuscule. The LFP signal is the combined (summed) effect of thousands of these PSPs happening at roughly the same time (temporally) and in the same general location around the recording electrode (spatially).
  - Local neuronal population: The summation involves the electrical activity of a small group of neurons immediately surrounding the electrode, not the activity of single, isolated neurons or the whole brain.
- The signal an electrode records (the LFP) primarily reflects the average, synchronized electrical activity of the surrounding neurons as they receive and process information from other parts of the brain.



# Local field potentials

- LFPs mainly represent the temporal–spatial summation of post synaptic potentials from the local neuronal population surrounding an electrode.
- Simulation of neural oscillations at 10 Hz. The panel on the left shows spiking of individual neurons (with each dot representing an individual action potential within the population of neurons), and the panel on the right is the local field potential reflecting their summed activity.



Think of PSPs as individual heartbeats (depolarization/hyperpolarization), and LFPs as the EKG (electrocardiogram) showing the combined electrical rhythm of the whole heart muscle.

<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:SimulationNeuralOscillations.png>

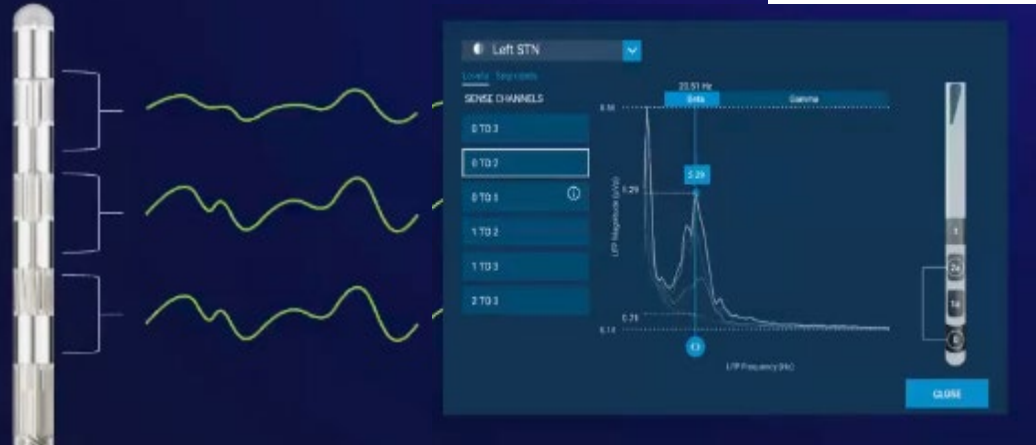
# Signal Analysis

Frequency band	Frequency range (Hz) <sup>†</sup>
Delta	0-3
Theta	4-7
Alpha	8-12
Beta	13-30
Gamma	31-200
High Frequency	>200

# Electrode Survey & Electrode Identifier

## Bipolar sensing with BrainSense™ Survey (now called Electrode Survey)

BrainSense™ Electrode Survey uses bipolar recordings, which are taken from 2 electrodes on the same lead.

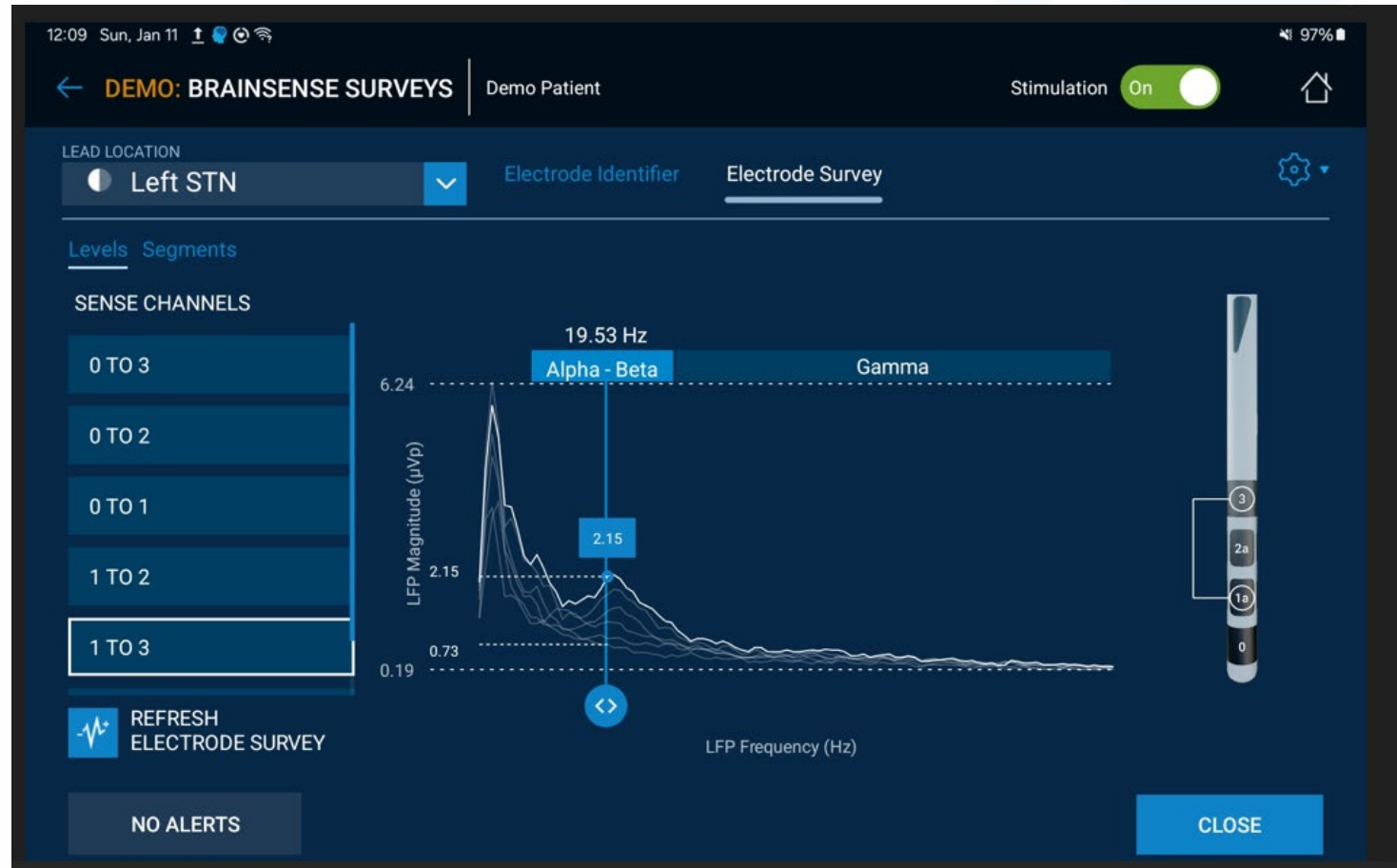


## Advancing DBS technology with BrainSense™ Electrode Identifier (monopolar sensing)

BrainSense™ Electrode Identifier: Monopolar recordings are taken from a specific electrode on the lead by using a distal reference (sufficiently far away).



# Electrode Survey



# Electrode Identifier – Algorithm Design

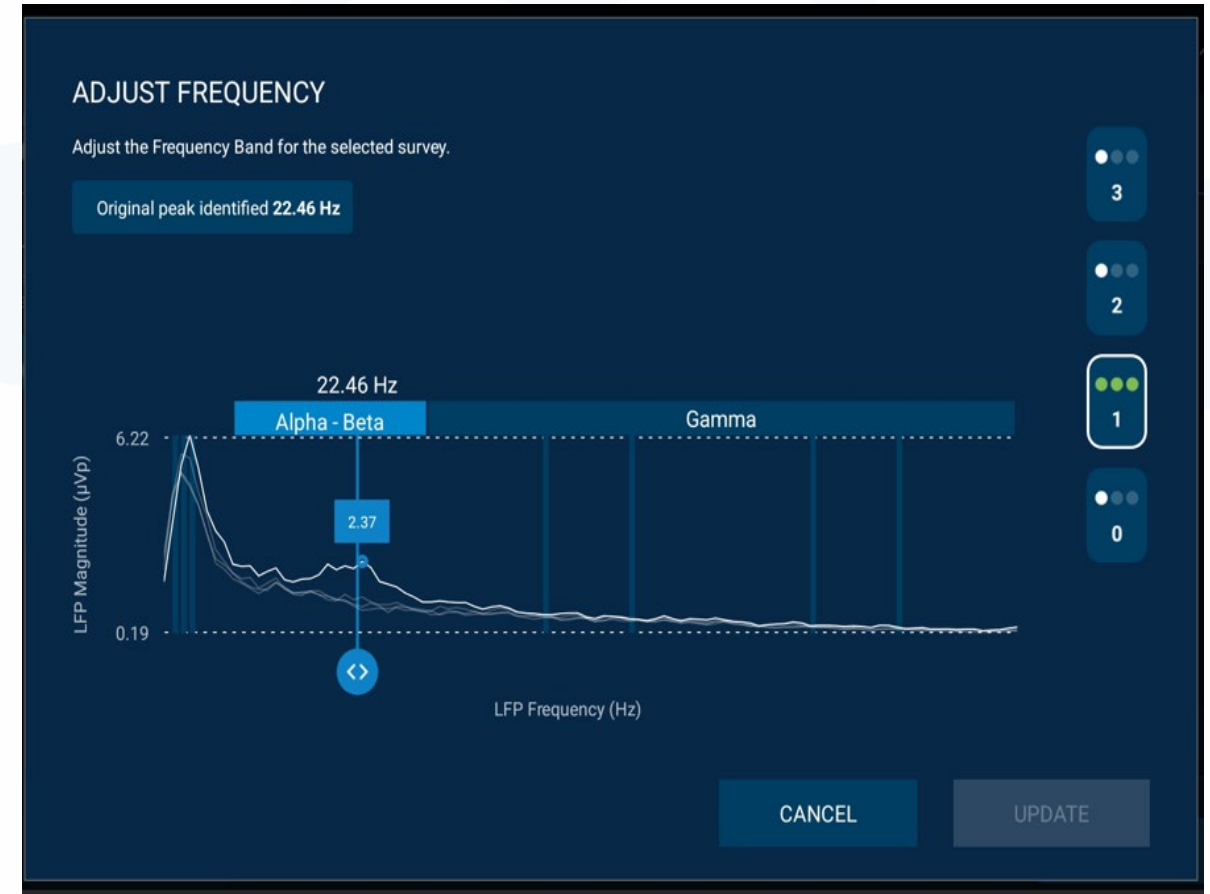
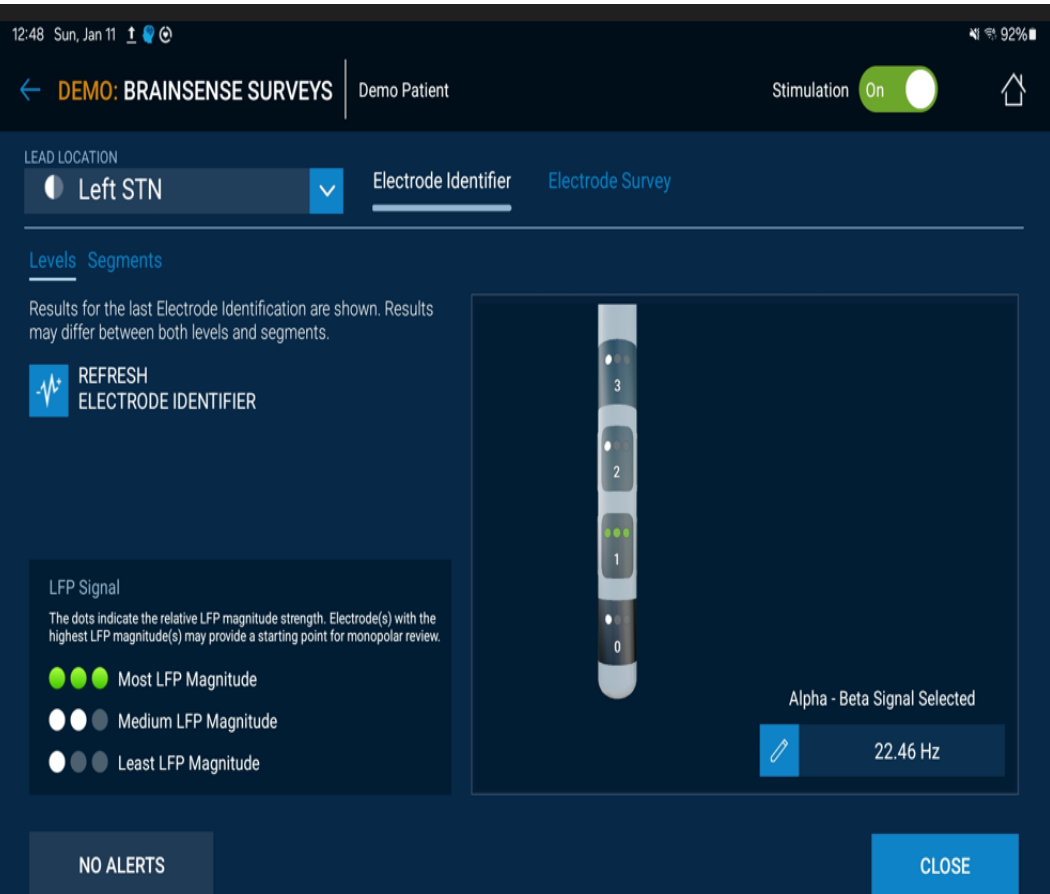
## Configuration:

- For patients with **two** implanted DBS leads, in one **dual-channel** device
- Reference electrode is automatically set to proximal (top) ring electrode of second lead (cannot be changed)
- Normal operational impedances required
- No Adaptors Allowed





# Electrode Identifier





## Poll #2

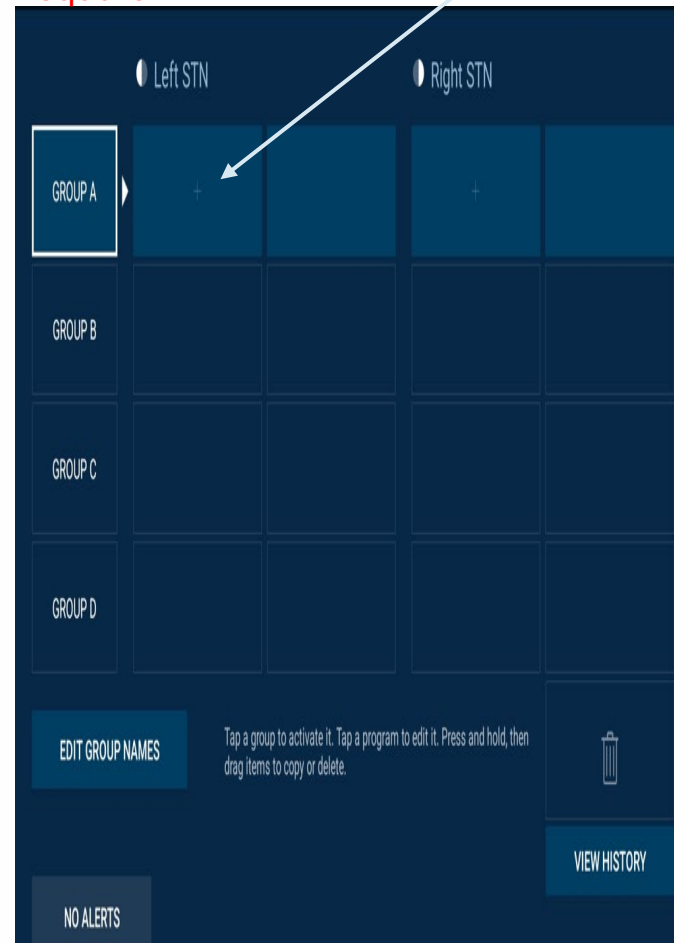
- The LFP frequency range that correlates most to symptoms of rigidity, stiffness, and bradykinesia is:
  - A: Theta (4-7 Hz)
  - B: Alpha (8-12 Hz)
  - C: Beta (13-30 Hz)
  - D: Gamma (> 30 Hz)
  - E: Not sure

# Initial Programming: Electrode Identifier (EI)

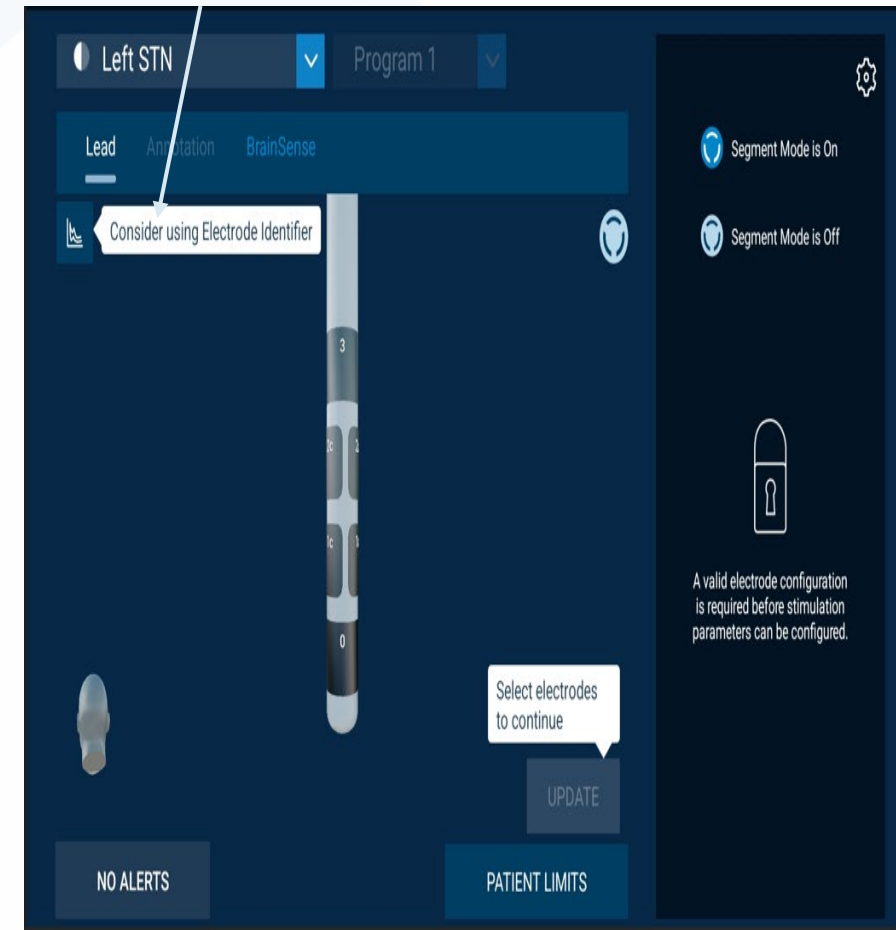
**Step 1: Home Screen - Tap “STIMULATION” tab**



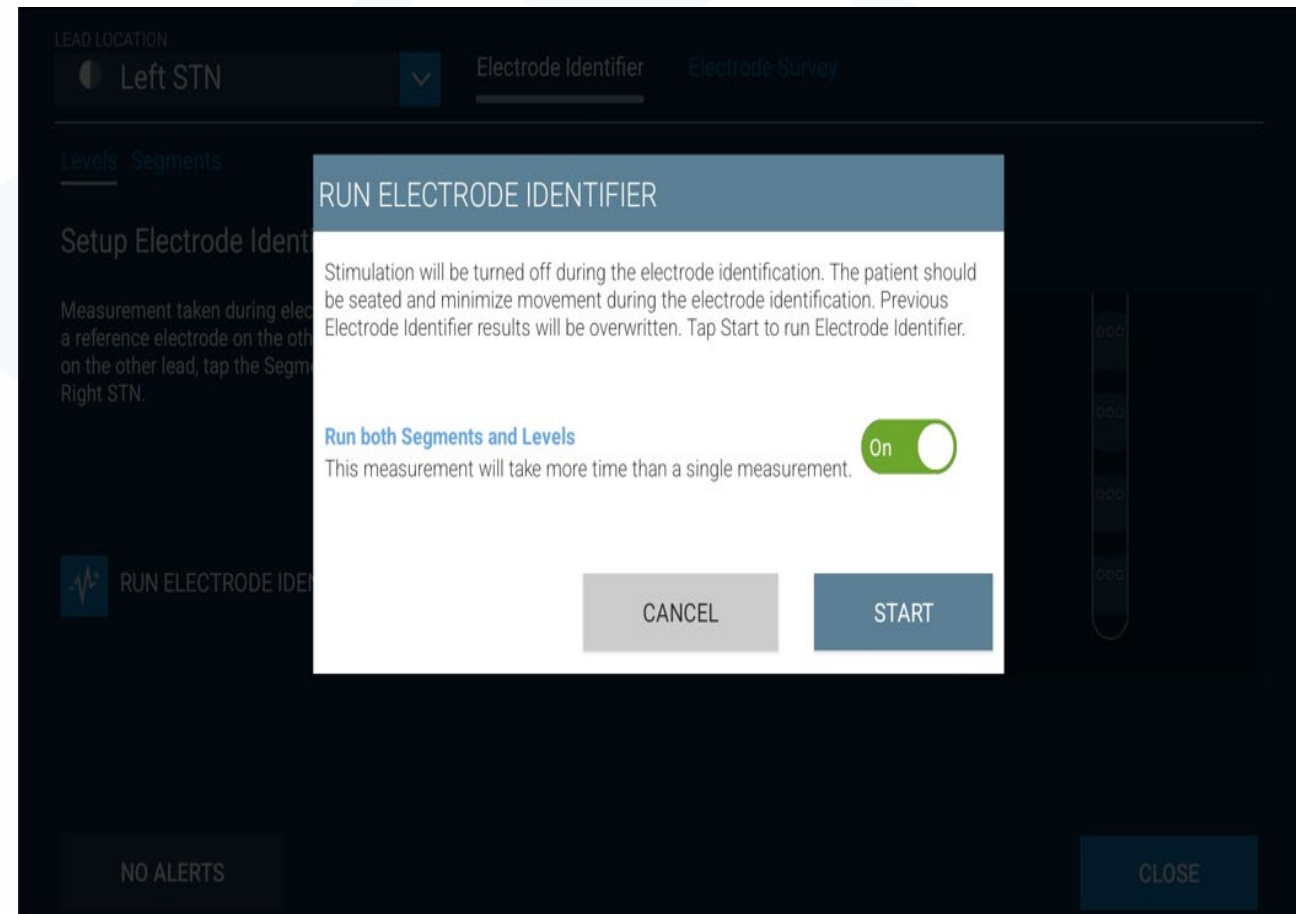
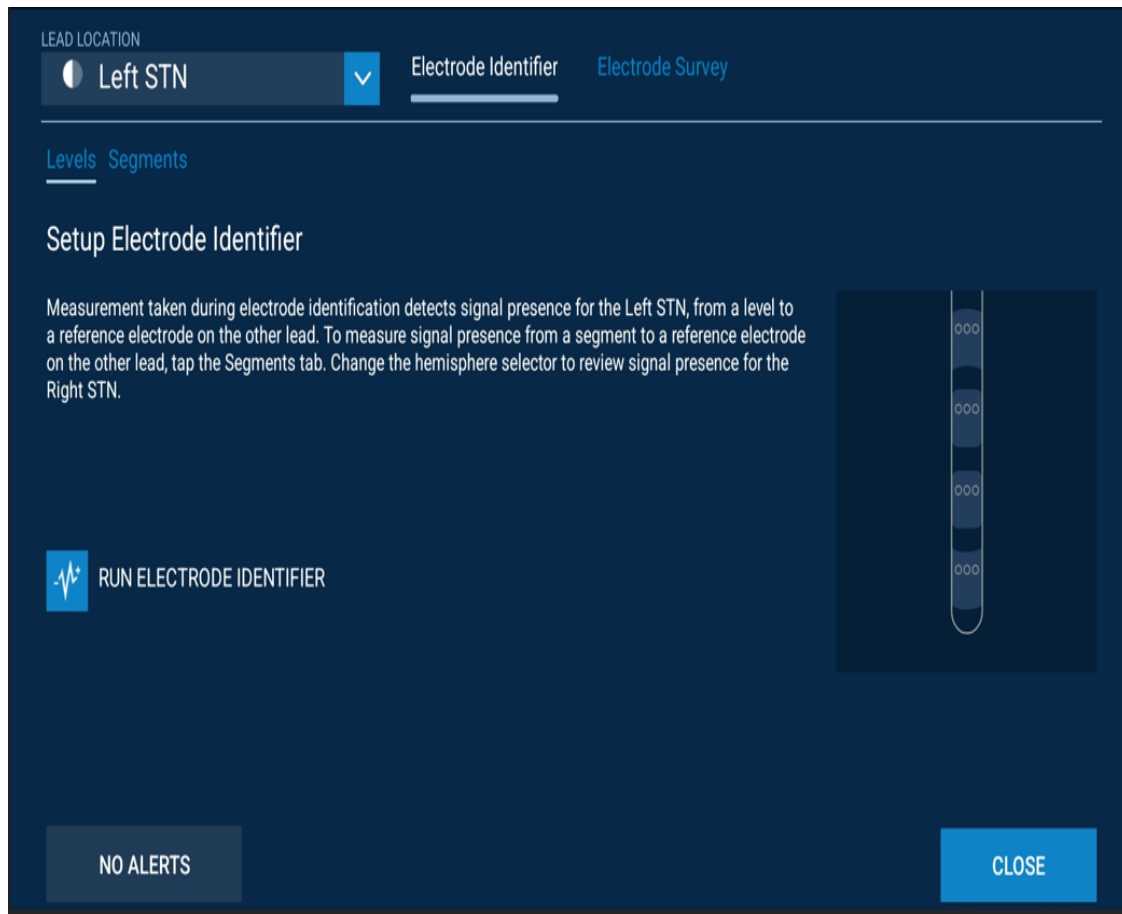
**Step 2: “Groups” Screen - Tap Left STN square**



**Step 3: Programming Screen – For EI tap icon in left corner**



# Initial Programming: EI



# Initial Programming: EI (LEVELS)

LEAD LOCATION  
Left STN

Electrode Identifier Electrode Survey

Levels Segments

Results for the last Electrode Identification are shown. Results may differ between both levels and segments.

REFRESH ELECTRODE IDENTIFIER

LFP Signal  
The dots indicate the relative LFP magnitude strength. Electrode(s) with the highest LFP magnitude(s) may provide a starting point for monopolar review.

- Most LFP Magnitude
- Medium LFP Magnitude
- Least LFP Magnitude

Alpha - Beta Signal Selected

22.46 Hz

NO ALERTS

CLOSE

ADJUST FREQUENCY

Adjust the Frequency Band for the selected survey.

Original peak identified 22.46 Hz

6.22

22.46 Hz

Alpha - Beta

Gamma

2.37

0.19


LFP Magnitude ( $\mu$ Vp)

LFP Frequency (Hz)

CANCEL


UPDATE

# Initial Programming: EI (SEGMENTS)




LEAD LOCATION  
**Left STN**  **Electrode Identifier** [Electrode Survey](#)


[Levels](#) [Segments](#)

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 **REFRESH ELECTRODE IDENTIFIER**

**LFP Signal**  
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-  Most LFP Magnitude
-  Medium LFP Magnitude
-  Least LFP Magnitude



Alpha - Beta Signal Selected


 21.48 Hz


**NO ALERTS** **CLOSE**


## ADJUST FREQUENCY


Adjust the Frequency Band for the selected survey.


Original peak identified **21.48 Hz**


 **2a**

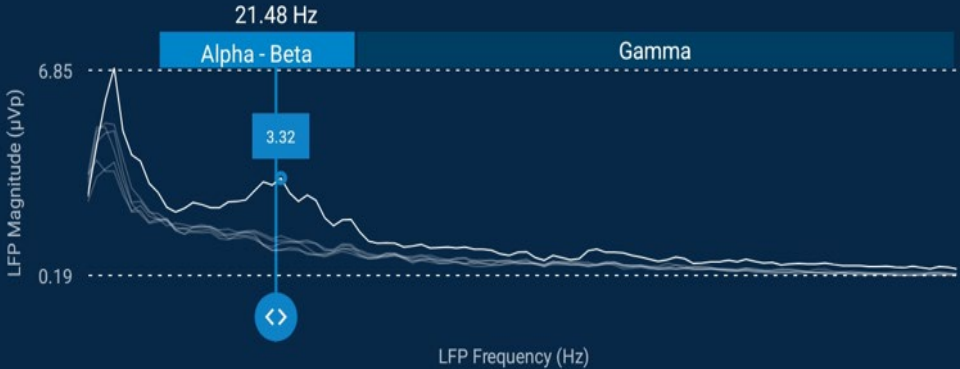
 **2b**

 **2c**

 **1a**

 **1b**

 **1c**



LFP Magnitude (µVp)

21.48 Hz

Alpha - Beta

Gamma

3.32

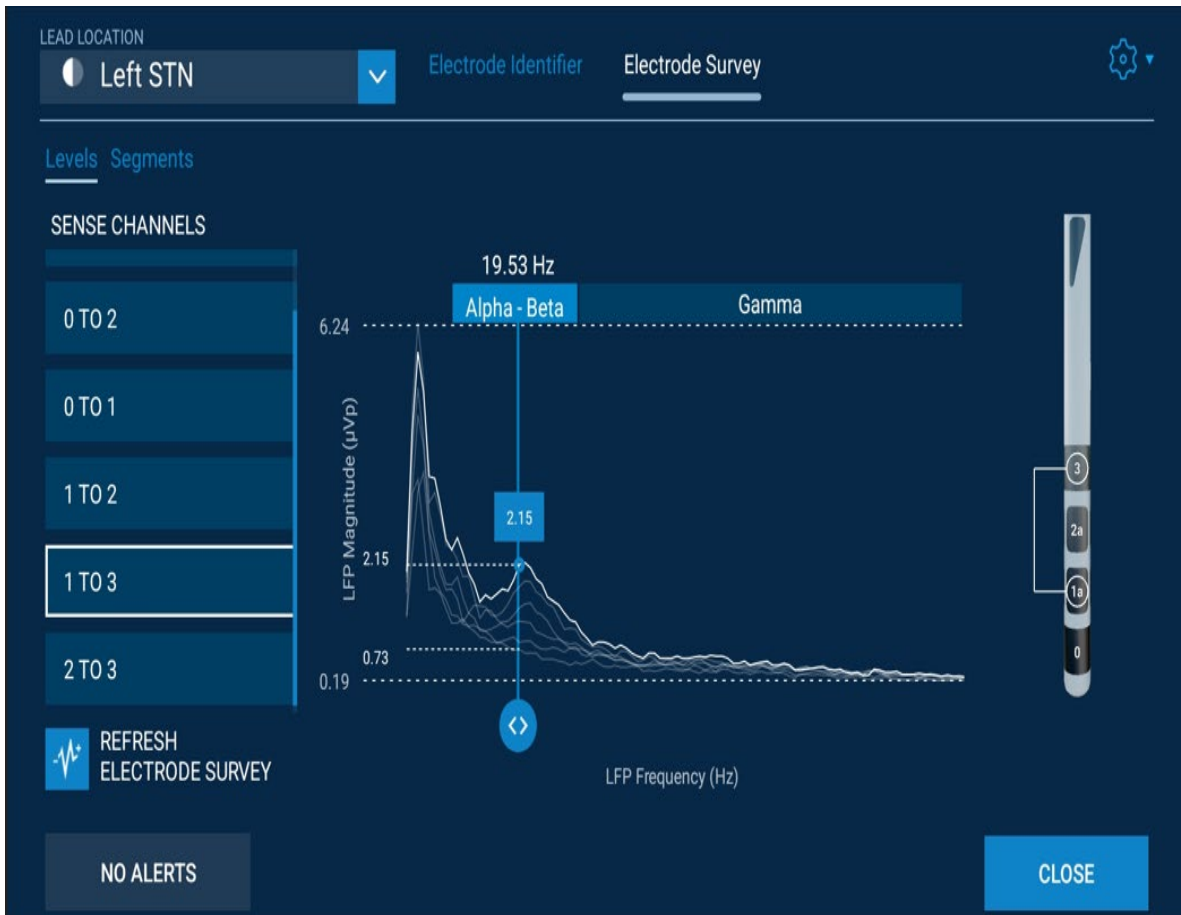
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LFP Frequency (Hz)

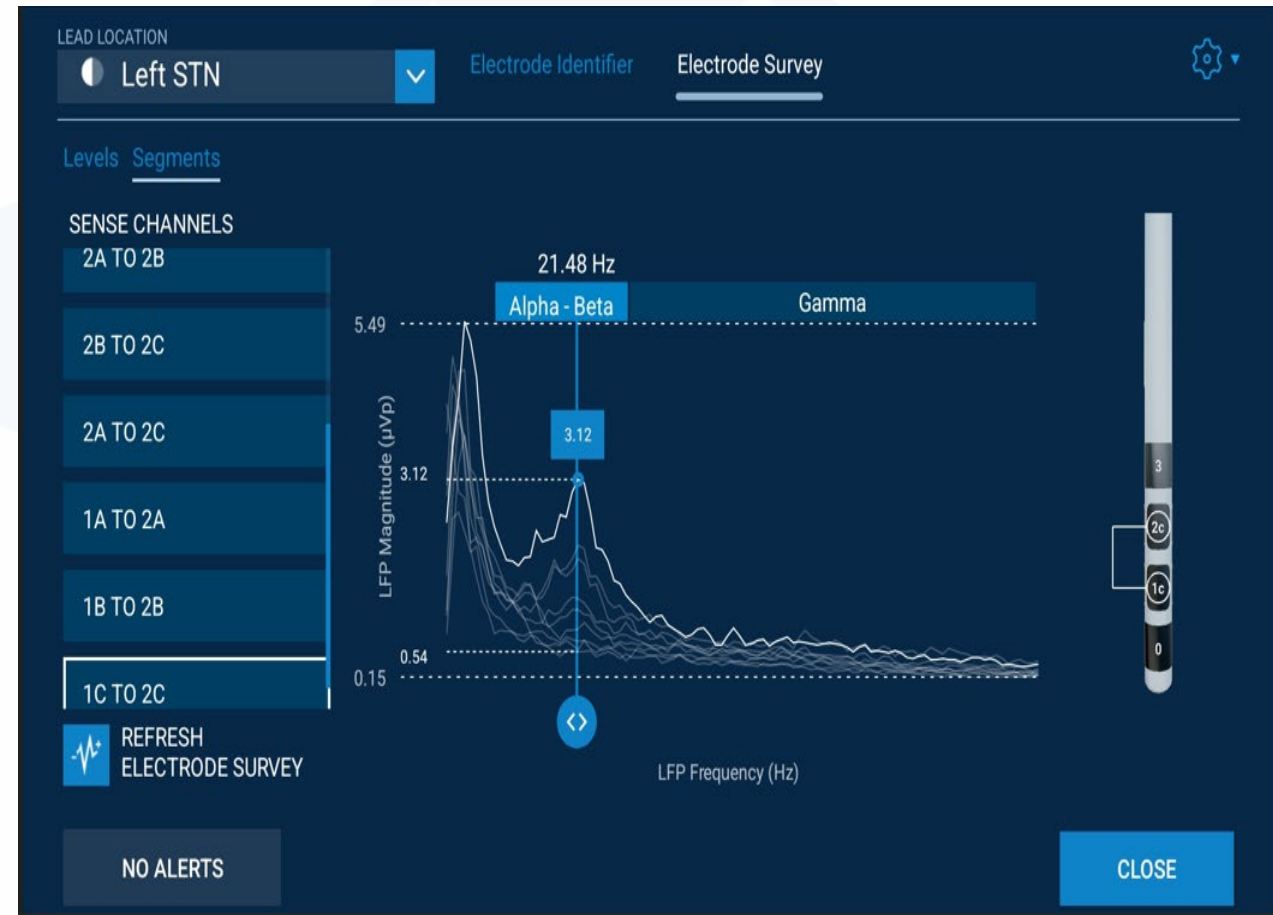
**CANCEL** **UPDATE**

# Electrode Survey: Levels & Segments

## Levels

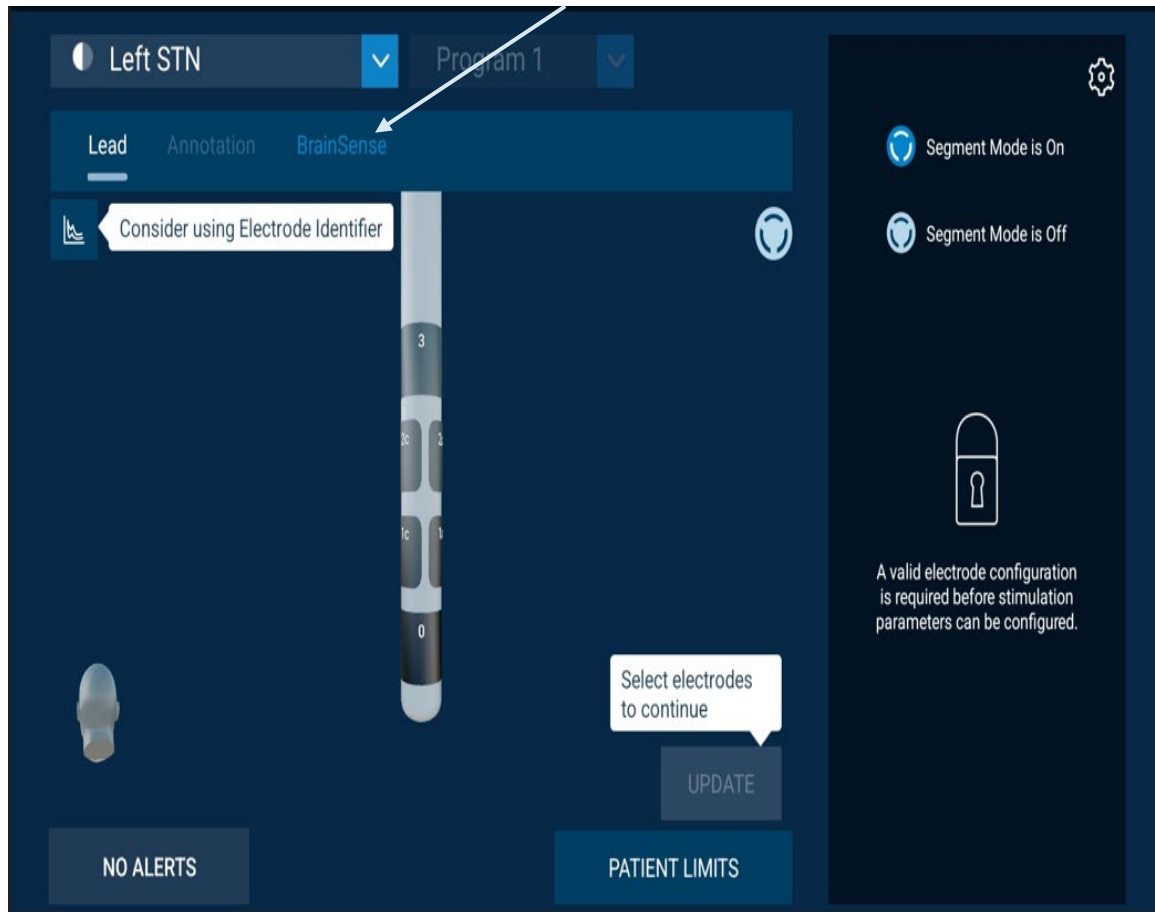


## Segments

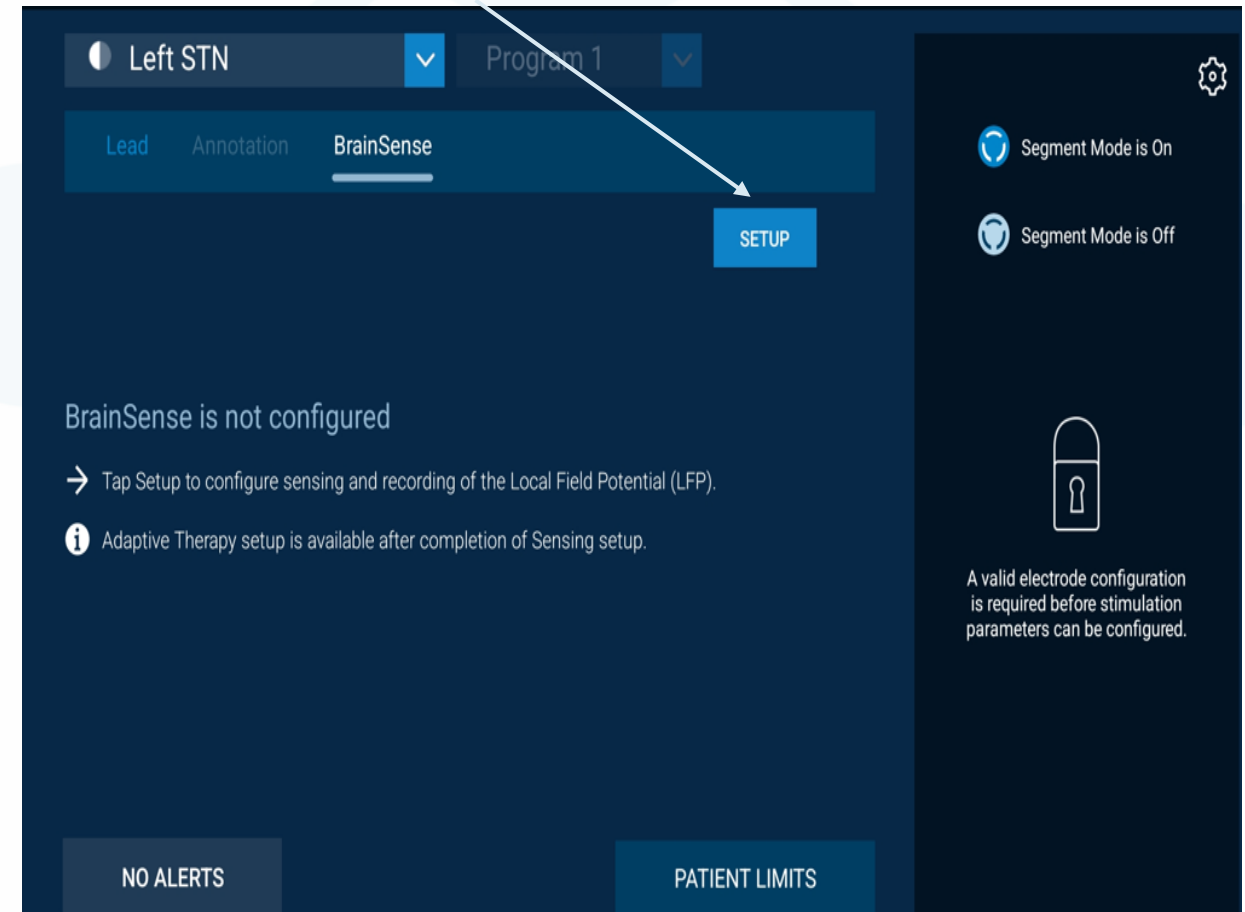


# BrainSense Setup

**Step 1: Programming screen – tap “BrainSense”**



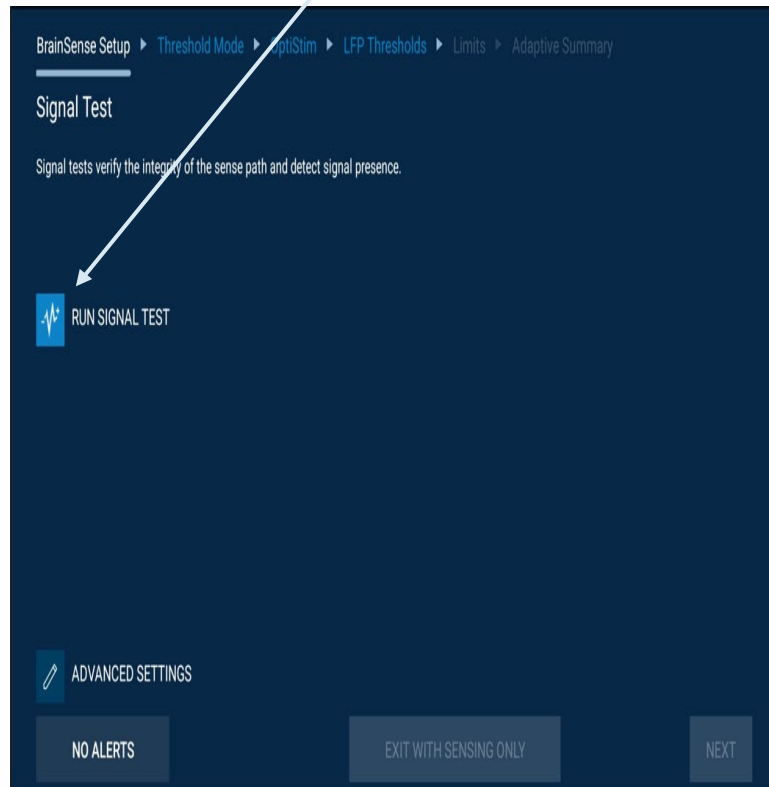
**Step 2: tap BrainSense “SETUP”**



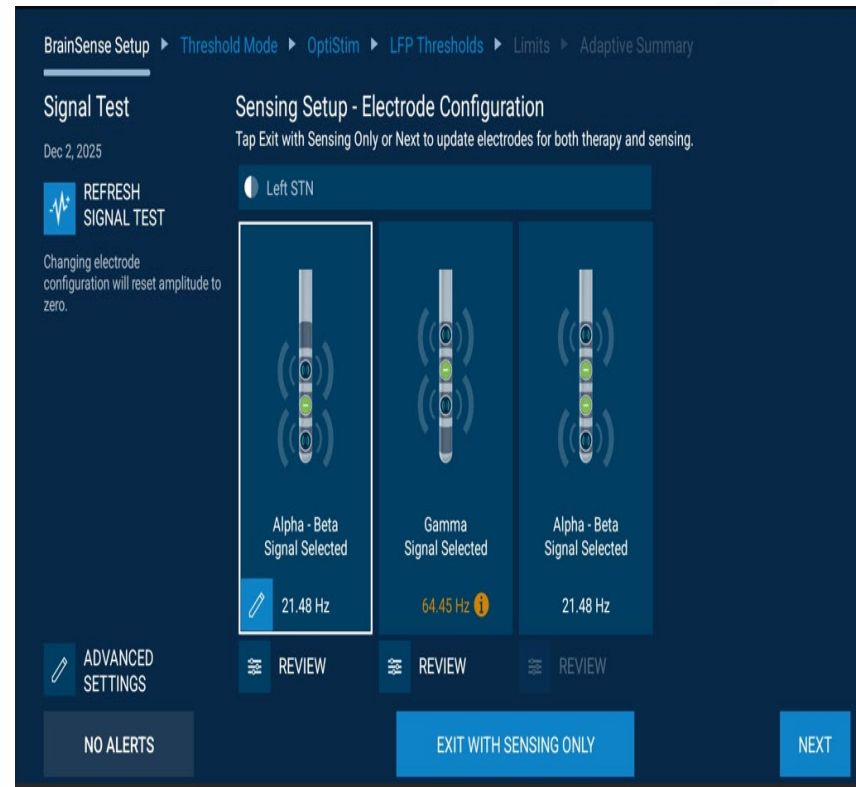


# Brainsense Signal Test

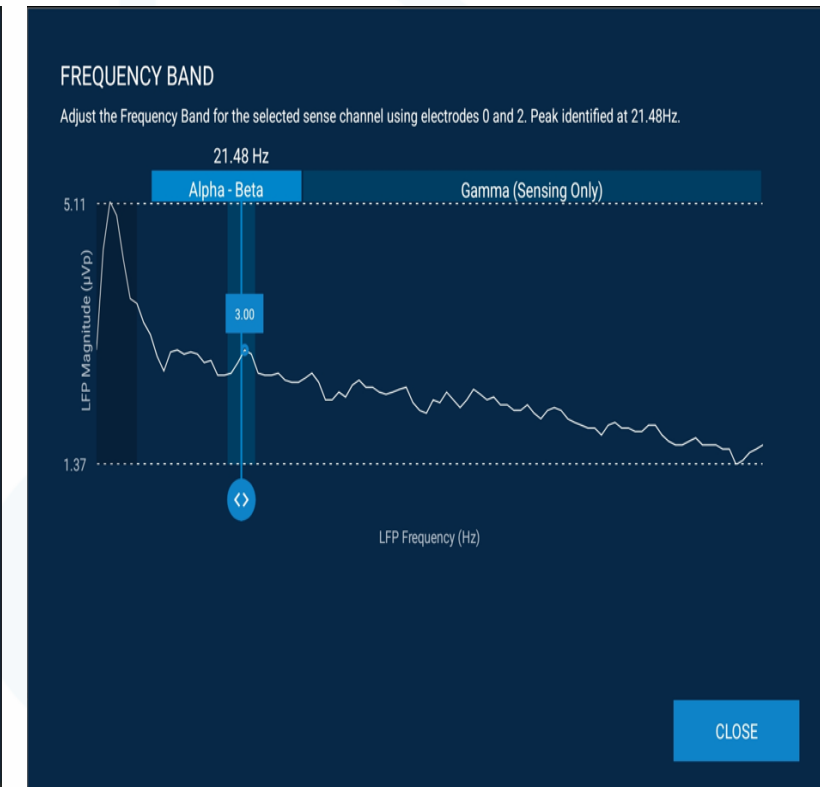
## Step 1: Run Signal Test



## Step 2: Select Electrode Configuration



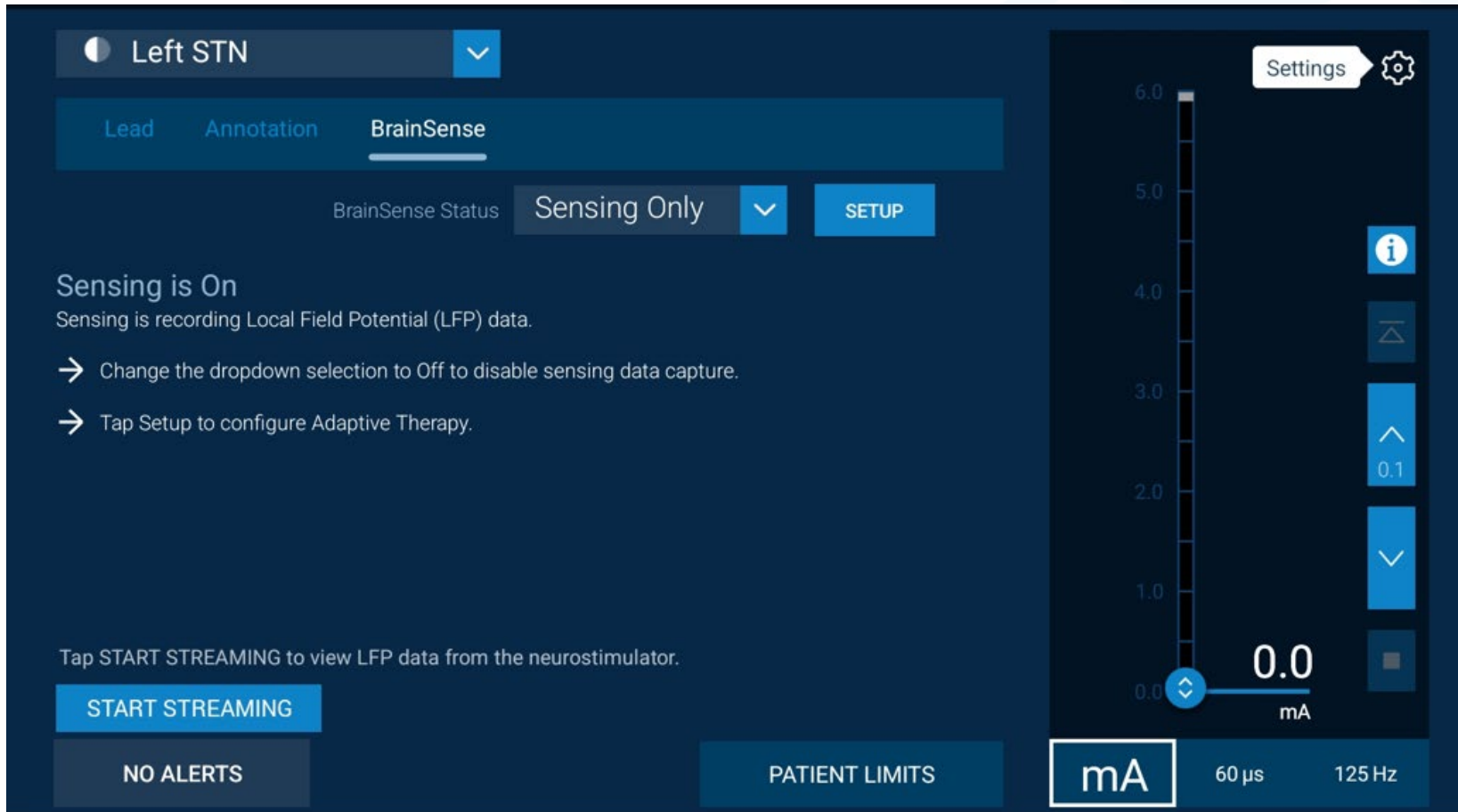
## Step 3: Select/Adjust Frequency Band



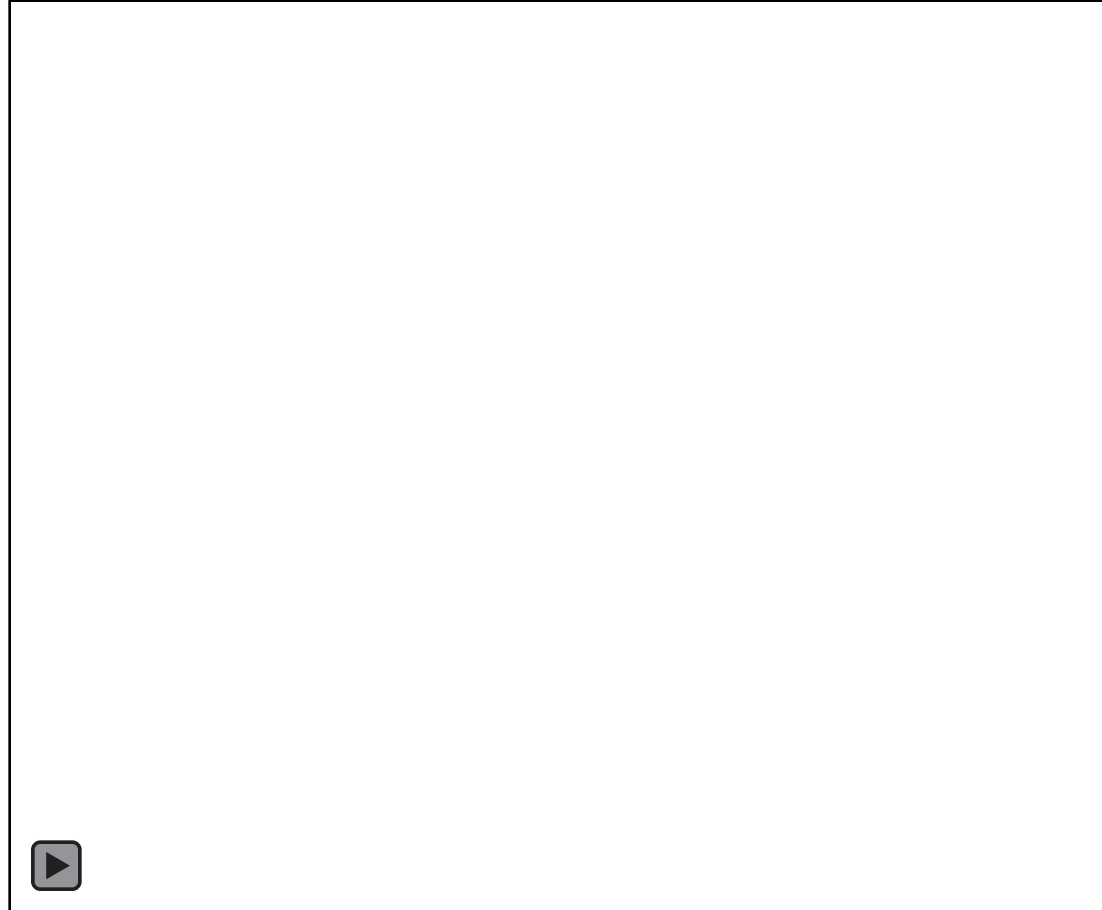
After selecting frequency, for streaming, tap “Exit With Sensing Only”



# BrainSense Streaming



# BrainSense Streaming



# Case Study: Initial Programming Using BrainSense Technology

- 66 yo male with Parkinson's disease since ~ 2012
- Primary concerns at on/off preop evaluation:
  - Mobility/gait
  - Wearing off
  - Bradykinesia
- PD meds pre DBS:
  - Carbidopa/levodopa 25/100: ~ 2 tabs every 2 hours; total 12.5 tabs/day
  - Entacapone 100 mg: 1 tab 6x/day
- ON/OFF preop eval:
  - OFF meds: 35
  - ON meds: 14
  - 60% improvement ON meds
- Bilateral STN DBS surgery September 2025

# Preop video: Walking OFF meds



# Initial Programming: Timeline Data (Pre DBS Activation)

*September 13th*



*September 16th*



# Accessing Timeline Data

**Step 1:** Home Screen – Tap “EVENTS” tab

**DEMO: HOME** Demo Patient Stimulation On

**PATIENT**  
Name: Demo Patient  
Patient ID: MRN:123456  
Date Of Birth: Jun 24, 1959  
Diagnosis: Parkinson's Disease

**DEVICE**  
Model: Percept RC B35300  
Nickname:  
Serial Number: NND\_FOLLOWUP\_NGRC  
Implant Date: Jun 8, 2025  
Battery Level: 80%  
ERI Date: Jun 4, 2040

**IMPEDANCE**  
Status: OK

- SETUP
- STIMULATION
- IMPEDANCE
- MRI ELIGIBILITY
- REPLACEMENT
- EVENTS**
- END SESSION

**Step 2:** Tap “Timeline” tab

**DEMO: EVENTS** Demo Patient Stimulation On

Summary **Timeline** LFP Chart Event LFP Snapshots Device Usage Battery Recharge

VIEW RANGE

By Session ▼ Since Last Session ▼ ✎ CONFIGURE PATIENT EVENTS

Events <span>▼</span>	Oct 06 – Jan 04 <span>&gt;</span>
Event Type <span>^</span>	
Took Medication <span>&gt;</span>	4
Feeling Off <span>&gt;</span>	7
Dyskinesia <span>&gt;</span>	4
Feeling Good <span>&gt;</span>	16
Group D Left STN <span>▼</span>	
Group D Right STN <span>▼</span>	

**NO ALERTS**

READ ALL EVENTS CLOSE

# Initial Programming (Left STN): Electrode Identifier

LEAD LOCATION

Left STN

Electrode Identifier

Electrode Survey

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Segments

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LFP Signal

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Most LFP Magnitude

Medium LFP Magnitude

Least LFP Magnitude

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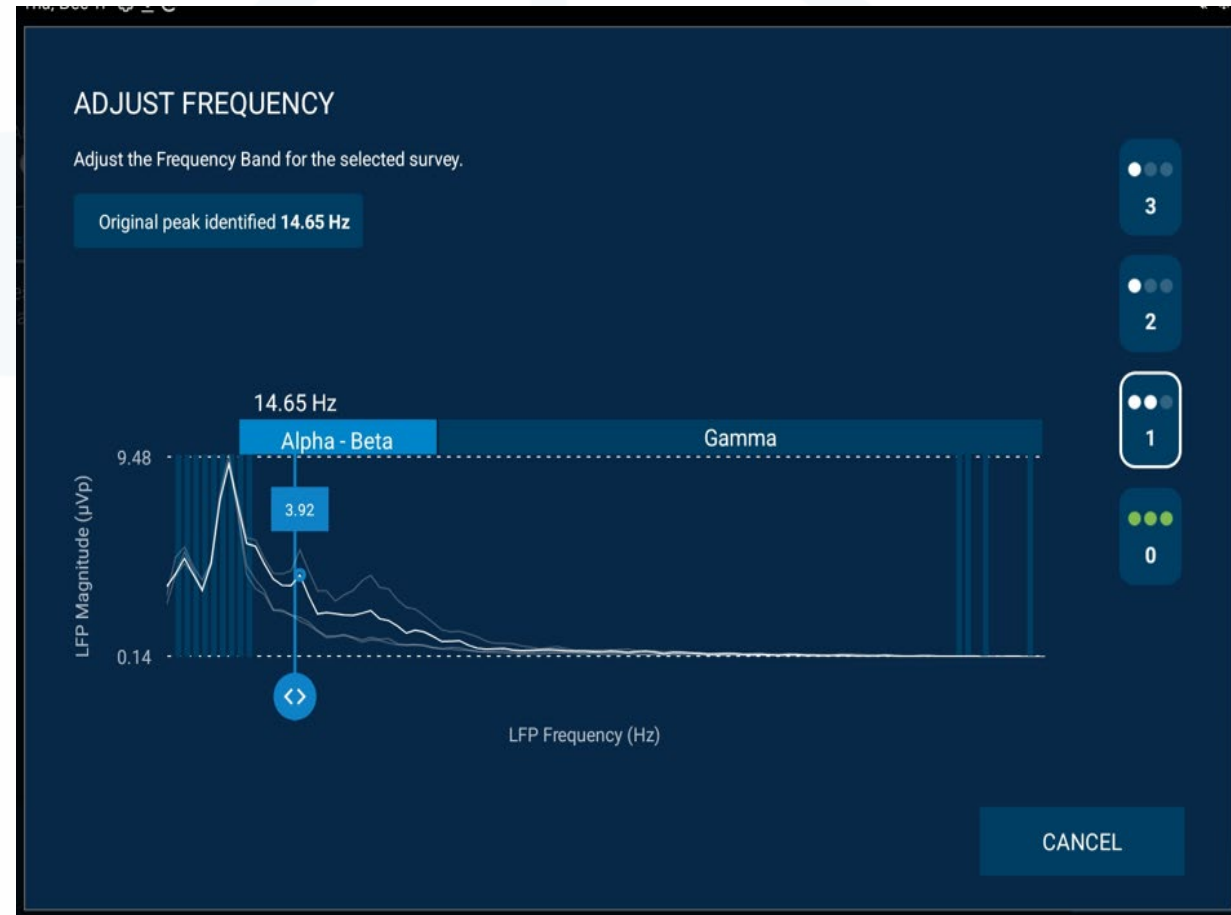
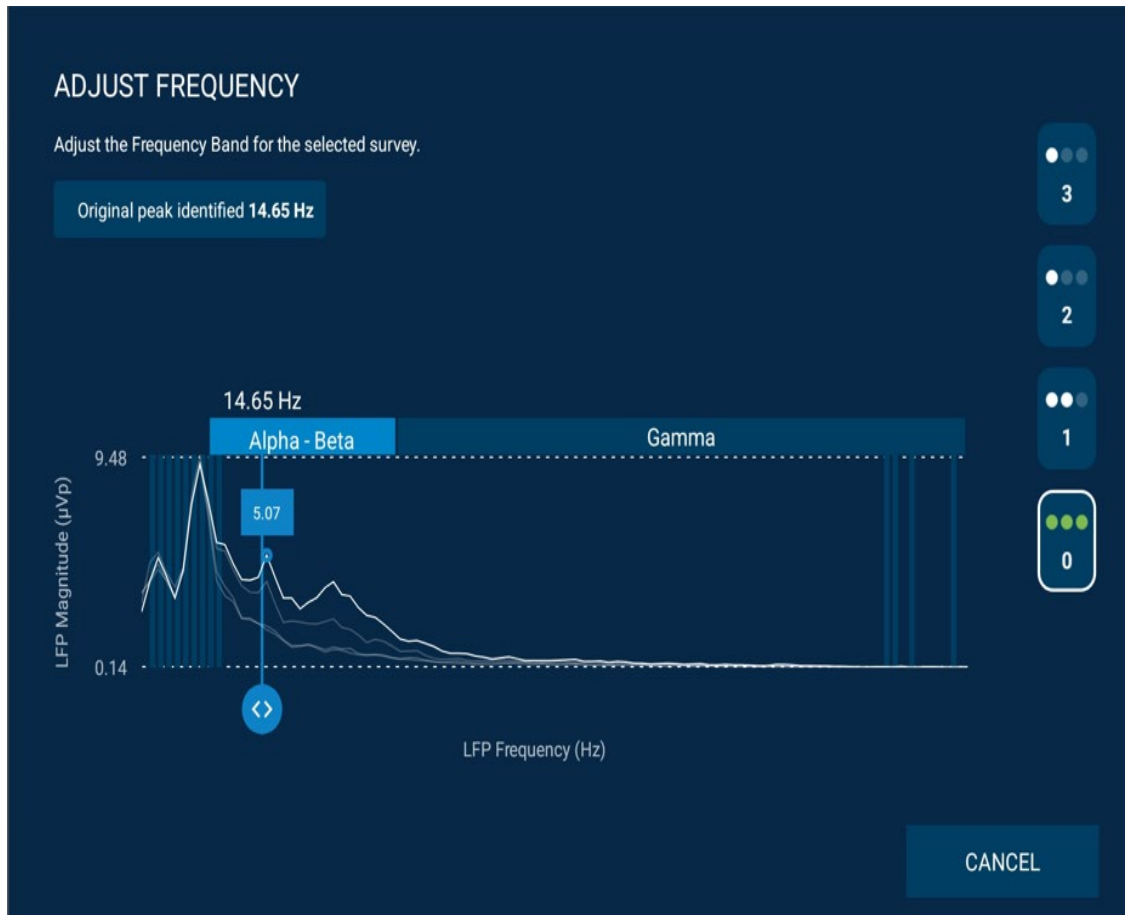
Alpha - Beta Signal Selected

14.65 Hz

CLOSE

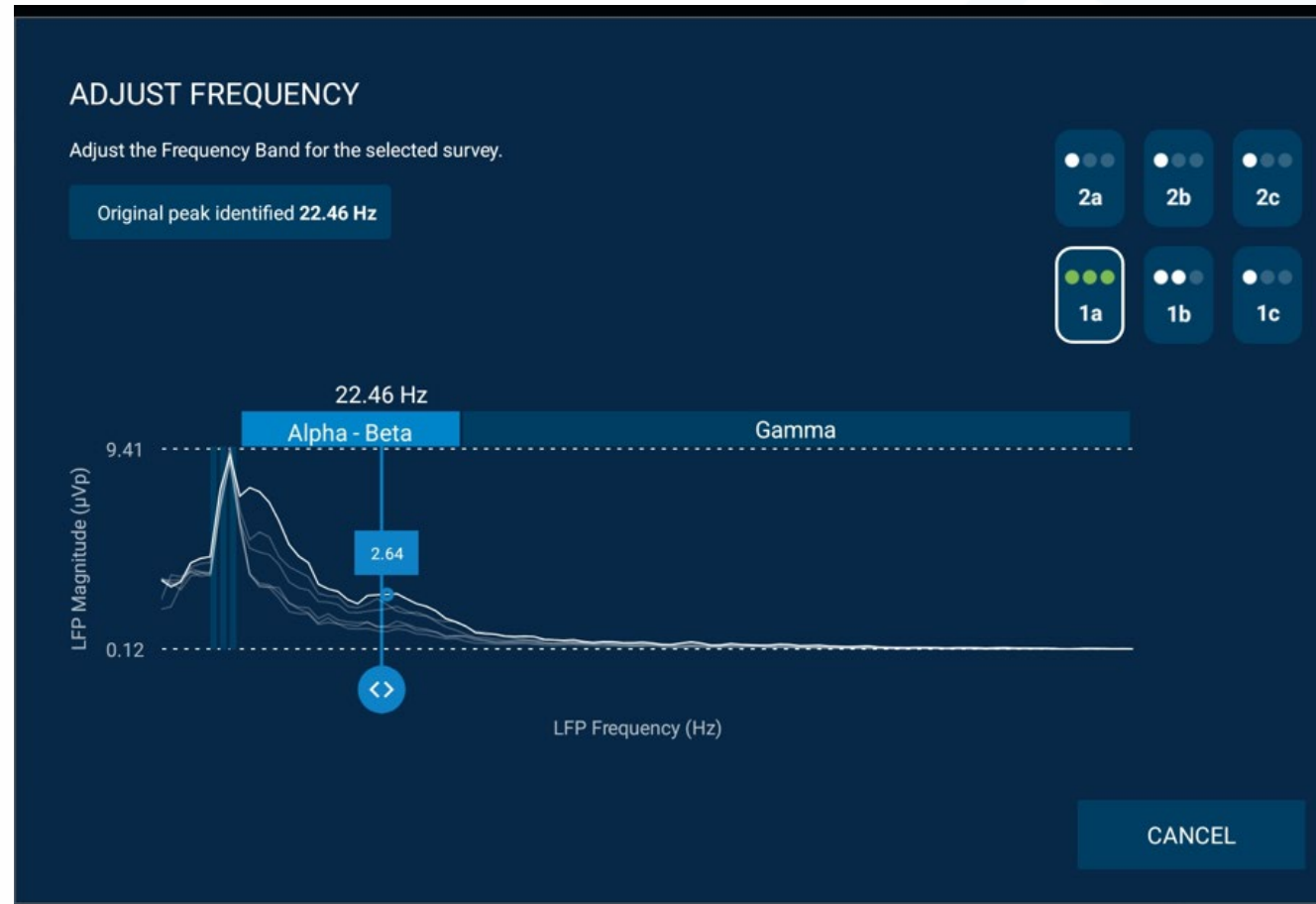
# Initial Programming (Left STN): Electrode Identifier - LEVELS

*LFP magnitude should ideally be  $\geq 1.20 \mu\text{Vp}$*

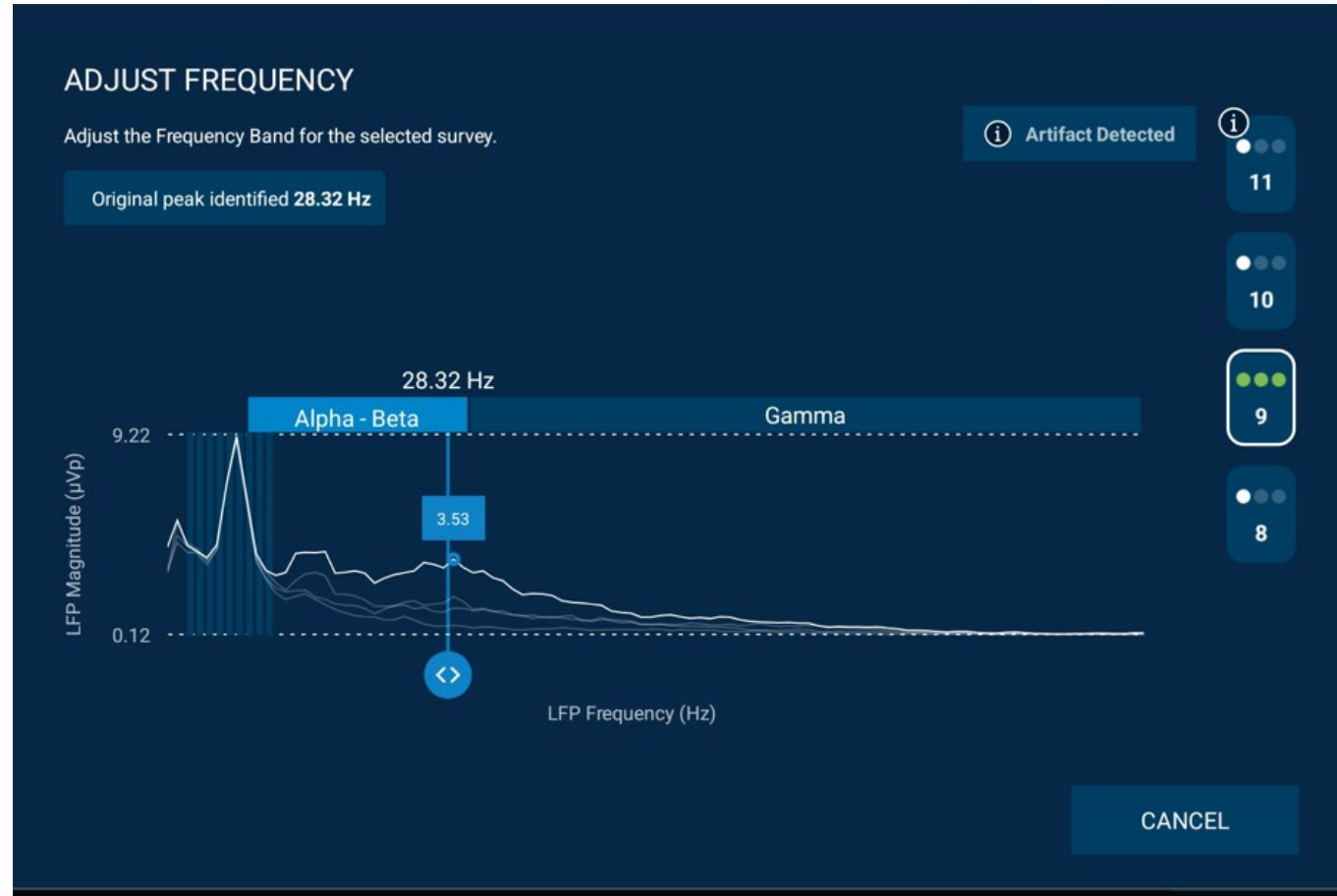




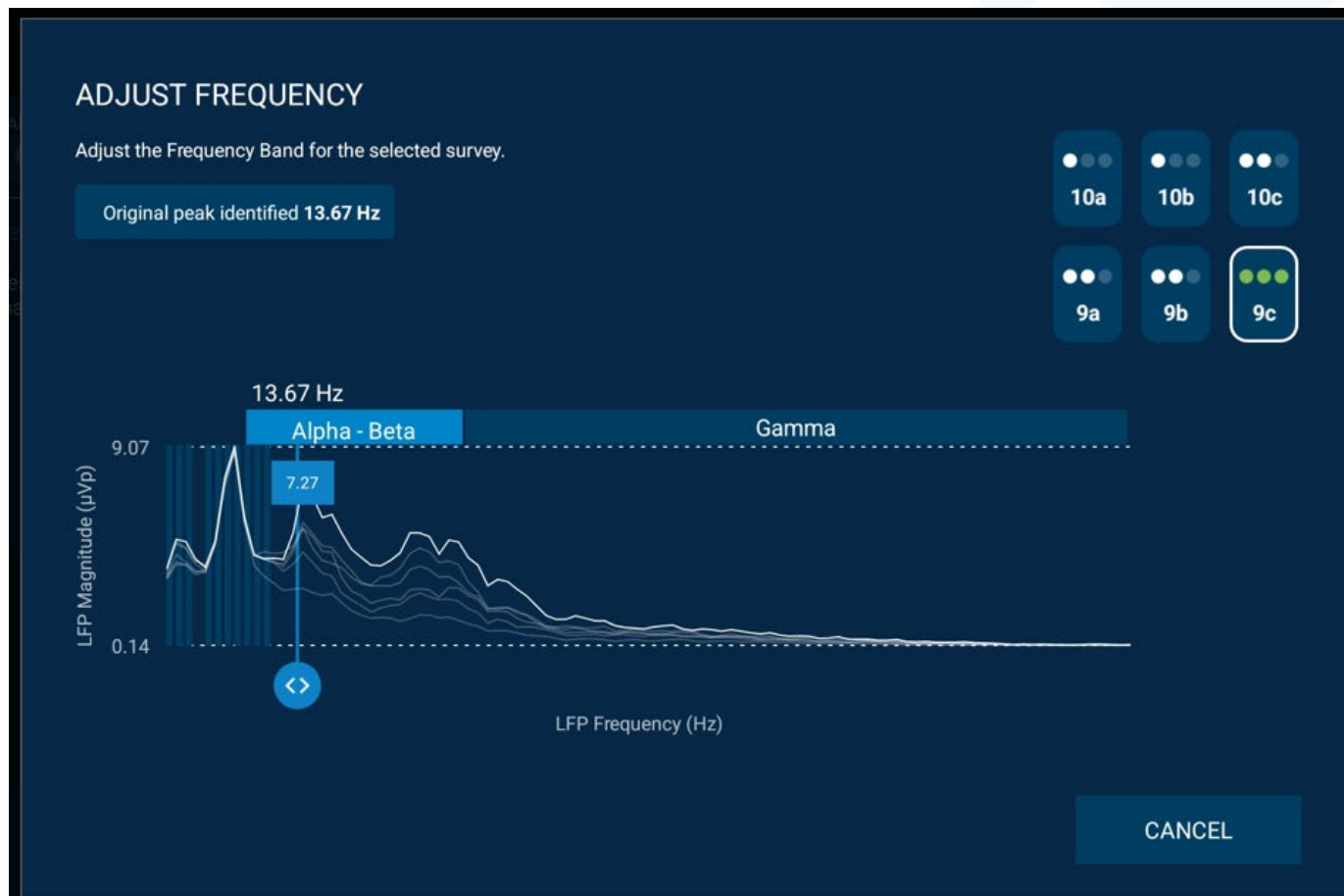
# Initial Programming (Left STN): Electrode Identifier - SEGMENTS



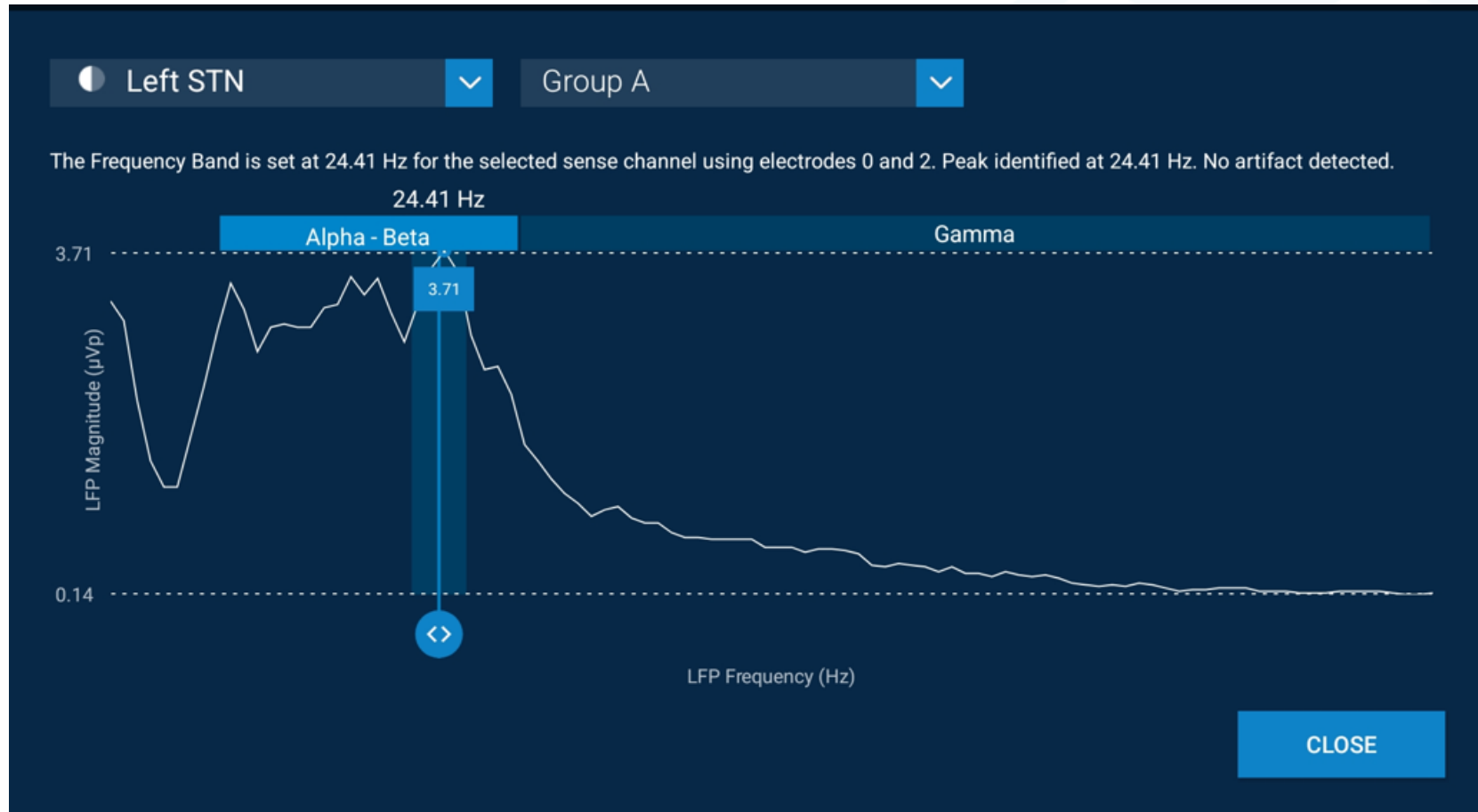
# Initial Programming (Right STN): Electrode Identifier - LEVELS



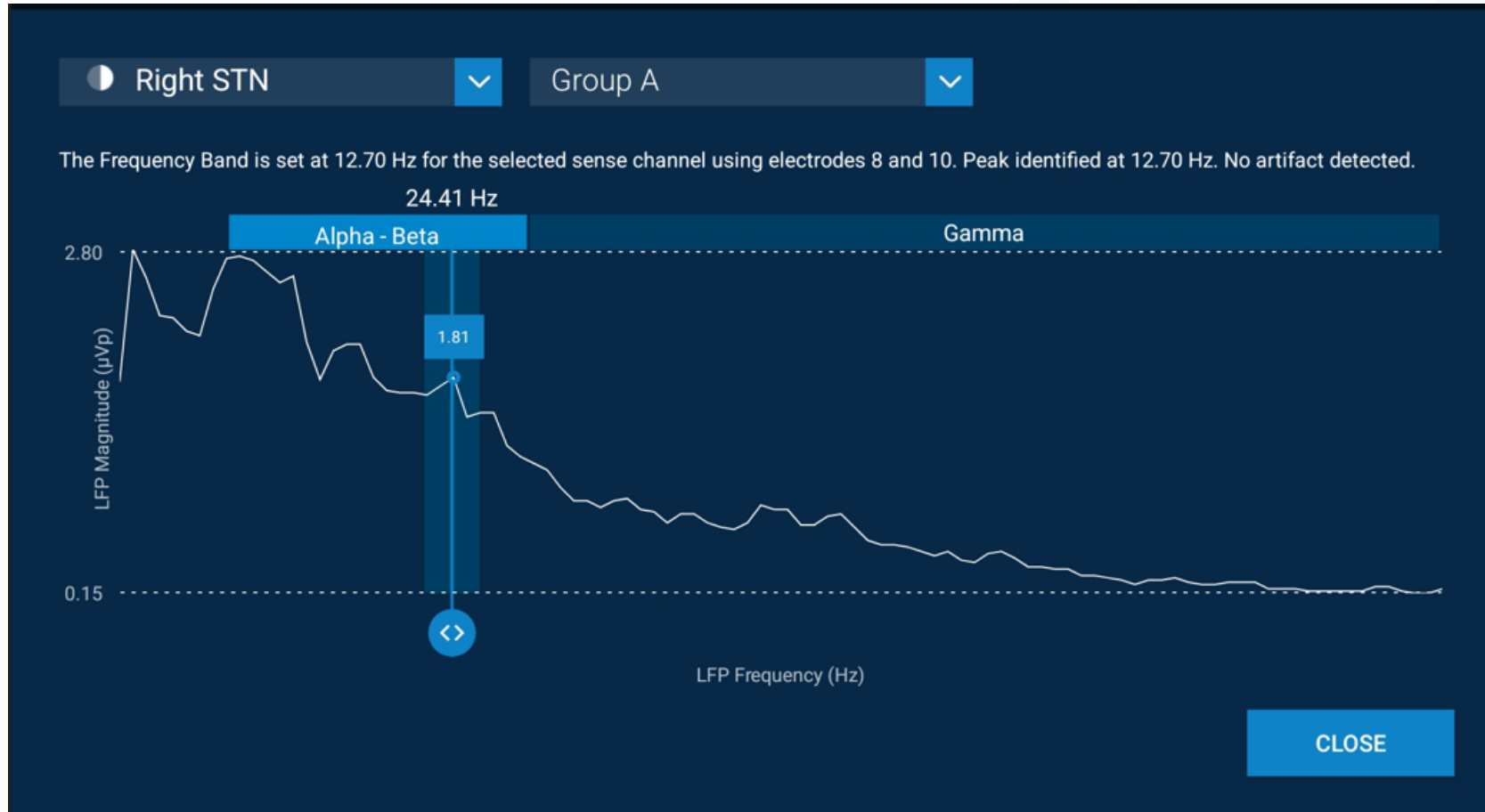
# Initial Programming (Right STN): Electrode Identifier - SEGMENTS



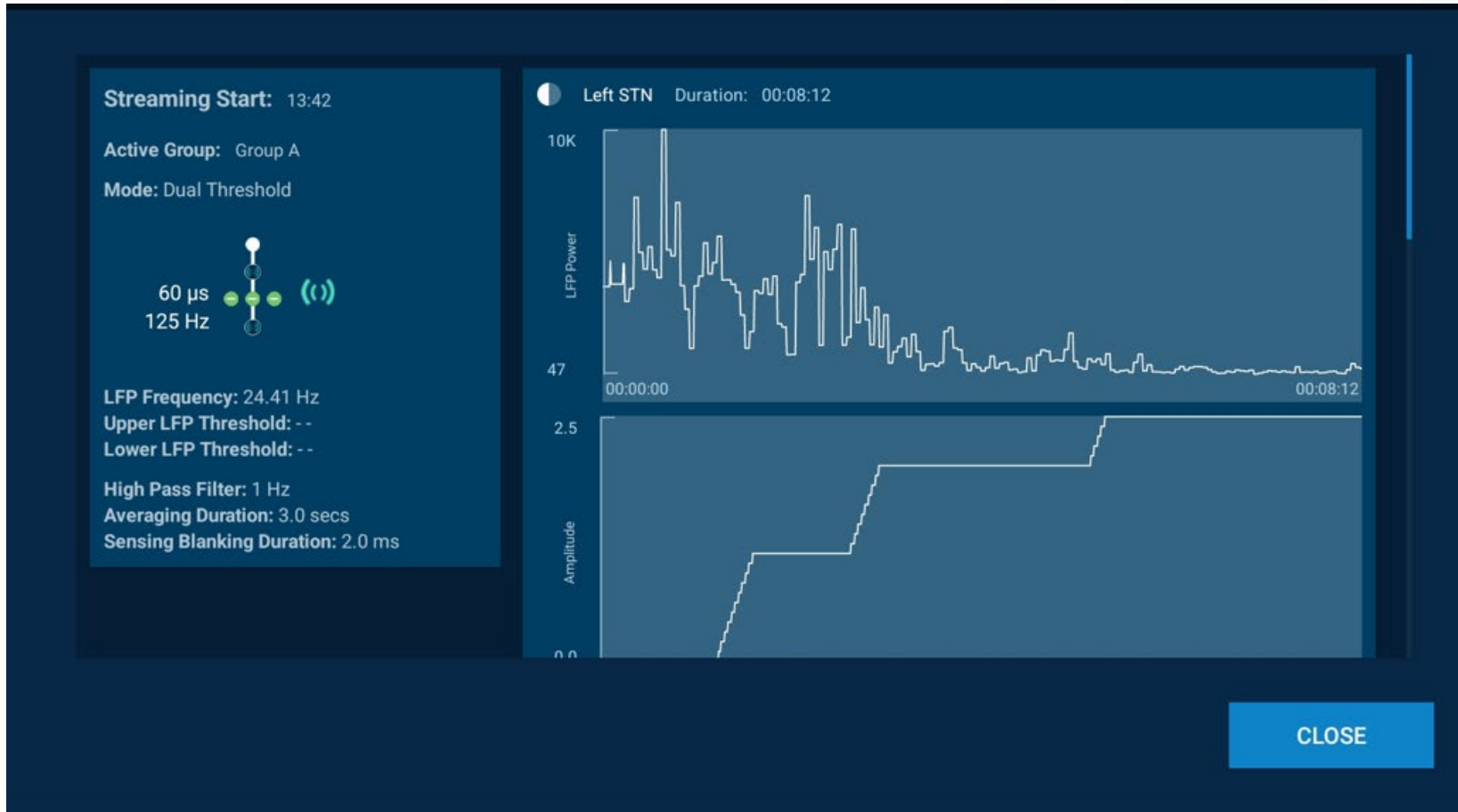
# Frequency Band Selected for left STN



# Frequency Band Selected for Right STN



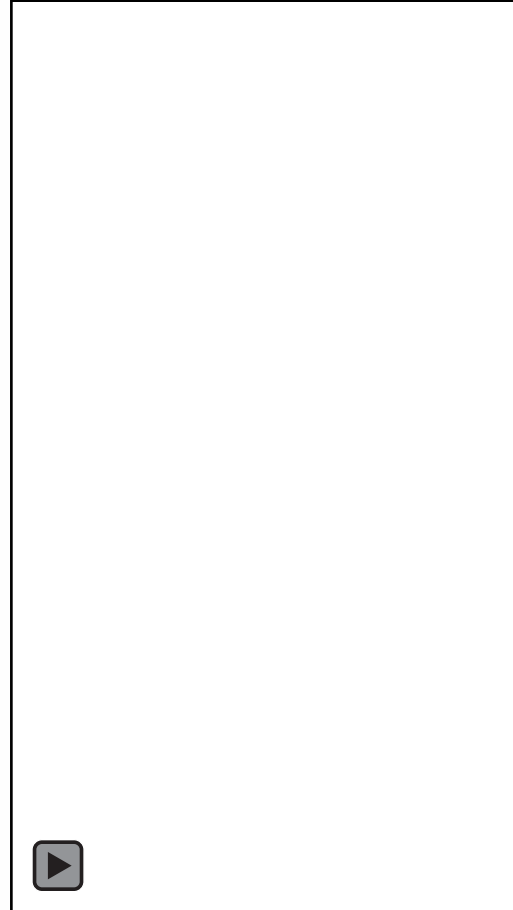
# Screenshot of Brainsense Streaming: Left STN



# Screenshot of Brainsense Streaming: Right STN



# Video Walking: DBS ON





# Key take-aways

- Using Electrode Identifier and Electrode Survey can significantly shorten the time it takes for an initial programming. Time needed for initial programming - 45 minutes total. No monopolar review... Physiological monopolar review instead.
- BrainSense Streaming can be used in clinic to see in “real time” the effects that the stimulation has on suppressing the selected signal/FOI. (“Window into the brain”)
- Electrode Identifier, Electrode Survey and BrainSense Streaming are tools that deliver personalized insights into the patient’s symptom fluctuations which could help maximize on-time as seen on the patient Timeline.
- BrainSense provides an objective, data-driven method for monitoring brain signals that may define certain symptoms of a disease state to better inform the clinician when making programming and medication changes.
- Electrode Identifier, Electrode Survey and BrainSense Streaming is the technology needed to create the foundation for closed loop/adaptive stimulation.

## Poll #3

- I feel that Brainsense technology (Electrode Identifier, Electrode survey and Brainsense streaming) can be a useful tool for initial programming:
  - A: Yes
  - B: No
  - C: Maybe

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