Enjoy New and Meaningful Ways to Support Clinical Research Fellowships in Neurology

To encourage Annual Meeting attendees to donate to research training fellowships in neurology, the AAN Foundation is hosting two new fundraising events in addition to three exciting versions of the ever popular Silent Auction. All proceeds from the events support clinical research training fellowships in neurology, which not only address patient and caregiver needs, but also provide the backbone for drug development and studies needed to improve patients’ lives.

**NEW** Support Research in Neurology, Buy a Brain Sunday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.
Help ensure the future of neurology and support research in the specialty with a “brain” purchase during the 60th Anniversary Celebration and throughout the week in the McCormick Place West Convention Center. Attendees donate $5, $10, $15, or more and receive a paper brain certificate with their name and the name of someone they choose to honor. Brains will be displayed throughout the convention center during the Annual Meeting. Visit www.aan.com/go/am to learn more.

**NEW** 60th Anniversary Run/Walk for Research Tuesday, April 15, 6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.
The AAN is bringing back the popular run from years past. This year’s 5K run has been re-energized and now includes a one-mile walk. The beautiful Lake Michigan lakeshore provides the perfect backdrop for occasional or seasoned runners and casual walkers. The event is open to all meeting attendees and their families. A professional trainer will offer a brief limber-up workout immediately prior to the start and refreshments will be available following the race. Registration is $25. Sponsored by AAN Enterprises, Inc.

Bus service to and from the race site will be provided from official AAN hotels. For registration and details, visit www.aan.com/go/am or contact AAN Member Services at (651) 695-2717 or (800) 879-1960 (international).

**NEW** Three Silent Auctions
The always popular Silent Auction once again promises an array of exciting items up for bid. New this year will be three separate auctions, each with its own unique lineup of items.

- **Pre-meeting Online Auction**
  March 21–April 4
  This new Internet-based event promises an array of exciting indulgences, including electronics and exclusive and exciting getaway packages available only until the auction closes on April 4, so don’t miss your chance to bid on these exclusive items. Watch the March edition of AANews for more information.

- **Weeklong Auction**
  Saturday, April 12–Thursday, April 17
  Bidding starts on Saturday and ends on Thursday afternoon with a champagne reception “bidding war.” This weeklong event will feature fine art, premium wines, popular event tickets, must-have electronics, and more.

- **60th Anniversary Celebration Auction**
  Sunday, April 13, 8:00 p.m.–10:30 p.m.
  Bid on a selection of premier gifts available only during the 60th Anniversary Celebration, including a plasma screen television and some unbelievable travel and city experience gift packages.

Visit www.aan.com/go/am/party to learn more. Or donate an item for the auction online at www.aan.com/go/foundation.
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**AAN Mission Statement**

The AAN is a medical specialty society established to advance the art and science of neurology, and thereby promote the best possible care for patients with neurological disorders by:

- Ensuring appropriate access to care.
- Supporting and advocating for an environment which ensures ethical, high quality neurological care.
- Providing excellence in professional education by offering a variety of programs in both the clinical aspects of neurology and the basic neurosciences to physicians and allied health professionals.
- Supporting clinical and basic research in the neurosciences and related fields.

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In a landscape of information overload, increasing/confusing accountability, and changing models of care, the AAN’s Practice Committee (PC) is the practicing neurologist’s greatest ally. The PC distills need-to-know information for neurologists regarding patient safety and clinical practice and paves the way for appropriate quality measurement by monitoring pay-for-performance (P4P) systems and advocating for reasonable measures. The committee also represents the interests of practicing neurologists with those who are changing the practice environment.

Ensuring quality care is both helped and hindered by the vast amount of new information on everything from clinical trials to management efficiencies. Medical knowledge used to double every generation. It now doubles every eight years. How is a physician to keep up?

First, the AAN evaluates, rates, and summarizes thousands of articles in areas of controversy or practice variation in eight guidelines annually. The AAN will not substitute its judgment for our members’ judgment. The fully evidence-based recommendations are designed to work together with members’ experience and knowledge of their patients to improve outcomes. Concise guideline summaries for physicians and patients are available at www.aan.com along with illustrative case studies, slide presentations, and versions for your PDA. Upcoming topics are:

- Therapies for benign paroxysmal positional vertigo
- Botulinum neurotoxin for the treatment of spasticity, autonomic disorders and pain, and movement disorders
- Natalizumab for the treatment of multiple sclerosis

Second, the AAN alerts members to potential areas of harm in neurology, such as poor communications and common medication errors. We also make it easy to use patient safety tips and tools available at www.aan.com/patientsafety. We all want to improve the safety of the care we provide.

Third, through the creation of an Evidence-Based Medicine Toolkit, the PC is preparing members to integrate clinical trials into their daily practice by increasing their skills in retrieving, interpreting, and applying the results of scientific studies and communicating the risks and benefits of different courses of action to patients.

The AAN advocates for standardization in performance measurement, transparency in reporting, and education in quality and performance measurement. The AAN led the development of performance measurement sets for quality improvement and accountability in stroke. These measures are integrated into CMS’s pay-for-reporting initiative. The AAN next will produce measurement sets in epilepsy, MS, and Parkinson’s disease. The PC also is establishing relationships with private and public sector measure developers to ensure neurology measures are appropriate. Further, we are developing technical experts in performance measurement, data collection, public reporting, and assessing incentive design to manage the impact of these activities on practicing neurologists and the quality of care delivered to their patients.

The AAN closely monitors the implementation of P4P (reimbursement, payment, and incentive programs) in the public arena to determine if it is achieving meaningful improvements to health care access, quality, and efficiency.

The Practice Committee tracks emerging issues and advocates for neurologists. These include the medical home, payment for acute stroke call coverage, neurologist quality of life, telemedicine, physician extenders, and the use of hospitalists. The committee continually works with medical specialty societies, government agencies, and others to identify and respond to trends that will affect neurologists.

To share your practice-related concerns, contact Wendy Edlund at wedlund@aan.com.
Scientific Sessions at a Glance

Now is the time to mark your calendar for the scientific platform and poster sessions at the Annual Meeting. More than 2,000 research presentations covering a wide range of topics will be held from Sunday, April 13, through Friday, April 18. These presentations offer opportunities to interact with researchers and stay current on breakthrough research.

All scientific presentations will be held at the McCormick Place West Convention Center.

For more information, visit the Annual Meeting website at www.aan.com/go/am.

Sunday, April 13, 2008
2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Integrated Neuroscience Session: Autism
2:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m. Platform Session
3:15 p.m.–3:45 p.m. Poster Session
3:45 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Discussion Session

Monday, April 14, 2008
2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Integrated Neuroscience Session: New Methods in Imaging
2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Discussion Session
3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. Poster Session
4:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Platform Session

Tuesday, April 15, 2008
7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Poster Session I
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Presidential Plenary Session
11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Poster Session II
1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Integrated Neuroscience Session: Tropical Neurology
1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Discussion Session
3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Presentation of the Bruce S. Schoenberg International Award in Neuroepidemiology
4:00 p.m.–4:45 p.m. Poster Session
4:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Discussion of Posters and Closing
2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Scientific Sessions
S01 Aging and Dementia: Neuroimaging
S02 Multiple Sclerosis: Clinical Trials I
S03 Parkinson’s Disease: Genetics and Epidemiology
S04 Stroke Epidemiology, Risk Factors, and Outcomes
S05 Muscular Dystrophy: Clinical and Genetic Aspects
S06 Neuro-Oncology
S07 Anterior Horn: Pathogenesis
S08 History
S09 Clinical Neurophysiology: Peripheral Methods
S10 Epilepsy: Epidemiology
3:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Scientific Sessions
S11 Aging and Dementia: Basic Science/Neuropathology
S12 Multiple Sclerosis: Clinical Trials II
S13 Movement Disorders: General I
S14 Acute Stroke Diagnosis and Management
S15 Child Neurology
S16 Behavioral Neurology: Neglect and Attention
S17 Autonomic Disorders
S18 Neurologic Education: Educational Strategies and Assessment

Wednesday, April 16, 2008
7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Poster Session IV
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Contemporary Clinical Issues and Case Studies Plenary Session
2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Scientific Sessions
S19 Neuro-Ophthalmology/Neuro-Otology
S20 Epilepsy: Basic Science and Imaging
3:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Scientific Sessions
S21 Aging and Dementia: Epidemiology
S22 Multiple Sclerosis: Clinical Trials III
S23 Movement Disorders: Atypical Parkinsonism
S24 Cerebrovascular Disease Prevention
S25 Stroke Care Quality, Risk Factors for Neurologic Diseases
S26 Neural Repair and Neurorehabilitation
S27 Multiple Sclerosis: Immunology I
S28 Neurologic Manifestations
S29 Anterior Horn: Clinical Research
S30 Critical Care
2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Integrated Neuroscience Session: Genetics of Epilepsy
2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Platform Session
3:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Poster Session
4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Discussion Session
3:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Scientific Sessions
S31 Aging and Dementia: Genetics
S32 Multiple Sclerosis: Imaging I
S33 Movement Disorders: Hyperkinetic Disorders
S34 Ischemic and Hemorrhagic Stroke
S35 Multiple Sclerosis: Immunology II
S36 Behavioral Neurology: Language and Memory
S37 Muscle Disease: Basic Studies
S38 Neurovirology: HIV and HTLV-1
S39 Peripheral Nerve: Diabetic Neuropathy
S40 Intracranial Cerebrovascular Disease
4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Poster Session V

Thursday, April 17, 2008
7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Poster Session VI
9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Frontiers in Clinical Neuroscience Plenary Session
11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Poster Session VII
1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Scientific Sessions
S41 Aging and Dementia: Treatment
S42 Multiple Sclerosis: Genetics and Pathogenesis
Second City Featured at 60th Anniversary Celebration

Chicago’s famed Second City Comedy Troupe takes center stage at this year’s 60th Anniversary Celebration to kick off the 2008 Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 13. Attendees won’t want to miss Second City’s hilarious two-hour show, starting at 8:30 p.m., as it is tailored specifically for neurologists.

Established in 1959, Second City is a celebrated Chicago landmark and a national treasure. It is widely noted as being the springboard for such renowned comedic greats of film and television as John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Gilda Radner, Bill Murray, John Candy, Mike Myers, Tina Fey, Steve Carell, and Stephen Colbert.

This smart, funny, and highly original show is certain to keep attendees in stitches. Seating is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis—so arrive early. To learn more about Second City, visit www.secondcity.com.

This event is sponsored by the generosity of TEVA Neuroscience.
Explore Treasures of the Windy City with AAN Alliance Tours

Chicago has a storied past, rich with culture and excitement. Five tours sponsored by the AAN Alliance will take you to different corners of the city to explore its art and architecture, cuisine, shopping, lakefront attractions, and more. Annual Meeting attendees, their families, and guests are invited to register and experience Chicago in a special way. Tour buses depart from and return to the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, Porte Cochere Convention Entrance, Lobby Level. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure. All tours are operated by “Chicago Is...”

Register for Your Tour Today—Space is Limited
Reservations for all tours are available by advance registration only and must be received by March 24, 2008, to guarantee space.

To register, contact “Chicago Is...”
Email: abruns@chicagois.com
Phone: (312) 565-1550
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Mail: 151 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1104, Chicago IL 60601

Highlights of Chicago
Sunday, April 13, and Thursday, April 17, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Those famous Chicago winds have blown in a massive transformation. Chicago’s motto, “City in a Garden,” is demonstrated with planters filled with vibrant plants and flowers and lines of newly planted trees gracing lush parkways and gardens. The extraordinary and vast Millennium Park stretches from Michigan Avenue to the glorious lakefront. Navy Pier, Chicago’s number one tourist attraction, imparts a carnival-like atmosphere to the city year-round. Shopping attractions along the Magnificent Mile, the expanding theatre scene, and a plethora of world-class museums fill the city with effervescence and variety.

Guests will see Chicago’s vistas—including Lake Michigan, the city’s crown jewel—from Grant, Lincoln, and Millennium Parks. Chicagoans take great pride in the city’s major contribution to world architecture. Guests will learn how the early city planners separated the city’s commerce and buildings from the beaches, parks, and inviting lakeshore and discover why more than 30 million visitors each year say, “My kind of town—Chicago is!”

Price of $45 per person includes transportation.

A Young Man on a Mission: Frank Lloyd Wright in Oak Park
Monday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

In 1889, 22-year-old Frank Lloyd Wright, lacking both formal training and an academic degree, began a quiet movement in the Oak Park house he designed and built for his growing family. From this home and adjoining studio, his imaginative art and daring designs embodying the “Prairie School” became world famous. More than a century later, the movement ranks as America’s most influential architectural expression. Now you can visit the place where it all began. Architectural docents will conduct comprehensive, small group inspections of the residence, now fully restored to its appearance in 1909, when Wright left Chicago. A visit also will be made to nearby Unity Temple, the only surviving public building from the architect’s Prairie School period. Wright called it “my little jewel box.”

Tour participants will lunch at Winberie’s, a favorite stop along Oak Park’s “restaurant row.” Reflecting the friendly, casual atmosphere of a stylish American bistro, the warm decor includes traditional finishes of wood, brass, marble, imported fabrics, and a collection of unique European art deco posters. Black and white tile floors and a jazz soundtrack add even more to the 1920s vibe. Enjoy a selection of French, Italian, and American fare.

Price of $100 per person includes transportation, guided tours of Frank Lloyd Wright’s Home & Studio and Unity Temple, and lunch at Winberie’s.
Architectural River Cruise
Tuesday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Visitors and Chicagoans alike say that the best way to see the city’s profile is on an architectural cruise along the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. Guests will learn how in the 19th century the city rose from a trading post to become the world’s fastest growing metropolis. The cruise takes in an extraordinary array of landmark structures, including Lake Point Tower, Wrigley Building, IBM Building, NBC Tower, Tribune Tower, Civic Opera House, Sears Tower, Marina City, and the Chicago Board of Trade. An architectural docent will illuminate the history and architectural significance of these buildings, including juicy details of scandals, corruption, and conflict—material that makes for great entertainment.

Price of $60 per person includes transportation, 1.5 hour river cruise, and architectural docent (English only).

Merchandise Mart Tour
Wednesday, April 16, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Opened in 1930 by Marshall Field & Company, the Merchandise Mart is the world’s largest commercial building and largest wholesale design center, and one of Chicago’s premier international business locations. Encompassing 4.2 million square feet, the 25-story Mart spans two city blocks and welcomes more than three million visitors annually. Sixty percent of the building’s area is devoted to wholesale showrooms, and features a variety of retail shops, services, and restaurants. The 90-minute guided tours of the Mart include interesting facts about the building’s history. After the tour, guests are free to shop on the two public floors.

Price of $55 per person includes transportation.
Technology Is Focus of 2008 Clerkship and Program Directors’ Conference

Clerkship and program directors looking for the latest information on research and technology are encouraged to attend the Clerkship and Program Directors’ Conference at the Annual Meeting. The conference will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the McCormick Place West Convention Center and will be followed by the Consortium of Neurology Clerkship Directors’ business meeting.

Faculty will discuss how technological advances have an important role to play in medical education and research.

“We’ve assembled an excellent panel of experts on the use of web-based technology to provide attendees with an overview of different aspects of curriculum development and implementation,” said Faculty Director Imran Ali, MD. “Our experts will also highlight important aspects of development of these curricula as they pertain to neurologic education and education research, and will discuss ways for educators to study and measure educational outcomes following the implementation of any curricular change. Possible funding sources will also be identified and their role in educational research will be stressed.”

The Clerkship and Program Directors’ Conference will once again offer an “Educational Tools” segment, in which participants are given an opportunity to share the tools and works in progress from their home institutions.

Upon completion, participants will be able to describe the role technology can play in development of curriculum at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels in the field of neurology as well as potential avenues for education research as it pertains to medical technology, especially with web-based curricula.

The recommended audience for this event is practitioners; fellows; residents; academicians; and neurologists who teach students, residents, or fellows. Attendees will earn 5 CME hours of AMA PRA Category 1 credits™ and help meet the core competencies of Practice-Based Learning and Improvement, Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Medical Knowledge, Professionalism, and Systems-based Practice.

This conference is endorsed by the Association for University Professors of Neurology.

For more information, contact Lucy Persaud at lpersaud@aan.com or (651) 695-2741.

CONSORTIUM BUSINESS MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The Consortium of Neurology Clerkship Directors business meeting will immediately follow the Clerkship and Program Directors’ Conference from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the McCormick Place West Convention Center. For more information, contact Nancy Poechmann at npoechmann@aan.com or (651) 695-2812.

The Consortium of Neurology Program Directors business meeting will be held Sunday, April 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the McCormick Place West Convention Center. For more information, contact Lucy Persaud at lpersaud@aan.com.

Volunteer at Annual Meeting, Receive Free Registration and Other Benefits

The AAN seeks volunteers to lend their time and talents to the Annual Meeting. Education Program Monitors receive waived meeting registration and program fees as well as CME credit for the monitored program. Scientific Platform Session Monitors receive waived meeting registration as well as CME credit for the monitored program. Monitor opportunities are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For an application form or more information, contact Kyle Krause at kkrause@aan.com or (651) 695-2733.

Volunteers for the EMG Skills Workshop on Sunday, April 13, receive waived meeting registration and workshop fees as well as payment of $40 per noninvasive session and $60 per invasive session. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For an application form or more information, contact Naomi Soderbeck at nsoderbeck@aan.com or (651) 695-2814.
The AAN and AAN Foundation invite you to join friends and colleagues to celebrate the AAN's 60th year at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Chicago with the 60th Anniversary Celebration!

**Sunday, April 13 / 6:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.**
McCormick Place West Convention Center, Third Floor

Celebrate six decades of progress in neurology with an exciting medley of new events and past favorites:

**Neurobowl® / 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.**
AAN Past President Thomas R. Swift, MD, FAAN, hosts another year of competition by the best and brightest in neurology for the enviable Neurobowl title.

**Second City Comedy Troupe / 8:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m.**
Chicago's famed Second City Comedy Troupe makes its Annual Meeting debut with this two-hour show tailored for neurology—and designed to keep attendees in stitches. Troupe alumni include: John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Gilda Radner, Bill Murray, John Candy, Mike Myers, Tina Fey, Steve Carell, and Stephen Colbert.

**Neuro Idol / 8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.**
This cabaret style show returns with a variety of acts. Come see your fellow neurologists take the spotlight and showcase their musical talents, live on stage.

**Neuro Theater / 8:00 p.m.–10:30 p.m.**
Making its Annual Meeting debut, Neuro Theater features Strangers and Linguish, two plays by Edward Einhorn, from the NEUROfest, presented off-Broadway in 2006 by Untitled Theater Company #61.

**Music of the Decades / 8:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.**
Kick up your heels at the Music of the Decades—an extravaganza spanning six decades of popular tunes. Swing dance to the classics, twist to the oldies, or do the hustle to some all-time favorites.

**Silent Auction / 8:00 p.m.–10:30 p.m.**
Bid on exciting items and help support research in neurology. Prizes include fine art, wines, event tickets, electronics, and more. Special prizes available Sunday night only. All proceeds will fund clinical research training fellowships in neurology.

**Buy a Brain**
Help ensure the future of neurology and support research in the specialty with a “brain” purchase at the 60th Anniversary Celebration. Make a donation of $5, $10, $15, or more in your name or in honor of someone. Brains will be proudly displayed throughout the Annual Meeting.

Early Annual Meeting registration ends March 7, 2008, and courses fill up quickly. Register today at www.aan.com/am and join us in celebrating the AAN at 60!
**Empower Your Practice at the AAN Annual Meeting**

The 2008 Annual Meeting in Chicago provides a variety of essential practice improvement and advocacy events featuring topics of critical importance to your profession as well as to the care you provide. Activities include:

**NEW! EHR Chart Challenge**
» Tuesday, April 15 / 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Six electronic health record (EHR) vendors will demonstrate a typical, neurology-specific scenario, allowing the audience to make their own product comparisons.

**Practice Colloquium: “Health Care at a Crossroads: A Perspective on the Current Climate and How the 2008 Elections Will Impact Neurologists”**
» Saturday, April 12 / 3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Noted speaker Morton Kondracke discusses current issues facing the health care industry, and representatives from the presidential candidates will address how the candidates propose to overhaul the system.

**BRAINS Colloquium: “The BRAINS Behind Our Business and Topics in Practice Management and Finance”**
» Sunday, April 13 / 2:15 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
BRAINS (Business and Research Administrators in Neurology Society) colloquium focuses on additional revenue opportunities, billing compliance for academics and private practices, compensation models, and recruitment of physicians and allied health professionals. Free to all meeting registrants. The BRAINS business meeting immediately follows the colloquium. Event is sponsored by AAN Press, publisher of *Neurology Now* magazine.

**Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., MD, Neurology Public Policy Fellowship Information Session**
» Monday, April 14 / 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.
Gain hands-on experience in federal policy and develop political relationships that help promote the interests of neurology. Session offers the chance to meet with past fellows and selection committee members.

**Guidelines, Practice, and Advocacy Open House**
» Monday, April 14 / 3:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.
Learn more about advocacy, coding, maximizing reimbursement, effective practice management, patient safety, and health literacy. View posters of recent and upcoming guidelines on controversial clinical issues. Get tools and advice to help you succeed in practice!

Visit [www.aan.com/ampractice](http://www.aan.com/ampractice) for more information!
Friday, Saturday Education Programs Cover Range of Topics

If your travel plans have you staying at the Annual Meeting through Friday or Saturday, or you’re unable to get to the meeting earlier in the week, these last two days provide exceptional educational opportunities. More than 45 educational programs offer in-depth coverage on a wide range of neurologic topics, all approved by the ABPN for maintenance of certification. Education Programs are led by experts in the field of neurology and, starting at only $40, present a considerable value.

Friday’s programming begins at 6:45 a.m. with breakfast seminars, and then moves on to half- and full-day programs and a skills workshop on the Clinical Usefulness of Botulinum Toxin and Treatment of Dystonia. The day concludes with three therapy programs on Headache, Movement Disorders, and Neuromuscular Diseases.

The programming on Saturday still packs a punch with 15 different programs each focusing on separate aspects of neurologic disorders. Breakfast seminars on Saturday begin at 6:45 a.m. and half-day courses start at 9:00 a.m.

Complete program information, including times, faculty, descriptions, and credits offered, can be searched online at www.aan.com/go/am/education.

March 7 Is Deadline for 2008 Annual Meeting Registration

March 7 is the deadline for early registration and housing for the Annual Meeting. Any registrations received after March 7 will not be processed, requiring on-site registration. Take advantage of early registration discounts by visiting www.aan.com/go/am today to quickly and conveniently make travel arrangements, reserve your hotel room, and register for this year’s top programming.

ATTENTION AAN Senior Members

Need help preparing to retire from practice? Want to stay involved in neurology during retirement?

Connect with colleagues who have made the transition at the free AAN Retired Member Consortium at the 2008 Annual Meeting. Get answers about retirement issues, including how to prepare, second career paths, volunteer opportunities, and financial considerations.

Monday, April 14
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, Room Michigan A

RSVP to Laurie Weyandt at lweyandt@aan.com or (800) 879-1960.

»Learn more at www.aan.com/go/am/special/retired.
A. B. Baker: AAN Visionary and Catalyst for the Growth of American Neurology

By Douglas Lanska, MD, MS, MSPH, FAAN, Chair of History of Neurology Section

Abraham (Abe) Bert Baker (1908-1988) was the primary organizational leader behind the founding of the AAN as an inclusive neurological academy in 1948. At that time, most practicing neurologists and all neurologists in training were excluded from the then academically oriented and restrictive American Neurological Association (ANA). Baker wanted the Academy to include members from the beginning of residency to emeritus status, and provide a greater array of educational opportunities than was previously available.

In a 1988 letter to the Academy following Baker's death, Francis M. Forster described the situation in the late 1940s: “While there was a fair number of certified neurologists they were almost all also certified in psychiatry and were neuropsychiatrists. The neurosurgeons were also encroaching on the field. To make matters worse[,] in the medical schools neurology was in most places under either psychiatry, neurosurgery or worse still under internal medicine. A stifling situation. Abe with his keen intellect appreciated this and saw the needs and the means to achieve the end. Namely the Academy of Neurology and the four volume Clinical Neurology.”

Baker proposed the founding of the AAN in a letter to selected colleagues in 1947, and then spearheaded the background work to create the organization. At an organizational meeting in Chicago in 1948, the 52 charter members, chaired by Baker, formally approved the Academy's formation. However, because of some parliamentary maneuvering, Walter Freeman, MD, was elected president, much to the surprise of the founders. When it was discovered that Freeman was not eligible to hold office, Baker was elected through a mail ballot and served as president from 1948 to 1951. Leading the organization through its early growth required diligence and determination with relatively few resources to support the effort: as noted by former president and Academy historian Maynard Cohen, the initial AAN office was simply “set up with a desk and some filing cabinets in Abe Baker’s neuropathology laboratory.”

A Career of Distinction

With the exception of an internship at Robert Packer Hospital in Pennsylvania, Baker had received all of his undergraduate, medical school, and postgraduate education at the University of Minnesota, where he earned his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1931, a PhD in neuropathology in 1934 under E.T. Bell, and clinical residency training in neuropsychiatry under J.P. McKinley. In 1946, he was appointed professor and the first director of an independent Division of Neurology, and head of the Neuropathology Laboratory at the University of Minnesota. In 1973, the university awarded Baker the prestigious Regent’s Professorship, “a highly coveted and rarely granted acknowledgement of outstanding academic achievement bestowed by his fellow academicians.” Baker was appointed Professor Emeritus in 1975 and then became Chief of Neurology at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Minneapolis until 1983.

Throughout his career, Baker was strongly committed to both education and research. He was the editor of Clinical Neurology, the first comprehensive reference of neurology in the United States, with the first edition—comprising three volumes and some 2,000 pages—appearing in 1955 after a decade of hard work. Baker was a dedicated and inspiring teacher who regularly received teaching awards from the medical students at the University of Minnesota. He originated the AAN post-graduate education program with the first “special courses” introduced at the 1951 annual meeting. In 1959, Baker was awarded the Fulbright Teaching Professorship at the University of Oslo and was elected to the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters. His commitment to education led to naming the AAN Education Section and the AAN teaching awards in his honor.

Other organizations valued Baker’s insights and leadership, and he served as chair of the National Committee for Research in Neurological Disorders (1952–1969), president of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (1963), president of the ANA (1970–1971), and president and chair of the board of the Epilepsy Foundation of America (1971–1973).

Baker received numerous awards and distinctions, including two US presidential awards for outstanding work on poliomyelitis and promoting employment opportunities for physically handicapped individuals. From 1947 to 1955, his significant series of papers on poliomyelitis provided the most comprehensive neuropathological description of the disease then available.
helped accurately localize the human respiratory center, and demonstrated the life-saving benefits of tracheotomy in appropriate patients. In addition, as early as 1945, Baker had helped organize one of the first neuro-rehabilitation programs in the country at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Catalyst for Growth
Baker also aggressively lobbied senators and representatives to provide federal support for academic neurology training programs and was instrumental in garnering support for the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness (NINDB), which was founded in 1950 and later evolved into the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). Since its inception, Baker was instrumental in developing the educational and scientific philosophy of this institute through various leadership roles. Funds from this institute of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) greatly stimulated the growth of neurology residency programs in the United States, and similarly fueled the dramatic expansion of academic neurology in the latter half of the 20th century. In 1952, there were fewer than 250 practicing neurologists in the United States and only 15 neurological training programs. In 1953, the NINDB began funding training grants in neurology (with the prodding and support of Baker and like-minded colleagues), and by 1960 there were 111 supported training programs in neurology, about half of which were housed in independent neurology departments.

As he looked back on the expansion of the profession in a 1971 speech as president of the American Neurological Association, Baker was pleased that “Through the impetus and the financial lure of the U.S. Public Health Service, practically every medical school within the country has suddenly discovered the great need and the importance of neurology to medical education... Whereas [around 1935] neurology was limited to a diagnostic enterprise of a few unusual chronic diseases, it has rapidly changed to a dynamic medical specialty covering the diagnostic and therapeutic aspects of all illnesses related to the nervous system and to the neurologic aspects of systemic disease. The private practice of neurology has suddenly become a rewarding experience both clinically and financially, and every large clinic group is now competing for neurologic talent.”

By the turn of the century, there were more than 12,500 practicing neurologists (and approximately 10,000 full time equivalents involved in patient care) in the United States, and approximately 450 neurology residency positions available.

While Forster, Adolph Sahs, and Russell DeJong—who rounded out “The Four Horsemen” of the AAN—made significant contributions to the formation of the Academy and the launch of the journal Neurology, it was Baker’s drive and devotion to his profession that served as the catalyst for the emergence of neurology as a strong independent medical discipline. In his 1988 letter to the Academy, Forster wrote of an advocacy trip he had taken with Baker to Washington, DC: “Abe and I were together for about 36 hours. What impressed me was the amount of effort he put into neurology. I could not get him off the subject of neurology except by asking one of two questions. ‘How are Rose and the children?’ and ‘How will the University of Minnesota do in football this year?’”

Ironically, the father of modern neurology succumbed to Alzheimer’s disease in 1988. The AAN and its collective membership are fortunate indeed to have had Baker lead the founding of the organization and many important developments in neurology.
New Guideline Identifies People Most at Risk of Falls

A new AAN guideline finds certain neurology patients are at a high risk of unintentional falls and should be screened regularly to help prevent the high number of fall-related injuries and deaths in the United States each year. The guideline, “Assessing Patients in a Neurology Practice for Risk of Falls,” is published in the February 5, 2008, issue of Neurology®.

“There is a lack of awareness among doctors and patients in recognizing and preventing falls, which can lead to hip fractures, head injury, hospitalization, and in some cases death,” said lead guideline author David J. Thurman, MD, MPH.

Each year, accidental falls in the United States account for more than 16,000 deaths and 1.8 million emergency room visits.

To develop the guideline, the authors analyzed all available evidence-based scientific studies on the topic.

The guideline found people with stroke, dementia, and walking and balance disorders are at the highest risk of falling. A history of falling in the past year also strongly predicts that a person will fall again.

People with Parkinson’s disease, peripheral neuropathy, weakness in the legs or feet, and substantial vision loss are also likely to fall.

“People need to know that falls are preventable and there are simple tests to determine if you’re at risk of falling,” said Thurman. “Oftentimes the doctor may not ask about falls and the patient may not tell for fear of losing their independence.”

Thurman said identifying people at high risk of falling is a critical step in prevention. “This guideline recommends doctors routinely ask patients about falls and use screening measures, such as the Get-Up-and-Go Test or Timed-Up-and-Go Test and mobility tests, to determine if a person is likely to fall and needs prevention help.”

Thurman says routinely asking patients about falls will ultimately help reduce fall-related injuries and deaths and lead to better quality of life for patients at risk.

To view the full guideline, visit www.aan.com.

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The Academy is increasing its efforts in the area of private payer advocacy. One result is a new page on the Academy website dedicated to Payment Policy and Decision Making.

The new page will include news regarding private payers and advocacy efforts and links to payer websites and other specialty societies’ private payer web pages. Payers can also find information of interest, such as clinical practice guidelines and position statements. Members are encouraged to contact the Academy with their private payer concerns or grievances through the web page.

“Our goal is to develop positive working relationships with the health insurance industry to identify problems and areas of concern and work together toward solutions,” said Joel Kaufman, MD, FAAN, Chair of the Payment Policy Subcommittee.

Visit the web page at www.aan.com/paymentpolicy. For more information, contact Katie Kuechenmeister at kkuechenmeister@aan.com or (651) 695-2783.

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Looking for answers to coding questions? The Coding & Reimbursement page of the AAN website has added new tools, including coding FAQs, a stroke coding guide, and a stroke ICD-9 tool. Visit www.aan.com/go/practice/coding.
New Bulk Pricing Available for Pocket Guidelines

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April 15, 2008, is the deadline for application and payment for the certification examination in the subspecialty Headache Medicine through the United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS). Visit www.ucns.org/certification/applications to apply. The certification examination will be held October 6 through 10, 2008. Upon achieving approval to sit for the examination, candidates can choose a nearby Pearson VUE testing center to take the examination.

For more information, contact Todd Bulson at tbulson@ucns.org or (651) 695-2813.

July Deadline for UCNS Accreditation Application

July 1, 2008, is the deadline to submit an accreditation application to the UCNS for accreditation for Behavioral Neurology & Neuropsychiatry, Headache Medicine, Neurocritical Care, and Neuro-oncology programs. Applications submitted in time will be reviewed for accreditation for the 2009 academic year. Visit www.ucns.org/accreditation/application to download an application.

For more information, contact Tracy King at tking@ucns.org or (651) 695-2816.

Date Change Announced for UCNS Behavioral Neurology & Neuropsychiatry Certification Examination

The 2008 Behavioral Neurology & Neuropsychiatry certification examination date has been changed to the week of November 10–14. The new application deadline is May 15, 2008. For more information, visit www.ucns.org/certification or contact Todd Bulson at tbulson@ucns.org or (651) 695-2813.
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The publication examines central and peripheral neurologic manifestations of critical medical illness, such as systemic lupus erythematosus, antiphospholipid antibody syndrome, and liver disease. Neurologic complications of endocarditis, Sjögren syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis, and cardiac surgery are also addressed. The topic is rounded out with chapters on neurogastroenterology and neurosarcoïdosis.

The issue concludes with a look at related practice issues and ethical perspectives in neurology, as well as a self-assessment with multiple-choice questions and a patient management problem and preferred responses. Upon completion of this Continuum, participants will be able to:

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By John W. Henson, MD, FAAN, Associate Editor for Science, AAN.com

Short, pithy format, hot topics, summaries of key clinical and basic science studies, personal views from experts. This is the new Science editorial feature on AAN.com, which has recently covered such subjects as urgent TIA clinics as a new model of stroke care, dietary interventions for adults with poorly controlled seizures, and the rationale and promise of inhibitory RNAs (RNAi) for brain diseases.

The topics for the initial series of invited editorials will reflect the selections of the five-member editorial board that was formed to develop this new feature. In the future, the editorial board will be expanded to include members from a larger number of AAN sections, and further down the road, direct submissions by the AAN membership may be sought as well.

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- **Arizona Neurological Society Winter Conference**<br>Contact Marilyn Moran-Townsend at mmt@cvccommunications.com

- **Georgia Neurological Society Annual Meeting**<br>Contact Mark Kozinn, MD, at markozinn@bellsouth.net

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Neurologist Central CT Partnership opportunity to join dynamic Neurology group seeking to replace retiring associate. Call 1:3, modern office attached to university affiliated tertiary care hospital in Hartford, CT. BC/BE with EMG certification and neurophysiology a plus. Competitive salary and benefits. Desirable upscale community, 2 hours to NYC and Boston. For details, please contact Christine Bourbeau at 800.892.3846 or fax/email your CV to 860.714.8894. Email: cbourbea@stranciscare.org

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Neurologist University of Pittsburgh Medical Center UPMC Neurology and Neurosurgery is seeking a BE/BC Neurologist to join our multidisciplinary team specializing in Movement Disorders. Please send CV to Rona Lee, MD at 412-692-3050. See our website: www.upmc.com/neurology.

Neurologist University of Minnesota-UMDNJ’s new Jersey Institute for Successful Aging has an opening for a neurologist to work in an interdisciplinary academic setting. The Institute is New Jersey’s geriatric center, featuring programs in: Memory Assessment; Gait and Balance; Huntington’s disease; and an active clinical trials program in Alzheimer’s disease. Located at the UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic, the position combines the best of education with nationally renowned geriatric clinical care. There is no hospital responsibility with this position. A successful candidate should be BC/BE by AOBPN or ABPN. An interest in geriatrics, movement disorders, and/or research will be given preference. The applicant should enjoy teaching, and working as part of an interdisciplinary team. Located in Suburban Philadelphia, the campus is less than a half-hour from Philadelphia and an hour from the beaches of the Jersey Shore. The area is unique in being located equidistant from New York City and Baltimore. Please contact Anita Chopra, MD interim Director NJISA at 856-566-7062 or email: chopraa@umdnj.edu. CV should be sent to Anita Chopra, MD, NJISA at UMDNJ, 42 E. Laurel Road, Suite 1800, Stratford, NJ 08084. UMDNJ is an AA/EOE/M/F/D/V.

Vascular Neurology Fellow The University of Connecticut/ Hartford Hospital has a one-year ACGME accredited stroke fellowship position available for July 2008. Interested applicants may visit our web site at www.barthosp.org/stroke. Please send CV and letter of interest to nlee@barthosp.org or fax to Nora Lee, MD (860) 545-5003.

Neuroscientist Group/Boston Suburbs Well-established, quality oriented neuroscience group looking to add an additional neurologist. Stroke fellowship training in Sleep Medicine is desirable. Excellent opportunity for motivated individuals to join a highly skilled team of physicians. Please send CV to: Howard M. Gardner, M.D., Medical Director, New England Neurological Associates, P.C., 354 Merrimack Street, Lawrence, MA 01843 or email to jtf@neuroeu.com. Visit us on the Web at www.neuroeu.com.

Stroke Fellowship University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Stroke Fellowship seeks a candidate for its ACGME-accredited Vascular Neurology fellowship program. An additional position recently became available for July 2008. The program is designed to fully prepare one for a successful career in running a stroke program and/or academic clinical stroke research program. The program gives the fellow broad exposure to the management and clinical research of stroke, exposure to the critical care of stroke patients in a comprehensive stroke center at an academic tertiary care hospital. The training in the interpretation of trancranial and carotid doppler studies leads to ASNR certification in neuro-sonology. Email uchinok@upmc.edu

Neurology-Boston Area Cambridge Health Alliance, a nationally recognized, three-campus, academic and community based organization affiliated with Harvard Medical School, is currently recruiting a physician for its Neurology Division. Position includes general outpatient adult neurology and inpatient/emergency department consultations. Opportunity to teach residents. Ideal candidates will be interested in PT or FT, possess excellent clinical communication skills, a strong commitment to our multicultural, underserved patient population and interest in quality improvement initiatives. Leadership potential for those interested. We offer a collegial practice environment as well as competitive salary and benefits package. Please forward CV’s to: Laura Schofield, Director of Physician Recruitment, Cambridge Health Alliance, 1493 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02139. Telephone (617) 665-3555 / (888) 322-1669. Fax (617) 663-3553 or via email: Lschofield@challiance.org. EOE. www.challiance.org.
Neurologist Needed - Beautiful Coastal Maine

Seeking a talented BC/BE Neurologist to join a hospital-based practice in the Brunswick area of mid Coast Maine. Practice is employed by Mid Coast Hospital, a state-of-the-art 74-bed hospital which is located on the picturesque coast of Maine. Competitive salary, excellent benefits. Fax 207-795-5696; E-Mail hlijtmaer@neurobergen.com

New England-Dartmouth-Hitchcock-Manchester, NH has a fellowship trained neurologist in neurointervention who is retiring. We are seeking a fellowship trained neurologist to join his practice. We offer the ability to pursue your special area of interest/ training. Enjoy a consultative call schedule of 1:7 (taken on a weekly rotation). No evenings or weekends. Teaching opportunities. Ranked #1 as the Best Small City to Live. One hour to Boston, the coast, or the mountains. No state income tax or sales tax. Contact Germaine Lobert at 800-678-7585, e63704 or glorberr@cekJasearch.com. ID#29630DE. For more opportunities, visit www.cekJasearch.com.

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Areas Neurologists are needed to expand and re-define new practices. Excellent benefit packages and competitive salaries. Fax CV to 703-424-3089.

Neurologist

Excellent opportunity to join a well established neurology practice in New Brunswick and Princeton area. This is a dynamic growing office-based practice. EMG, Sleep, Neuroimaging fellowship desirable. Equitable partnership track. Fax CV to 713-246-3089.

Southern New Jersey Practice

Less than 45 minutes from Philadelphia and the NJ shoreline. Hospital (regional medical center) seeks to set up another neurologist in his or her own practice. Shore based with an established neurosurgeon; build a neurology center. They are prepared to set up a lab and buy latest EMG equipment. Area underserved in neurology. If you are compassionate, caring and seeking to own a practice without worrying about your own money, please contact us. Wanda Parker, The HealthField Alliance, 30 Main Street, Suite 307, Danbury, CT 06810, 866-232-2333, healthfield@mindspring.com

Northern New Jersey BC/BE Neurologist

To join a well established and successful 4 person group to 20 minutes from NY/NJ. Subspecialty training preferred. Position includes affiliation with large teaching tertiary care hospital with academic responsibilities. In addition to excellent support services the hospital has in-patient Video EEG monitoring available and is a primary Stroke Center. Significant opportunity for growth with generous salary and benefits leading to partnership. Fax CV to 973-471-6360 or email neurowen@ix.netcom.com or reply to Blind Box #3422.

New York - Adirondacks and Saratoga Springs

Respected successful neurology group seeks two neurologists for partnership positions. Neurophysiology training a plus. General neurology practice with EEG, EMG, carotid studies. Affiliate with Glens Falls Hospital and Saratoga Hospital, both with large clientele. Live in charming small urban center in spectacular Lake George region or in nearby beautiful Saratoga Springs. Close to Albany. Easy access to NYC. Ski, sail, hike. Enjoy local arts/entertainment venues including symphony, opera, ballet, and museums. Exceptional educational opportunities. Contact: Lianne Harris, New England Health Search. Phone 207-866-5808; Lharris@nehss.net.

Central/Coastal New Jersey Looking for BC/BE adult neurologist to join a six physician group practice. Office includes EEG, EMG, Carotid U/S, TCD and physical therapy. Hospital consultative service includes stroke program, inpatient video EEG, ambulatory EEG, intraoperative evoked potentials and sleep disorder center. One hour drive to NYC and Philadelphia. Competitive salary and excellent benefits. Send CV to shorenurology@aol.com or fax 732-240-3114.

One Epileptologist and One General Neurologist

One Epileptologist & one General Neurologist (BC/BE) Northern New Jersey- Subspecialty training required. To join 9 adult and 2 pediatric neurologists, including one adult and one pediatric epileptologist, several EMG specialists, movement disorder specialists, stroke specialist, electroencephalographers, pain management specialist. Practice with single hospital and single office, busy inpatient video EEG and ambulatory EEG, active clinical research program and a hospital based stroke center. Wide range of office based neurodiagnostic procedures. Practice located 30 minutes from Manhattan and 90 minutes west of philadelphia. Several excellent schools. Fax CV to: 201-444-5716 or e-mail to: hjiltmaer@neurobergen.com

Neurologist, General Clinical

The Neuroscience Department of Winthrop-University Hospital is seeking a general clinical neurologist well versed in ambulatory patient care. Additional expertise in electrophysiology is highly desirable. The position involves patient care, teaching, and the opportunity to participate in clinical research. Winthrop-University Hospital is a 591-bed hospital conveniently located in the heart of Long Island, NY, 30 miles from midtown Manhattan and just minutes from L.I.’s beautiful beaches. Academic appointments are available through SUNY at Stony Brook. Email: mgottesm@winthrop.org

Connecticut

Respected four-man neurology group practice, with 25 years of established referral, seeking ambitious BC/BE Neurologist. We are the only Neurology group serving two community hospitals, one teaching hospital, with a population of over 150,000 people. Supportive, non-competitive collegial environment. Subspecialty training desirable. Excellent salary, benefit package and early partnership available. Respond to Neurologists, Inc., 35 Pearl St, Suite 201, New Britain, CT, 06051.

The Berkshires-Western Massachusetts

BC/BE Neurologist needed to join growing three physician hospital based practice. Our neurologists have specialty training in the areas of neurointensive care, neurorehabilitation, neuroelectrophysiology, and pain management. We offer specialty programs in traumatic brain injury, consciousness, memory disorders, stroke, and chronic pain. The Neurosciences Program integrates the activity of Neurology with Neurosurgery, Psychiatry, Pain Management, Rehabilitation, Pathology and Neuroradiology to develop state-of-the-art clinical and academic programs. Berkshire Medical Center is a 302 bed academic teaching institution and community hospital. We are a major teaching affiliate of the University of Massachusetts Medical School. bspielcer@bmc.org

Neurologist Needed in Suburban Philadelphia

Busy Suburban Philadelphia Neurology Practice seeks an ambitious BC/BE Neurologist. We are a major teaching affiliate of Thomas Jefferson University which seeks an additional board eligible or certified Neurologist. We are currently a group of 7 Neurologists with a growing office practice that provides comprehensive, full-service care including out patient diagnostic services (MRI, Vascular Ultrasound, EMG, EEG and Infusion Therapy). We also have a busy hospital consultative service, being the primary Neurology group at two community hospitals. This is an excellent opportunity to practice high quality academically oriented Neurology in a community setting. We offer a flexible benefit program that includes comprehensive insurance, potential partnership, and a stimulating and supportive environment. Interested candidates, please fax your Curriculum Vitae to Sherry DiDomenico at 267-728-2462.

Expanding Department

The Department of Neurology at Albany Medical Center seeks fellowship trained BC/BE neurologists with expertise in child neurology, neuro muscular disease/EMG, MS/neuroimmunology, epilepsy, stroke, and clinical care. We are a full-time faculty appointment at Albany Medical College will be commensurate with experience. Responsibilities include patient care, education of medical students, residents, fellows, and medical students. Neurologists are expected to participate in the training and execution of studies and participate in clinical trials. All candidates must have a full Massachusetts medical license before starting the fellowship. Interested candidates, please send CV to Kinan Hebrei, MD, PhD., Department of Neurology, Lahey Clinic, 31 Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01805; Phone: 781-744-3803; Fax: 781-744-5243; Email: kinan.k.hebrei@lahey.org
Vascular Neurologist The Section of Neurology at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire is seeking an academic Vascular Neurologist to support activities in patient care, teaching and research. Candidates should have demonstrated by prior training and experience superior skills in all aspects of vascular neurology. Subspecialty expertise and research interest required. Outstanding opportunities in neurological disorders involving the central nervous system, education of residents and students, and research opportunities are associated with this position. The individual will practice at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Clinic and will have an academic appointment as a member of the faculty of the Dartmouth Medical School. Letters of recommendation and CV should be sent to: Kevin D. Williams, Practice Manager, Neurology & Neurosurgery, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03756; Phone: 603-650-4341; kevin.d.williams@hitchcock.org. Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and is especially interested in identifying female and minority candidates. www.dhmc.org

Multiple Sclerosis Neurologist Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH is seeking BC/BE Neurologist with training or expertise in multiple sclerosis. While primarily an outpatient position, there is also research opportunities in immunology, imaging, clinical trials and the opportunity to teach residents and students. Candidates currently completing a fellowship in MS and/or with defined experience in MS are encouraged to apply. Email kevin.d.williams@hitchcock.org

Neurophysiologist/Epileptologist The Department of Neurology seeks a Neurologist/Epilepsy specialist to join our well-established program. The position requires participation in evoked potential studies, and intraoperative monitoring of brain and spine cases. An equal emphasis will be placed on the clinical care of epilepsy patients, reading EEG studies, and attending in the Epilepsy monitoring unit, as well as teaching residents and fellows. Candidate must be BC/BE in neurology and electroencephalography, have completed a fellowship in epilepsy and electroencephalography, and have expertise in the presurgical evaluation of epilepsy patients and interoperative monitoring. This is a full-time clinical position with opportunities and expectations for clinical research. A faculty appointment at Dartmouth-Medical School will be commensurate with experience. Inquiries and resumes should be directed to: Kevin D. Williams - Practice Manager Neurology & Neurosurgery Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center One Medical Center Drive Lebanon, NH 03756 Phone: 603-650-4341 kevin.d.williams@hitchcock.org

Princeton NJ A six member group looking for a BE/BC Adult Neurologist, fellowship training preferred. Office has all neurodiagnostic equipment and we have a consultation practice. Competitive salary and benefits leading to partnership. Position available now, but applicants for 2009 are encouraged to apply. Fax resume to (609) 896 9733 or reply to Blind Box #3221.

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Neurologists Needed: Sentara Healthcare is a nationally recognized integrated healthcare system serving southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. Neurologists are needed to practice at the Sentara Hospitals Norfolk, including call. Hospital practice will entail consultation on a variety of patients as well as supervision of epilepsy monitoring. Office practice will entail seeing patients with a variety of neurological diagnoses & include call. Additionally, it is anticipated that the Division of Neurology will grow to other sites of care, beyond Sentara, including other Sentara hospitals & upcoming ambulatory facilities.

Neurologists will work closely with Internal Medicine leaders, administration, peers & medical staff members to ensure a smooth flow and efficient care for those patients in need of neurological consultation and treatment. The ideal candidate will work in a complex matrix environment & have a focus on delivering high quality care, operational excellence & customer service. He/She will have a proven track record of building positive relationships with physicians, staff & a communication style that fosters trust and credibility. Candidates should have educational credentials and training from well-regarded institutions. 2006 residents and fellows are encouraged to apply. Benefits include competitive compensation, relocation, CME, vacation, life insurance, health and dental insurance. For more information please call: SMG Physician Recruitment Phone: 757-687-1136 Fax: 757-687-1296. Applicant should initially contact Dr. Tremaine (telephone: 757-687-1954, email: John.tremaine@sentara.com) or the hospital toll-free at 1-800-444-7278 ext 7452.

General Neurologist: Excellent opportunity for BC/BE neurologist in beautiful Asheville, North Carolina. Opportunity to work for a five-time recognized "Top 100 hospitals" by Solucient, and recently awarded JCAHO Primary Stroke Center Certification. Program currently consists of five BC, three neurointerventional radiologists, nine neurosurgeons, and a specialized neurological ICU. Fellowship-trained capabilities and expanding stroke research. Asheville is an excellent community for all ages. Excellent schools, both public and private. Multitude of outdoor activities, booming downtown area of bustling restaurants and arts scene. Come see what you're missing. Email nancy.longcoy@msj.org.

Neurologist: Immediate opportunity for a BC/BE General or Subspecialty Neurologist to join a three physician Neurology Group. Offered compensation and benefits package. Hospital Call 1:4 with partnership available after 2 years of employment with productivity bonus. This practice is currently providing comprehensive clinical adult neurology care. The group is affiliated with several academic research trials. Located in southwestern Florida, between Fort Myers and Sarasota. Great location to raise a family. Please send CV via fax 941-764-6494 or email: neurostudies23@daystar.net.

Neurologist: Carillon Clinic has an opportunity available for an ABMS/ACOA- BC neurologist to join a new consultative practice in Virginia’s New River Valley, which comprises the localities of Blacksburg, home of Virginia Tech, Radford, Christiansburg, and Christiansburg, altogether a population of over 185,000. Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains along Virginia’s Technology Corridor, the region is affordable, safe, progressive, and just 20 minutes from the Appalachian Trail. With a lively arts community, there’s plenty to do inside as well as outside. For more information contact Karyn Farrell, Physician Recruiter at 540-224-5383 or kfarrel@carillon.com.

Neuroimaging Fellowship: Winchester Neurosciences Department invites applications from BC/BE neurology graduates for fellowship in clinical neuroimaging. Extensive training in performance and interpretation of diagnostic MRI, CT, Doppler and TCD, utilizing three state of the art 1.5 T MRI and multi-slice CT scanners with CTA and perfusion. Responsibilities include supervision and interpretation of imaging, and patient care. Initial availability July 1, 2008. Requires one year commitment. Research interests are encouraged. Salary and benefits are competitive. CV’s should be emailed to ligih.oribe@winchesterneurological.com or faxed to (540) 722-6207.

Washington, DC/Northern Virginia Suburbs Neurology: Busy suburban Washington, DC/Northern Virginia neurology practice is seeking an additional BC/BE Neurologist to join our group in 2007 and 2008. This is an outstanding opportunity for a motivated, hard-working Neurologist to join a successful, well-regarded practice. We are a rapidly expanding group with 5 neurologists and an additional third-year fellow. We are seeking a recently trained and motivated PhD candidate to provide office and hospital based consultative service with a large referral base. Our office facilities include full electrophysiological testing (EEG, EPS, EMG/NCVs), vascular ultrasound, and an on-site Sleep Lab. We are seeking general neurological activities, but encourage all subspecialties in Stroke, Movement Disorders, and MS to apply, as there is an excellent opportunity to cultivate those subspecialties within our group. Competitive compensation, excellent benefits, and partnership track are offered. The N. Va/Washington DC area is a wonderful place to live, with many cultural and recreational activities. We encourage all interested applicants to send their CV to ESklarn@MDalliance.com or administrator@MDalliance.com, or call 703-845-1557. Stroke Neurologist Position: Washington, DC/Northern Virginia suburbs. Excellent opportunity for a Stroke trained Neurologist to join a busy, expanding Neurology practice in the beautiful DC/Northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, DC. We have a busy consultative service at two hospitals that are JHACO Primary Stroke Centers. We also have a busy office practice, with Vascular Ultrasound available, as well as other extensive diagnostic testing capabilities. This is an excellent opportunity to cultivate a Stroke subspecialty practice within both outpatient and inpatient settings. Competitive compensation, excellent benefits, and partnership track are offered. The N. Va/Washington DC area is a wonderful place to live, with many cultural and recreational activities, but encourage all interested applicants to contact us. Please send your CV to ESklarn@MDalliance.com or administrator@MDalliance.com or call 703-845-1557.

Cleveland Clinic Florida - Dept. of Neurology: The Department of Neurology at Cleveland Clinic Florida in Weston/Fort Lauderdale, Florida has a faculty position opening for a well-qualified Neurologist with a special interest and fellowship training in Headache, Neuroimmunology or Multiple Sclerosis. The candidate must be board eligible or certified in Neurology. The individual would develop a significant specialty focused practice, while also being involved in the full spectrum of general neurology. The candidate would join five established neurologists at the clinic. The position should have an interest in teaching residents; as we sponsor an ACGME accredited residency training program. Cleveland Clinic Florida, opened in 1988, is a multi-specialty academic group practice affiliated with the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. Cleveland Clinic Florida offers a competitive salary and an attractive benefits package. Located in South Florida, one of the largest metropolitan areas in the southeastern United States, the area enjoys a beautiful subtropical climate. Interested candidates please forward a letter of interest and a copy of your CV for further consideration. Email fla-opas@ccl.org.

Neuroimmunology: West Virginia University School of Medicine, Department of Neurology, is seeking a Neuroimmunologist to be a member of the newly established Neurology service. Research focus is in Multiple Sclerosis. The position involves clinical care, research and teaching with emphasis on multiple sclerosis and clinical or laboratory investigation. WVU provides the benefits of cutting-edge technology and a collaborative academic atmosphere conducive to professional growth. Morgantown offers culturally diverse, large-city amenities in a safe, family-like setting. Interested applicants please contact Laura Blake at blakel@wvhs.wvu.edu. WVU is an AA/EZ Employer.

Stroke West Virginia University School of Medicine, Department of Neurology, seeks a fellowship-trained BC/BE neurologist to join a comprehensive Academic Stroke Program. Training and interest in neurocritical care also welcome. Responsibilities include clinical care, research and teaching. WVU Hospital maintains a JCAHO Primary Stroke Accreditation Program. The Stroke Team serves as the core for the multi-department Comprehensive Stroke Program. The facility also features neuroimaging support including spectroscopic MRI and quantitative PET scans. Faculty from Neurosurgery, Neuroradiology, Neurology, Neuropsychiatry, Emergency Department, and a dedicated stroke nurse specialist staff the Stroke Team. Please contact Laura Blake at blakel@wvhs.wvu.edu. WVU is an AA/EZ Employer. Position will remain open until filled.

NORTH CENTRAL

BC/BE Neurologist: Duluth, MN: Your expertise belongs in a world-class environment. At the Duluth Clinic, on the shores of Lake Superior, you’ll find a world-class health system, challenging and complex cases, sophisticated technology and a collegial work environment. And that’s just the beginning. BC/BE Neurologist Join a comprehensive, coordinated program supported by 5 neurologists, 2 pediatric neurologists, 2 neurology nurse practitioners, 4 neurosurgeons, 2 neurointerventional radiologists, 6 adult psychiatrists, and a pediatric psychiatrist. Neuroscience Center of Excellence and Comprehensive Stroke Center is forthcoming. Practice includes both hospital and clinic care and is supported by a wide variety of state-of-the-art specialty services and procedures.

Neurologist: Duluth, MN: Neurologist needed to join a three physician Neurology Group. Offered competitive compensation and benefits package. Hospital Call 1:4 with partnership available after 2 years of employment with productivity bonus. This practice is currently providing comprehensive clinical adult neurology care. The group consists of five BC neurologists, three neurointerventional radiologists, nine neurosurgeons, and a specialized neurological ICU. Fellowship-trained capabilities and expanding stroke research. Duluth is an excellent community for all ages. Excellent schools, both public and private. Multitude of outdoor activities, booming downtown area of bustling restaurants and arts scene. Come see what you’re missing. Email: cprudhomme@smdc.org; www.duluthclinic.org/career.

Neurologist: Marshfield, WI: General and subspecialty neurologist needed to practice at Marshfield Clinic. Marshfield Clinic is an over 700 physician led organization with 40 centers throughout Wisconsin & northernmost Wisconsin. EOE/A/A Search/Apply online at www.duluthclinic.org/career, or contact: Carri Prudhomme, Duluth Clinic Physician & Practitioner Recruitment 400 East Third Street, Duluth, MN 55805 800-342-1388; 218-722-5818. Resume submittals include EOE/A/A. Neurology postings @ smdc.org; www.duluthclinic.org/career.

General & Subspecialty oppy’s w/Marshfield Clinic: General and Subspecialty opportunities with Marshfield Clinic. Marshfield Clinic is an over 700 physician led organization with 40 centers throughout Wisconsin.

Currently, we’re experiencing growth at three of our largest facilities and are offering these outstanding practice opportunities: General Neurology – Eau Claire and Wausau Centers (expanding practices). An area of special interest is supported by the department. Neuromuscular, Behavioral, Headache Neurology - Marshfield Center. Marshfield Clinic Neurosciences includes 22 neurologists representing a full range of Neurology subspecialties and 6 neuropsychologists. Research opportunities abound but are not...
Critical Care/Stroke Neurologists

Critical Care/Stroke Neurologist opportunities w/Marshfield Clinic. Marshfield Clinic is an over 700 physician led organization with 40 centers throughout Wisconsin. This position is primarily hospital-based as a member of a Neuro-Hospitalist service provided through a large tertiary Neurology group. The physician hired will work in rotation with other members of the Neuro-Hospitalist service, providing consultation and patient care including neurocritical care, throughout the hospital. This position offers the opportunity of interacting with a diverse and well-trained group and would encourage applicants with interest in neuro-intervention, cerebrovascular disease, and research to apply. Subspecialty education and research are strongly supported. Members of the Marshfield Clinic Neurology Department are the primary medical staff for Saint Joseph’s Hospital, a 525 bed acute care tertiary teaching hospital that serves central and north central Wisconsin. Subspecialists are represented in Sleep Medicine, Epilepsy, Movement Disorders, Stroke, Neuromuscular Disease, Neuro-ondology, Dementia and Neuroimmunology. As a physician with Marshfield Clinic you can expect a very competitive salary, starting range $220,000 - $270,000, and a benefit package that includes liberal vacation, 10 days CME time per year, fully funded retirement plan, health, dental, life, disability and malpractice insurance, moving expense allowance and more. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, please contact: Sandy Heeg, Physician Recruitment, Marshfield Clinic, 1000 N Oak Ave., Marshfield, WI 54449. Phone: 1-800-782-8581, ext. 1978; Fax: 715-221-9779. E-mail: heeg.sandra@marshfieldclinic.org

Marquette, MI Marquette General Neurology offers an excellent opportunity for a BC/BE EMG-proficient or electrodiagnostic medicine certified neurologist to join an expanding practice. The Upper Michigan Neurosciences Center at Marquette has a 7-state-of-the-art neurology including neurosurgery, neuroradiology, interventional radiology, comprehensive neurophysiology, physical medicine and rehabilitation, complete imaging modalities, and use of IFA for stroke. Resources are complemented by a medical staff of over 200 representing 64 specialties. Competitive compensation & benefit package. Enjoy an unmatched quality of life in a university community & a pristine environment exempt from many of the pressures of urban living. This academic setting provides a unique opportunity to create numerous recreational opportunities. Contact: Mike Gokey, mgokey@mgoh.org, 906-225-6919. Marquette General Hospital, 380 W. College, Marquette, MI 49855. Fax: 906-225-3031. Visit www.mgoh.org and click on physician job opportunities icon.

Neurologist The Neurology Department at Gunderson Lutheran Health System has an opening for a BC/BE neurologist at our main campus in La Crosse, Wisconsin. This position will function as a generalist but we are able to accommodate specialty interests or advanced training in Movement Disorders, Headache Management, Dementia, EMG or related to round out the practice. With 6 board certiﬁed Neurologists and 1 Speech Pathologist on staff, you will be part of a diverse team and provided a balanced lifestyle with minimal outreach requirements. Jon Nevala, Medical Staff Development can be reached at jnevala@gundluth.org, or at 1-800-362-9567, ext. 54224. Visit www.gundluth.org

Excellent Medical Director Opportunity Alegent Health Clinic is seeking an experienced, board certiﬁed physician to develop and implement our Neurocritical Care service. The Medical Director will possess exemplary clinical and interpersonal skills, a dedication to leadership, and a commitment to expand the program. The Medical Director will initiate and participate in system strategic planning and integration strategies with service line specialists and patient care. This opportunity offers a great base salary with incentives, comprehensive beneﬁts package, CME and more. Omaha is a city on the move. With a metro population of 800,000+, growth and promise include new businesses, neighborhoods and attractions. Email lkuatter@alegenterg.org

Neurologist - Southwest Michigan Neurologist – Kalamazoo, Michigan There is an outstanding clinical opportunity in Southwest Michigan for a BE/BC Neurologist. Bronson Healthcare is recruiting for an enthusiastic, team-oriented individual to join five other Board Certiﬁed Neurologists. Individual must be willing to serve a multi-disciplinary patient population including regional clinics in Southwest Michigan. Full-time, hospital employed position with competitive compensation and comprehensive beneﬁts. Bronson is a tertiary referral center serving a 900,000-population base, maintains a JCACHO Certiﬁed Primary Stroke Center and is a Level 1 Trauma Center. Email leecaa@bronson.org

BC/BE Neurologist Wisconsin-Metro Milwaukee Wisconsin – Milwaukee Metropolitan Employed or Private Practice. Traditional or Inpatient Focused. Eclectic Urban or Lake County Suburban. It’s all here. Aurora Medical Center is a highly successful, 700-employee physician seeks BC/BE Neurologists for two practices.

AMG-Oconomowoc offers a general practice with unlimited potential to develop a full scope neurology program in one of the fastest growing, most affluential areas of Wisconsin. Enjoy referrals from 50+ physicians in this collegial group. Sleep or headache fellowship a plus. AMG-Milwaukee seeks a general Neurologist that enjoys inpatient medicine as a busy Neurologist in the heart of downtown Milwaukee retirees. This well-rounded practice includes EMGs and a broad spectrum of office patients; immediate access to each consultants’; and teaching within Aurora’s residency programs. You’ll beneﬁt from the large referral base of AMG primary care physicians throughout Milwaukee. The Center for Neurological Disorders, a thriving private practice at St. Luke’s Medical Center in Milwaukee, seeks a BC/BE general Neurologist to help expand the cutting-edge technology of St. Luke’s neuroscience program into two suburban areas. The Center treats a broad range of disorders, has pioneered new treatments and participated in advanced research studies. Opportunity for partnerships is available. To learn more, contact Michelle Forray at 800-307-7497 or visit our website at www.AuroraHealthCare.org/physicianopportunities

General Neurology Opportunity Great Plains Regional Medical Center seeks experienced BC Neurologist for hospital-employed position. Must desire a general neurology practice, work efﬁciently to provide a broad range of clinical services, and build a strong neurology presence in the region. Requires proﬁciency in EEG and EMG and. Call 1:13—join two neurologists in stroke, epilepsy and neurophysiology. Progressive facility with state of the art technologies. Support includes fellow-trained neuro-radiologist. Emergency Medicine trained and boarded physicians, mobile PET/CT imaging, spiral CT (64 slice) and 1.5 MRI and a 4-bed sleep lab. Competitive salary with incentive and excellent benefits. Great Midwest location in Nebraska. Email Marcia Baumann at baumannm@garc.org or call 308-696-7409.

Asst. Prof., Assoc. Prof., Prof-Clinician Teacher The Department of Neurology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison, Wisconsin is recruiting for a clinical faculty position in general adult neurology, with potential for subspecialty practice in an office-based and community teaching hospital setting. The position involves patient care in adult neurology and teaching, and may include participation in one of the department’s ongoing subspecialty clinical programs. Candidates must be board certiﬁed or board eligible in neurology; fellowship or neurosurgical subspecialty experience is preferred but not required. Interested candidates should submit letters of reference to at least three references to Thomas Satula, M.D., Ph.D., Chair, Department of Neurology-5132, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, 600 Highland Ave., Room H6/574 CSC, Madison, WI 53792 and Fredrick Edelman,Chair , Department of Neurology, 20 S. Park St., Madison, WI 53705. Submission of application information electronically is preferred; please forward to applications@neurology.wisc.edu.

Neurology Multi-specialty group seeks additional Neurologist to join our expanding department. Great ﬂexibility to design your own practice and excellent camaraderie will make this your dream opportunity. Practice in one of the most rural communities in the country with the highest number of insured patients while earning in the top 15%. Have your children attend one of the highest rated school systems in the country, while living in a small city. Job locations include the City of Ames, Iowa. Voted one of the 20 best places to live and work by bestjobusa.com, Ames is a thriving community offering a wide variety of cultural, recreational and sporting events for the entire family. Contact Doug Kenner 866.670.0334

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BC/BE Neurologists BC/BE Neurologists: Unique Opportunity to join in practice with eight well-established, family-oriented, Board certified adult neurologists. Three unique positions available: 1. City-wide Parkinson’s specialty clinic, already established, with an opening for a movement disorder and a specialty-trained candidate. 2. Neuro-intensive care unit. Seeking a neuro-intensive care resident who wishes to join an established acute stroke program. 3. General neurologist with sub-specialty training. This is a private practice with well-established referral networks and opportunities to participate in teaching residents and medical students. Competitive salary, excellent corporate benefits, outstanding partnership potential. The Twin Cities have wonderful culture, education and recreation opportunities at a reasonable cost of living. Contact: Neurological Associates of St. Paul, Thomas Jacques, M.D., 1650 Beame Ave, Suite 200, Maplewood, MN 55109 phone 651-221-9051, fax 651-223-5220

Neurology Opportunities MidMichigan Health Established Neurologists Practice Opportunity in MidMichigan Health has exceptional opportunities throughout the region for experienced BC/BE clinical neurologists or graduating residents or fellows. Must desire general neurology with proficiency in EMG/EEG to replace a departing physician, develop a neurology practice in growing areas and enhance the multidisciplinary management of stroke patients. MidMichigan’s growth in neurosciences is due to an unmatched combination of Clinical Excellence and Advanced Technologies. Blending neurologists, neuroanesthesiologists, neurointensivists, and physician assistants with progressive facilities and such state of the art technologies as Mobile PET/CT Scan, Spiral CT Scan, Fixed MRI and Open Magnet MRI, Gamma Knife Perfusion, a planned outpatient Epilepsy Monitoring Service and a 6-bed Sleep Lab operational 7 days/week. For more information or to schedule a visit, please contact Nora S. Barber (800) 444-6421; nora.barber@midmichigan.org; www.midmichigan.org/opportunities/neurology.

Neurologist A growing Neurology group in west/southwest suburban chicagoland area is seeking to add neurologists with subspecialty interest in stroke, epilepsy, movement disorder, dementia and sleep disorders. Reply to Blind Box #3324

CNP fellowships EEG/Epilepsy/OR Monitoring Additional ACGME-approved clinical neurophysiology fellowship positions have become available at The University of Chicago for July 2008. Training options are available involving subspecialty emphasis in EEG, epilepsy, and OR monitoring. John S. Ebersole, MD, program director. Contact Marla Scottfield mrscofel@neurologybsd.uchicago.edu for details.

Central Minnesota Join a multi-specialty clinic and health system serving more than 64,000 people in a 12-county area. Critical Care with 180+ physicians is recruiting two BC/BE neurologists to join four others. All neurology sub-specialties are welcome. Call schedule is 1:5 for a 489-bed regional referral medical center with a 27-bed neurosurgical unit including a four-bed neuro-progressive care unit and a 16-bed neuro-intensive unit. Care is provided in partnership with the University of Minnesota’s Neuroendovascular fellowship program. Located only one hour north of Minneapolis/St. Paul, St. Cloud has three colleges and offers a wholesome family atmosphere with numerous four-season recreational activities, sporting and cultural events. It is a thriving community of nearly 125,000. Contact physician recruiter Karla Donlin (800) 835-6652, ext. 34192; donlin@centracare.com; fax 320-255-5722; www.centracare.com

SOUTH CENTRAL

Neurologist- Tuscaloosa Large Neurology practice in Tuscaloosa, AL with 6 members is seeking BC/BE Adult Neurologist. The Neurology Clinic, P.C. owns a full range of diagnostic equipment with 1.5 T MRI, CT, EMG, EEG, and US. Hospital responsibility is very light with 1 week out of 6 at Baptist Memorial Hospital- Collierville, a full service hospital with 100 beds. Night call is 1 out of 6. Primarily an office-based practice with an active Research Program. Fast track is possible to full partnership with appropriate experience. Excellent compensation and benefit package includes an attractive Profit Sharing and 401k plan. Tuscaloosa is the 2nd largest city in the Southeast by population with no state income tax. Please contact: Chip Harris, Administrator at (901) 255-7155. Fax: (901) 747-1137. Email: chiparris@neuroclinic.org.

Adult Neurology Residency Training Program The Neurological Institute at The Methodist Hospital is proud to announce the initiation of the adult neurology residency training program. Applications are currently being accepted from residents applying for the PGY2, PGY3 & PGY4 positions beginning July 2008 and medical students applying for PGY2 positions beginning July 2009. Please direct all inquiries to: Ericka P. Simpson, MD, Program Director c/o Carol Albrecht, Residency Coordinator, Neurology Residency Training Program, The Neurological Institute of The Methodist Hospital, 6560 Fannin, Suite 802, Houston, Texas 77030. Telephone 713-441-3768; FAX 713-793-7272; Email: Neuro-residency@tmh.org; http://www.methodistneuroinstitute.com/neuro-residency National Residency Matching Program (NRMMP) # 1167180C

Neuro-Hospitalists & Stroke Neurologist Critical Care/Stroke Neurologist Intermountain Healthcare is seeking one BC/BE critical care/stroke neurologist to join a hospital based neurology group with mid-level support. Be the third CCN in a dedicated Neuroscience ICU as part of an expanding hospital neurology practice. Paid Call. In October 2007 Intermountain opens Intermountain Medical Center, a Level 1 trauma, tertiary care facility and stroke center to continue to serve the mountain west with the best healthcare available. Collaborative efforts between neurosurgery, neuroradiology, critical care medicine, neuro rehabilitation and trauma services provide patient support as well as many clinical and research opportunities. Collegiality among collaborating services is outstanding. Employment with Intermountain Healthcare. Competitive salary, office and nurse practitioner support. Full benefits. Relocation provided. Intermountain is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resume/fax CV to Barbara Parnell, Administrator at (901) 820-0144; fax to 901-820-0144; email cv to bparnell@intermountainhealthcare.org; apply online at www.intermountainhealthcare.org/physicianrecruiting. Intermountain Healthcare is an equal opportunity employer. PhysicianRecruit@intermountainhealthcare.org; apply online at www.intermountainhealthcare.org/physicianrecruiting.

NEUROLOGY OPPORTUNITIES

PACIFIC

Neurologist California. Excellent opportunity for a BC/BE Neurologist to join a rapidly growing neurology practice in the most desirable region of Coastal Southern California. Medical Director is a specialist in Parkinson’s disease, movement disorders and clinical trials. We need an excellent clinical neurophysiologist to join our team. Duties will include performing electrodiagnostic testing and general neurology consultations. Must be extremely skilled at EMG/NCV studies; fellowship training in neurophysiology and eligibility for ABEM certification required. Generous salary guarantee and productivity bonus. Extremely light call. Excellent recreational and cultural opportunities, excellent schools. Consistently ranked one of the best places to live in the United States. Reply to janmclurty@pacificscience.com, www.thisyourbrain.com.

San Francisco Bay Area Palo Alto Medical Foundation Join five busy well trained neurologists and help grow the expanding Fremont campus. (The Palo Alto Medical Foundation PAMF, founded in 1930, has grown to more than four hundred physicians and six campuses. Known for quality and innovation, we celebrate state-of-the-art programs and technologies, including an electronic health record system and our Advanced Access scheduling model, which allows patients to see their primary care

NEUROLOGY OPPORTUNITIES

WEST

Neurology - Memorial Clinic, Salt Lake City Intermountain Healthcare seeks one BC/BE Neurologist to assume a busy practice. Office space located at the Intermountain Memorial Clinic in Salt Lake City. Call: 1 in 12. Inpatients are taken care of by a hospitalist service. Employment with the Intermountain Medical Group. Guaranteed 1st year salary with transition to productivity-based compensation. Full benefits. Relocation provided. Intermountain Healthcare is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resume/fax CV to Barbara Parnell, Administrator at (901) 820-0144; fax to 901-820-0144; email cv to bparnell@intermountainhealthcare.org; apply online at www.intermountainhealthcare.org/PhysicianRecruit. Intermountain Healthcare is an equal opportunity employer. PhysicianRecruit@intermountainhealthcare.org; apply online at www.intermountainhealthcare.org/PhysicianRecruiting.
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Immediate Open for a Neurology Hospitalist in CA Southern CA (Orange County). Newport Neurohospitalist Group is searching for a dedicated neurologist to join its team working at Hoag Hospital, a hospital ranked in the top 5% of hospitals in the nation according to Health- Grades. This growing multi-specialty Neurology group is a physician-owned, hospital-enabled group and offers a competitive salary with bonus structure and a full benefits package. Neurologists interested in a hospital-based practice, particularly with sub-specialty in epilepsy, stroke, intraoperative monitoring (or other) are encouraged to apply. Hoag Hospital is a 498-bed acute care, not-for-profit hospital located in Southern California in the city of Newport Beach with beautiful harbor and ocean views. The hospital is Magnet certified and has a full-time, 24/7 intensivist team covering 29 critical care beds, as well as full-time medical hospitalists. Interested applicants should send their CVs to: Hoag Hospital Fax: 949-764-1496; Hoagphysicianrecruiter@hoaghospital.org www.HoagHospital.org

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Join Three Busy Neurologists Opportunity for BC/BE physician to join busy, established practice in Corvallis, Oregon. The Corvallis Clinic is a large, MS, physician owned group. Built in referrals, diverse cases, appropriate consultations. Well educated, safe community. Tree lined streets, bike paths, bookstores, coffee shops and vibrant waterfront. Excellent schools, culturally diverse and sophisticated. In Top Ten of several National Surveys on livability. Close proximity to premiere recreational opportunities. Create a superb quality of life. Experience world class mountain biking, hunting, fishing, skiing, beach combing, and Portland all within 1 ½ hours. In the heart of Oregon wine country. Email elizabeth.bell@corvallisclinic.com

Fellowship Training for Post-residency M.D.’s Extended fellowship training opportunities for Post-residency M. D.’s, leading to completion of Ph.D. Degree in Neuroscience from the University of California, San Diego. Extended periods of funding are available for M.D.’s who have completed residency training and wish to pursue extended fellowship opportunities. Applicants may apply to the neuroscience graduate program with the aim of successfully completing the requirements for a Ph.D. in neuroscience, funded at competitive post-M.D. salary levels. Training is available at the University of California–San Diego, Salk Institute for Biological Studies, and Scripps Research Foundation. The goal of this program is to train outstanding physician scientists. For more information, contact Mark H. Tuszyński, M.D., Ph.D. Department of Neurosciences-0626, University of California–San Diego, La Jolla, CA. 92039. Phone (858)534-8857. Email: mntsuzynski@ucsd.edu. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Neurology Opportunity - Eugene, Oregon Limited possibilities for your life and your career. Oregon Neurology Associates, the region’s leading experts in neurologic care, is looking to grow our team in partnership with PeaceHealth in the ongoing development of the Oregon Neuroscience Institute and recruitment of neurology subspecialists. Candidates must be BC/BE in neurology and have fellowship training in a subspecialty area, including Neurocritical Care/Stroke, MS/Neuromimology, Dementia/Behavioral Neurology, Movement disorders, and others. Excellent opportunities to work with a wide range of patients and work with many of our members. Competitive benefits, retirement package. Relocation assistance offered. Sacramento is an hour and a half from Lake Tahoe, or the bay of San Francisco. Local activities include water sports, cycling, horseback riding, just sit back and relax under the warm California sunshine. Email develop@sutterhealth.org

Neurologist Wanted in San Francisco East Bay Neurology Medical Group of Diablo Valley, a 7 person group is seeking an affable full time BE/BC neurologist. The practice is both clinic and hospital based. The partners serve as Stroke Unit directors at John Muir Medical Center, a level III trauma center, and JCAHO certified stroke center where the group is involved in inpatient research studies related to stroke. Weekend call occurs approximately once every two months. Partnership for a new neurologist is typical after 12-18 months. Fax cv to Dr. Lin, 925-939-1819, see our website at www.diabloneurology.com

Neurointensivist or Vascular Neuro Northern CA Sacramento, CA. Sutter Neuroscience Medical Group (SNGM) is seeking a neurointensivist, or vascular neurologist to join their team. Active neurovascular program with one vascular neurologist, 2 neurointerventionalists, 2 neurosurgeons with vascular expertise and a full-time 3 RN stroke team. Clinical research, and publication opportunities are readily available. Clinical appointments with University of California Davis are held by many of our members. Competitive benefits, retirement package. Relocation assistance offered. Sacramento is an hour and a half from Lake Tahoe, or the bay of San Francisco. Local activities include water sports, cycling, horseback riding, just sit back and relax under the warm California sunshine. Email develop@sutterhealth.org

Neurology Residency-PGY3 Position Available UCLA Dept of Neurology is seeking applicants for an open neurology PGY3 residency position that will begin on July 1, 2008. Applicants must have completed a traditional internship in internal medicine or transitional year of training, as well as a PGY2 year in neurology residency training, in ACGME-accredited program. Licensure in California will be required by July 1, 2008. Please send a CV, LORS, USMLE scores, and a personal statement to: Perrin Pleninger, MD, Director of Residency Training Program, UCLA Dept of Neurology, 710 Westwood Plaza, 1240 RNRC, Los Angeles, CA 90095. Fax 310-206-4733. Email address: pleninger@mednet.ucla.edu.

Hawaii Permanente Medical Group/Kaiser Hawaii Hawaii’s most established multi-specialty group of 400+ physicians recruiting for a BC/BE Neurologist for busy outpatient clinic, with call, based in Honolulu. Position immediately available. Ideal candidate for position is competent in all aspects of the specialty (EEG, EMG/CV and evoked potential capabilities). Excellent interpersonal skills are required. Applicant must have a commitment to quality care, patient advocacy, and involvement in patient and professional education. We offer competitive salary, comprehensive benefits, relocation assistance, with easy access to the best beaches as well as outstanding recreational activities unique to the islands. Send CV to: Physician Recruitment, HPMG, 501 Ala Wai Blvd, Suite 255, Honolulu, HI 96817-5764, or Fax (808) 432-4620; email: Janice.Omori@kp.org, OEE
**Cymbalta®** (duloxetine hydrochloride) Delayed-release Capsules

**Brief Summary:** Consult the package insert for complete prescribing information.

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**INDICATIONS AND USAGE:** Cymbalta is indicated for the treatment of major depressive disorder (MDD), the management of neuropathic pain associated with diabetic peripheral neuropathy (DPN), treatment of generalized anxiety disorder (GAD), treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and treatment of fibromyalgia.

**CONTRAINDICATIONS:** Known hypersensitivity to duloxetine or any of the inactive ingredients.

**WARNINGS:**

**Sedation:** Duloxetine may cause sedation, dizziness, or blurred vision. Patients should be advised of these effects and their potential to impair the performance of tasks requiring alertness.

**Hypersensitivity Reactions:** Although the frequency of this reaction is low, it is possible that patients who have had a previous reaction to duloxetine may experience a similar reaction to duloxetine.

**Interactions:** Duloxetine has been reported to cause decreased peripheral blood mononuclear cell counts, which can be associated with an increased risk of infection. Patients should be advised of this risk and to report any signs of infection to their healthcare provider.

**PREGNANCY:** Duloxetine is a category C medication for reproductive toxicity. It is not known if duloxetine is excreted in human milk. The use of duloxetine in breastfeeding women should be avoided. If a decision to use duloxetine is made by the woman, the patient should be advised to discontinue breastfeeding.

**LACTATION:** Duloxetine is not recommended for use during pregnancy, as it is not known whether duloxetine is excreted in human milk. However, because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when duloxetine is administered to a nursing woman.

**POSTMARKETING:** Duloxetine has been reported to cause decreased peripheral blood mononuclear cell counts, which can be associated with an increased risk of infection. Patients should be advised of this risk and to report any signs of infection to their healthcare provider.

**Infection:** Duloxetine has been reported to cause decreased peripheral blood mononuclear cell counts, which can be associated with an increased risk of infection. Patients should be advised of this risk and to report any signs of infection to their healthcare provider.

**Other Conditions:** Duloxetine has been reported to cause decreased peripheral blood mononuclear cell counts, which can be associated with an increased risk of infection. Patients should be advised of this risk and to report any signs of infection to their healthcare provider.

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**Table 1: Age Range**

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**Table 2: Drug Interactions**

**Cymbalta® (duloxetine hydrochloride) Delayed-release Capsules**

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Serotonin Syndrome. The concomitant use of Cymbalta with other SSRIs, SNRIs, or tetracyclines is not recommended (see WARNINGS, Poisoning). Cymbalta is contraindicated in patients with GRH or GRH-related disorders (see WARNINGS, Poisoning). Cymbalta is not recommended in patients with known or suspected hypersensitivity to duloxetine or any of its components.

SIDE EFFECTS

Adverse Reactions

1. Duloxetine may be associated with nausea, dry mouth, constipation, diarhoea, vomiting, diarrhea, flatulence, weight increased or decreased, weight—weight decreased; Mental Disorders and Administration Site Conditions—Fatigue, Narcotic System Disorders—dizziness, somnolence, tremor, pain and subacute tissue disorders—swallowing increased; Neural System Disorders—dizziness; Cardiovascular System Disorders—palpitations; Dermatologic System Disorders—alopecia, maculopapular rash, urticaria; Gastrointestinal System Disorders—dry mouth, increased; General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions—fatigue, asthenia, pyrexia, infection, infestation or parasitism; Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue System Disorders—dysmenorrhoea; Respiratory System Disorders—nasal congestion, dysgeusia, dysphonia; Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders—hypersensitivity; Vascular System Disorders—orthostasis; Other Special Senses Disorders—tinnitus; Adverse Reactions—A total of 72% of patients treated with Cymbalta and 42% of patients treated with placebo were reported to experience at least one adverse event.

2. Duloxetine has been shown to have adverse effects on embryonic and postnatal development. When duloxetine was administered orally to pregnant rats and rabbits during the period of organogenesis, there was no evidence of teratogenicity at doses up to 45 mg/kg (7 times the maximum recommended human dose of 60 mg/day) and up to 10 mg/kg (3 times the maximum recommended human dose of 60 mg/day) in mice. However, teratogenic effects were observed at doses of 45 mg/kg (7 times the maximum recommended human dose of 60 mg/day) and up to 10 mg/kg (3 times the maximum recommended human dose of 60 mg/day) in mice. When duloxetine was administered orally to pregnant rabbits during the period of organogenesis, teratogenic effects were observed at doses of 45 mg/kg (7 times the maximum recommended human dose of 60 mg/day) and up to 10 mg/kg (3 times the maximum recommended human dose of 60 mg/day) in mice. However, teratogenic effects were observed at doses of 15 mg/kg (2.5 times the maximum recommended human dose of 60 mg/day) in rabbits. When duloxetine was administered orally to geriatric rats and rabbits during the period of organogenesis, there were no teratogenic effects observed at doses of 15 mg/kg (2.5 times the maximum recommended human dose of 60 mg/day). The teratogenic effects observed in this study were not associated with any specific organ or organ system. Based on animal data, it is unknown whether teratogenic effects may occur in humans. Duloxetine should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

3. Duloxetine was not associated with adverse effects in an open-label study of children (5 to 14 years of age) with depression. However, the study was not designed to detect adverse effects.

4. Duloxetine was administered to pregnant women in studies of painful diabetic neuropathy. Duloxetine was generally well tolerated, and all observed adverse events were in proportion to those expected. Duloxetine was administered to pregnant women in studies of viral hemorrhagic fever. Duloxetine was generally well tolerated, and all observed adverse events were in proportion to those expected. Duloxetine was administered to pregnant women in studies of postherpetic neuralgia. Duloxetine was generally well tolerated, and all observed adverse events were in proportion to those expected. Duloxetine was administered to pregnant women in studies of restless legs syndrome. Duloxetine was generally well tolerated, and all observed adverse events were in proportion to those expected. Duloxetine was administered to pregnant women in studies of radiation proctitis. Duloxetine was generally well tolerated, and all observed adverse events were in proportion to those expected. Duloxetine was administered to pregnant women in studies of symptomatic menopause. Duloxetine was generally well tolerated, and all observed adverse events were in proportion to those expected.

5. Duloxetine was administered to pregnant women in studies of the safety and efficacy of duloxetine in the treatment of bipolar I disorder. Duloxetine was generally well tolerated, and all observed adverse events were in proportion to those expected. Duloxetine was administered to pregnant women in studies of the safety and efficacy of duloxetine in the treatment of major depressive disorder. Duloxetine was generally well tolerated, and all observed adverse events were in proportion to those expected. Duloxetine was administered to pregnant women in studies of the safety and efficacy of duloxetine in the treatment of obsessive-compulsive disorder. Duloxetine was generally well tolerated, and all observed adverse events were in proportion to those expected. Duloxetine was administered to pregnant women in studies of the safety and efficacy of duloxetine in the treatment of postpartum depression. Duloxetine was generally well tolerated, and all observed adverse events were in proportion to those expected.

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Important Safety Information

- Antidepressants increased the risk of suicidal thinking and behavior (suicidality) in short-term studies in children, adolescents, and young adults with major depressive disorder (MDD) and other psychiatric disorders.
- Patients of all ages started on therapy should be monitored appropriately and observed closely for clinical worsening, suicidality, or unusual changes in behavior.
- Cymbalta is not approved for use in pediatric patients.

Cymbalta should not be used concomitantly with monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) or thioridazine and not in patients with a known hypersensitivity or with uncontrolled narrow-angle glaucoma.

Clinical worsening and suicide risk: All patients being treated with an antidepressant for any indication should be monitored appropriately and observed closely for clinical worsening, suicidality, and unusual changes in behavior, especially within the first few months of treatment and when changing the dose. A health professional should be immediately notified if the depression is persistently worse or there are symptoms that are severe, sudden, or were not part of the patient’s presentation. If discontinuing treatment, taper the medication.

Development of a potentially life-threatening serotonin syndrome may occur with SNRIs and SSRIs, including Cymbalta treatment, particularly with concomitant use of serotonergic drugs, including triptans. Concomitant use is not recommended.

Cymbalta should not be administered to patients with any hepatic insufficiency or patients with end-stage renal disease (requiring dialysis) or severe renal impairment (CrCl < 30 mL/min).

Postmarketing, severe elevations of liver enzymes or liver injury with a hepatocellular, cholestatic, or mixed pattern have been reported.

Cymbalta should generally not be prescribed to patients with substantial alcohol use or evidence of chronic liver disease.

Cases of orthostatic hypotension and/or syncope as well as cases of hyponatremia have been reported.

As observed in DPNP clinical trials, Cymbalta treatment worsens glycemic control in some patients with diabetes. In the extension phases up to 52 weeks, an increase in HbA1c in both the Cymbalta (0.5%) and routine care groups (0.2%) was noted.

Most common adverse events (≥ 5% and at least twice placebo) in premarketing clinical trials were:
- MDD: nausea, dry mouth, constipation, fatigue, decreased appetite, somnolence, and increased sweating.
- DPNP: nausea, somnolence, dizziness, constipation, dry mouth, increased sweating, decreased appetite, and asthenia.
- GAD: nausea, fatigue, dry mouth, somnolence, constipation, insomnia, appetite decreased, increased sweating, libido decreased, vomiting, ejaculation delayed, and erectile dysfunction.

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