New Neurohospitalist Section Established

The Academy has established a Neurohospitalist Section to provide a forum for members involved with or wishing to learn more about focusing on the care of inpatient neurology patients. Neurohospitalists are considered to be hospital-based neurology specialists who dedicate at least a quarter of their time to caring for inpatients.

The new section is focused on fostering improvements in inpatient neurologic care and providing a community for neurology inpatient subspecialists to identify themselves and grow. The section will also help develop future educational initiatives.

“The demand for timely neurological evaluation and intervention has dramatically increased over time,” said Section Chair David J. Likosky, MD, FHM. “In addition, financial pressures such as direct reimbursement and perceived medicolegal risk have made it difficult for many

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Education Research Grants Help Fill Void in Funding

Proposals for 2010 Grants
Due September 4

The AAN’s Education Research Grant program, designed to promote research in neurology education, is making a difference for neurologists like Douglas P. Larsen, MD, who want to improve instructional methods.

“Support from the AAN is critical to our research,” said Larsen, a 2009 Education Research Grant recipient for his project, “Effects of Repeated Testing by Stimulation and Written Tests on Long-Term Retention of Neurological Information: A Randomized, Controlled Trial.”

“Our current study uses standardized patients that can be very expensive. We would not be able to conduct our study without this grant. Funding for educational research is relatively difficult to find compared to biomedical research; therefore, the AAN Educational Research Grant

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We All Must Be Active Advocates for Neurology

We have a tremendous advocacy program in the Academy that is working on behalf of you and your patients. But it’s not enough to have several hundred committed members deeply engaged in improving the quality of health care. We need every member involved, in the United States and in the countries of our international members, who face their own unique challenges.

The Academy invites all members to apply for the Eighth Annual Donald M. Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum, to be held in Fort Lauderdale, FL, January 7 through 10, 2010. This award-winning program has trained 210 members from the US and 13 other countries. It has become the model for similar neurology advocacy training programs on an international level. To join this network of change agents, visit www.aan.com/palf for more information or to apply by September 20.

Elaine Jones, MD, and Laurence Kinsella, MD, FAAN, both 2004 graduates of the Forum, now co-chair the new Government Relations Committee.

“My experiences with advocacy and the Academy have been some of the most rewarding work of my career,” says Jones. “We, as physicians, have a responsibility to ourselves and our patients to be actively involved in fixing the health care dilemma. Everyone knows the problems. The solutions are not obvious. But they are less obvious to legislators than to those of us in the front lines. The Academy has done a great job of developing programs, training, and events that make it easy for members to get involved. We have had great success in the past but our biggest challenge is now here. Every voice matters.”

The Government Relations Committee, created by the Board of Directors in 2009, unites the Washington-focused Legislative Affairs Committee and the broader State Affairs Committee. Explains Kinsella, “The merger of these committees combines the talents of many members and staff working toward similar objectives—grassroots advocacy, development of media and legislative skills—and maintains continuity of communication regarding federal and state issues of importance to our patients and profession.”

The Government Relations Committee has four main goals:

• Increase the number of members involved in advocacy for our patient’s well-being through participation in the Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum and Neurology on the Hill training opportunities and an advocacy course at the Annual Meeting.

• Increase communications between members and the Academy regarding state and federal legislative issues that affect our patients and our practice.

• Keep the voice of neurology and our patients at the forefront of legislative decision-making.

• Support and expand the efforts of our BrainPAC.

Since the Academy’s federal political action committee, BrainPAC, was established in 2007, it has raised more than $197,000 to support candidates for federal office who share our goals and concerns. Tesha Monteith, MD, is a clinical headache fellow at the University of California at San Francisco. She was a resident when she became a founding member of BrainPAC.

“On behalf of our patients and the sanctity of neurology, now is the time to voice our truths. Through my involvement in the Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum, Neurology on the Hill, and the BrainPAC Founders Club, I have developed the essential leadership skills to advocate effectively. Through these opportunities provided by the Academy, compassion and responsibility can be transformed into well-needed and successful action.”

If you can’t attend our advocacy events, your participation is still needed. Respond to the action alerts emailed to you and contact your elected representatives. It’s imperative that we present a strong, unified front as they make changes to health care and affect the future of our profession.

Robert C. Griggs, MD, FAAN
President, AAN
Apply Now for 2010 Scientific and Non-Scientific Awards
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Scientific Awards
Applications are due November 2, 2009. Contact Erin Jackson at ejackson@aan.com or (651) 695-2704 to learn more about the scientific awards.

• AAN Alliance Awards: Founders and S. Weir Mitchell
• Dreifuss-Penny Epilepsy Award
• John Dystel Prize for Multiple Sclerosis Research
• Sheila Essey Award: An Award for ALS Research
• Norman Geschwind Prize in Behavioral Neurology
• Lawrence C. McHenry Award: An Award for the History of Neurology
• Medical Student Essay Awards
• Movement Disorders Research Award
• Neuroscience Creativity Prize and Neuroscience Research Prize
• Michael S. Pessin Stroke Leadership Prize
• Potkin Prizes for Research in Pick’s, Alzheimer’s, and Related Diseases
• Preuss Award in Clinical Neuro-oncology
• Research Award in Geriatric Neurology
• The Bruce S. Schoenberg International Award in Neuroepidemiology
• Sleep Science Award
• Jon Stolk Award in Movement Disorders for Young Investigators
• Harold Wolff-John Graham Award: An Award for Headache/Facial Pain Research

Non-Scientific Awards
Application deadlines and contacts vary.

• A.B. Baker Award for Lifetime Achievement in Neurologic Education January 31, 2010 (for the 2011 award) / Nancy Poechmann, npoechmann@aan.com or (651) 695-2810

‘Red Flags’ Rule Effective August 1

In spite of objections from the AAN and the American Medical Association, the Federal Trade Commission has deemed most physicians as “creditors” and subject to the provisions of the “Red Flags” rule. Consequently, physicians must have written and implemented protections against identity theft in their practices. The effective date of the rule was delayed to August 1 after initially being set to go into effect in May.

For more information about the rule and steps to take to prevent identity theft, visit www.aan.com/redflags.

For more information, contact Katie Kuechenmeister at kkuechenmeister@aan.com or (651) 695-2783.
Academy Drafts MEG Policy in Push for Insurer Coverage

The Academy has developed a model medical policy for magnetoencephalography (MEG), also known as magnetic source imaging (MSI), in an effort to gain coverage from insurers.

Members of the Academy’s Payment Policy Subcommittee identified that Medicare has long covered this technology as reasonable and necessary under certain circumstances. Several private insurers have been hesitant to reimburse the test or fully recognize its merit as a diagnostic tool for the treatment of refractory epilepsy.

The Academy believes that MEG is a legitimate test with a very specific role in epilepsy surgery and certain other resective brain surgeries. “The policy outlines clinical circumstances for reasonable use of MEG as a diagnostic tool that improves surgical outcomes,” said subcommittee member Saty Satya-Murti, MD, a former Carrier Medical Director for Medicare and member of the Academy work group that drafted the policy along with William W. Sutherling, MD, FAAN, and Gregory L. Barkley MD. “The intent is for members to share the policy with their Carrier Advisory Committee representatives and private insurer contacts in an effort to advocate for coverage,” said Satya-Murti.

Neurologists, including epileptologists, may find the policy useful in understanding MEG as an invaluable additive tool for seizure source localization prior to resective surgery. In some instances, MEG can provide non-duplicative information that other testing modalities as intracranial EEG, fMRI, or neuropsychological and Wada tests may not have supplied.

“In other instances, brain lesions (tumors, vascular malformations) could distort normal naked eye anatomical landmarks,” said Satya-Murti. “In these instances the planned surgery must avoid resecting functionally integral sentient cortical areas (so-called eloquent cortex). MEG often provides crucial help in identification of such areas.”

View the policy at www.aan.com/go/practice/public.

For more information, contact Katie Kuechenmeister at kkuechenmeister@aan.com or (651) 695-2783.

AAN Establishes Telemedicine Work Group

The AAN recently established the Telemedicine Work Group to monitor and facilitate the use of telemedicine in neurologic care. The group advises the Practice Committee on the role of telemedicine and encourages use of telemedicine among neurologists in their practices.

“Telemedicine will likely become an increasingly important aspect of delivery of medical care and the Academy should be in the forefront of this emerging field,” said Telemedicine Work Group Vice Chair Lawrence R. Wechsler, MD, FAAN. “We are interested in the current view of the membership regarding the role and the value of telemedicine and how telemedicine can enhance their practice.”

Academy members are encouraged to join the telemedicine listserv to stay in touch with work group efforts and provide input. For more information, contact Rebecca Swain-Eng at rswaineng@aan.com or (651) 695-2808.
Academy Supports Changes to Quality Program as Part of Health Care Reform

By Christopher Bever, Jr., MD, MBA, FAAN

The Academy is pleased to see that current efforts at health care reform include a focus on quality improvement, an area where the Academy has grown increasingly involved in recent years, leading national efforts to develop quality measures and collaborating with other organizations on accelerating improvement through performance measures. The AAN’s focus on preparing members to incorporate quality improvement and accountability transitions to monitoring quality improvement initiatives for their impact on neurologists and their patients as quality measures are endorsed and implemented widely.

The policy options developed by the Senate Finance Committee included several recommendations regarding quality improvement. The Academy supports the recommendation to add a new option for the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that would allow those who are participating in maintenance of certification to qualify for PQRI incentive payments. The Academy also supports the proposal to establish an appeals process for providers who participated in the program but did not qualify for an incentive payment and to require CMS to provide more timely feedback to providers during the performance period. The proposal would also require CMS to calculate incentive payments without regard to the existing geographic adjustments in the fee schedule.

These proposed improvements should do much to improve some of the deficiencies of the current PQRI program. Under the existing system, providers have little input into the program and lack opportunities to provide and receive timely feedback. It does not improve quality care if providers are not aware that they have reported incorrectly until many months later when complicated feedback reports are provided. These changes are needed to improve the usability of the program before any penalties would be levied against physicians who fail to participate successfully.

Until the PQRI is made into a meaningful quality improvement program, the Academy expects physician involvement to remain low. CMS should ensure that there are enough applicable reporting measures in the program so that at least 85 percent of eligible professionals can participate before any additional penalties would apply.

The Academy also supports the Finance Committee’s desire to further strengthen and improve quality measurement and development processes, including supporting multi-stakeholder groups providing guidance on national priorities and goal setting. Medical specialty societies such as the Academy can play a leading role in measure development, measure testing, measure validation, and quality improvement education. However, infrastructure support for testing, validation, and public reporting of quality and performance information is increasingly needed. Making resources available to support these efforts in the form of grants or other incentives would be helpful to ensure that evidence-based measures are developed in a timely manner.

ICD-9 and CPT Now Online for Members

The Academy’s online ICD-9 and CPT® coding database is now available as a free member benefit. Once you log in with your username and password you can search for ICD-9 codes by number or text search. The CPT database allows members to search by whole or partial number codes, text, or by category. The CPT search also includes reimbursement information from the Medicare Fee Schedule, Correct Coding Initiative Edits, and frequently asked questions.

For more information on ICD-9 and CPT coding, contact Gina Gjorvad at ggjorvad@aan.com or (651) 695-2715.
Neurology Now Honored Again

*Neurology Now®* has been recognized by the Midwest Society of Association Executives with its Communication Excellence Award for Periodical Magazines/Journals.

The patient education magazine, published by AAN Press, recently won honorable mention from the prestigious American Society of Journalists and Authors for an article in the profile category. The publication was a finalist for “Best Consumer Healthcare Publication” from the Medical Media and Marketing Awards in 2007, and was selected in 2005 for the Award of Excellence by the American Society of Association Executives.

More than 200,000 patients and their families subscribe to *Neurology Now*, and complimentary copies are provided to US members to share with their patients. The magazine also is available online at www.aan.com/go/elibrary/neurologynow and www.thebrainmatters.org.

Apply Now for 2010–2011 Viste Neurology Public Policy Fellowship

With expected changes in health care reform on the horizon, one fortunate AAN member will be able to experience firsthand how these new policies are put into effect as the 2010–2011 Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., MD, Neurology Public Policy Fellow.

Sponsored by the Academy, the American Neurological Association, and the Child Neurology Society, the fellowship enables members to spend up to a year in Washington. The program offers neurologists the opportunity to learn more about how the political system works and health policy is crafted.

Current fellow Terri Postma, MD, has enjoyed her participation on Capitol Hill as a staff member of the US Senate Finance Committee. “I’ve joined an outstanding health care policy team that takes advantage of my technical expertise and ‘real world’ experience as a researcher and physician to enhance team legislative goals. Throughout this unique year, I have been provided with unparalleled opportunities for professional development in health policy analysis and for shaping health care reform efforts.”

Postma will be succeeded this fall by the 2009–2010 fellow, Nassim Zecavati, MD, of Washington, DC.

The 2010–2011 fellowship awards an annual stipend of $90,000, which may be supplemented by the fellow’s sponsoring institution or other extramural support. Up to $6,000 is available to help the recipient relocate to Washington for the term.

Applications are accepted through October 15, 2009. More information and application details are available at www.aan.com/go/advocacy/active/viste.

Terri Postma, MD

Nassim Zecavati, MD
New Curriculum Online for Evaluating Neurologic Symptoms in Internal Medicine

The AAN has developed a new curriculum to help medical students, residents in internal medicine, and other non-neurologists evaluate neurologic symptoms in internal medicine.

The curriculum was a collaboration between the AAN and the American College of Physicians (ACP). Each chapter was written by a neurologist and co-authored by an internist.

Entitled “Approach to Common Neurological Symptoms in Internal Medicine,” the curriculum is available online and is also included in the Medical Knowledge Self-Assessment Program, 15th ed., Neurology syllabus and web enhancement for the ACP’s textbook for medical students, Internal Medicine Essentials for Clerkship Students.

“We felt that it was important to help internists to quickly and accurately evaluate common neurological symptoms and help them understand which symptoms require urgent referral to neurology,” said Barbara Scherokman, MD, FAAN, FACP, past chair of the Subcommittee on Education for Non-neurologists, which developed the curriculum.

The curriculum is a valuable resource for Non-neurologist Clinician members of the AAN. “It would be a helpful tool for teaching nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and triage nurses,” Scherokman said.

The curriculum includes videos, images, and audio, as well as tables and diagrams. The case-based curriculum covers 10 key symptoms seen by internists, including dizziness, headache, visual disturbance, and memory impairment.

The curriculum is available at www.aan.com/go/education/curricula/internal/toc. For more information, contact Mary Cress at mcress@aan.com or (651) 695-2754.

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The Donald M. Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum is supported in part by an educational grant from UCB, Inc.
August 31 is the deadline for program directors to enroll in a two-part training session that will enable them to establish evidence-based medicine education programs for residents at their institutions. The first session will be offered in Baltimore on October 9 and 10, 2009, with the second session on January 22 and 23, 2010. The training is sponsored by the AAN and is endorsed by the Association of University Professors of Neurology and the American Neurological Association.

Participants will receive the AAN Elements™ Evidence-based Medicine Toolkit, a coordinated set of resources designed to teach residents to understand and use evidence-based medicine strategies to help increase the quality of neurologic care. Following the first session, participants will be able to begin implementing the program at their institutions immediately.

The program includes 20 teaching modules on topics such as literature searching, clinical decision-making, and practical statistics. Each module includes a lecture in a slide presentation format, extensive teacher’s notes, illustrative neurology-related clinical scenarios, articles that can be critically reviewed using evidenced-based medicine techniques, or data sets with detailed critical analysis tools. Pre- and post-tests are offered to help the residents and program directors determine what they have learned and what they may need to review a second time.

“The EBM educational program provided me with the knowledge and tools to effectively teach the principles of evidence based medicine,” said Sonja Potrebic, MD, PhD, neurology residency director at Kaiser-Los Angeles Medical Center, who attended a previous training. “Residents gain skills that allow them to critically appraise and apply the results of research to every day clinical questions that routinely arise in practice. Resident journal club is at a new level, papers are analyzed rather than summarized. What a difference this course has made!”

Enrollment for the program is limited and the deadline is Monday, August 31. To enroll or obtain additional information, contact Amy Wallace at awallace@aan.com.
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- Hepatobiliary disorders: Hepatitis, Gamma GT increased
- Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders: Cellulitis, Cellulitis of the area of injection
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New *Continuum* Eyes Neuro-ophthalmology

Neurology experts provide practitioners with a greater understanding of neuro-ophthalmology—and a lot of added value—in this month’s *Continuum: Lifelong Learning in Neurology*. The issue offers readers the opportunity to earn up to 10 hours of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. A supplemental CD containing videos of patients with neuro-ophthalmic disorders and testing procedures accompanies the issue and is also available to subscribers on the web, providing visual instruction on conducting a neuro-ophthalmic examination and showing examples of neuro-ophthalmic pathology. The issue also includes a Quintessentials® module designed to help practicing neurologists identify and make changes to their practices to improve patient care while earning up to three hours of additional AMA PRA Category 1 Credit.

Co-chairs of the faculty for this issue are Wayne T. Cornblath, MD, FAAN, professor in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and Department of Neurology at the University of Michigan, and Eric R. Eggenberger, DO, FAAN, professor and vice chairman, Department of Neurology and Ophthalmology at Michigan State University. “We are honored to edit this issue,” said Cornblath. “With advances in neuro-ophthalmology, i.e., treatment for CIS and development of optical coherence tomography, we are excited to offer a concise overview for the practicing physician. The issue is divided into afferent and efferent neuro-ophthalmology and starts with review of the history and examination features unique to neuro-ophthalmology. Further subdivision allows the practitioner to quickly find topics such as ‘unilateral visual loss with disc swelling’ and makes a large amount of information easy to navigate.”

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*Continuum: Lifelong Learning in Neurology* is published six times per year and includes a multiple-choice self-assessment examination. A Quintessentials module is also included twice a year with certain *Continuum* issues. Subscribers have the convenience of accessing CME online by visiting www.aan.com/go/elibrary/continuum/cme, where they can complete the multiple-choice questions and receive CME credits within two business days.

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Education Research Grants Help Fill Void in Funding

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helps to fulfill an important need in the medical education community.”

Proposals for new awards will be accepted until September 4, 2009. Two to four awards will be given, ranging from $5,000 to $10,000, based on the proposal and merits of the project. Projects receiving grants are expected to help improve the neurologic education of AAN members—including neurology residents and fellows, medical students, and non-neurologists—and promote career development of neurology educators.

Information guidelines and the grant application are available at www.aan.com/go/education/eduresearch.

For more information, contact Kyle Krause at kkrause@aan.com or (651) 695-2733.
Call for Nominations for *Neurology* Editor-In-Chief

The AAN Search Committee is requesting nominations for the position of Editor-in-Chief of *Neurology* to begin July 1, 2010. While any member may self-nominate or submit a name for nomination, only Fellows of the AAN are eligible for appointment. When submitting a nomination, include a brief statement addressing the skills, abilities, and characteristics of the nominee. The nominee should approve the submission of his/her name.

According to Steven P. Ringel, MD, FAAN, chair of the Search Committee, nominations are welcomed from diverse backgrounds, including geographic, gender, subspecialty, professional setting, time in the profession, and ethnic origin. During the six-year appointment, the Editor-in-Chief of Neurology must be willing to commit a substantial amount of time dedicated to *Neurology*-related business and up to 15 days per year to the activities of the American Academy of Neurology Board of Directors. This is a reimbursed position.

Nominations will be accepted until September 8, 2009. Nominations should be sent to Donna Honeyman, Administrative Services Manager, at dhoneyman@aan.com or by fax at (651) 361-4813.
AAN Members Share Personal Experiences as Part of New Membership Campaign

Several dedicated AAN members have volunteered their energies to a new member retention and recruitment campaign by sharing their personal experiences as AAN members with fellow neurologists whose memberships have lapsed. The campaign educates former members about the benefits of AAN membership, with each volunteer sharing how AAN membership has helped advance his or her career, the field of neurology, and patient care.

The campaign includes personalized letters and emails from six volunteers who share their experiences with colleagues in similar career roles: Hema Patel, MD, as a child neurologist; Amy R. Borenstein, PhD, as a research scientist; Bryan Soronson, MPA, FACMPE, CRA, as a practice manager; June Halper, RN, ANP, as a nurse practitioner; AAN Past President Sandra F. Olson, MD, FAAN, as a retired neurologist; and Robert C. Griggs, MD, FAAN, as an active member neurologist and AAN president. In addition, nearly 140 volunteer program directors have offered to talk personally about the value of an AAN membership to their graduating residents.

“Every Academy member is important, and as the new AAN president, I have made it one of my priorities to keep each one a member,” said Griggs. “I truly appreciate what all of these volunteer ambassadors of the AAN are doing to lend their stories and experiences to this most personalized campaign, and I am confident that in sharing these stories with their fellow colleagues, they will succeed in encouraging many to remain AAN members.”

“For each member we retain, the more likely we as an organization are to be active on the national scene,” continued Griggs. “This is a win-win for both the AAN and the renewing member whose career is sure to benefit from membership in the Academy. Therefore, I encourage all current members to share their stories with others they know, either to recruit or remind them of all that the AAN can do for them.”

For more information about the new campaign, or to volunteer to share your own story, contact Laurie Weyandt at lweyandt@aan.com or (651) 695-2799.

New Neurohospitalist Section Established

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neurologists to maintain both an inpatient and outpatient practice.”

The result, according to Likosky, is that many neurologists have decided not to cover or have had difficulty providing inpatient consultation and emergency department call coverage. “The neurohospitalist model has developed in response to this environment in much the way that the hospitalist model has in internal medicine,” he said.

To learn more or to join the Neurohospitalist Section, visit www.aan.com/neurohospitalist or contact Nancy Poechmann at npoechmann@aan.com or (651) 695-2812.
Interactive 2008 Annual Report Published Online

*Indispensable*, the 2008 Annual Report for the AAN and its subsidiaries, has been published online this year in an interactive format at [www.aan.com/2008annualreport](http://www.aan.com/2008annualreport).

As explained in the letter from the Academy’s leadership to members, this change from traditional print to electronic publication is part of an overall effort to reduce expenses in this challenging economic climate, without sacrificing the value of membership in the AAN. “One example of cost savings is this 2008 Annual Report, our first to be published only online, thus saving considerable costs for printing and postage—as well as being friendlier to the environment. An advantage with this approach is that we have embedded links to information on AAN.com that you can access instantly.”

Through the report, readers will be able to watch a brief video featuring Drs. Russell N. DeJong, Francis M. Forster, and Joseph A. Resch discussing the founding of the Academy. A QuickTime or Media Player viewer is required to access the video.

Future editions of the report will likely be published only online, with print versions produced for notable occasions such as last year’s 60th anniversary. Members are encouraged to share their thoughts about the report by leaving comments on the final page of the report that will be forwarded to leadership.

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BC or BE Neurologist needed for a growing private practice in Savannah, Ga. Fellowship training desirable. Come join us during an exciting time of expansion. Stay for a lifetime of rewarding work in a beautiful city. Contact joanne@savannahneurology.com

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Pediatric Neurology Faculty Positions, Duke Univ
Department of Pediatrics at Duke University invites applications for faculty positions at the Instructor/Assistant Professor/Associate Professor levels, clinician-investigator or clinician-educator tracks in the Division of Pediatric Neurology. Candidates must hold an MD degree and be board certified/eligible in Pediatric Neurology by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. High priority will be placed on having a specific area of clinical and research interest, strong clinical and teaching backgrounds, creativity and independent fund raising. Excellent resources and support packages are available. Interested individuals should submit CV, and a statement of interest to jesse.kaluka@duke.edu. Duke University Health System is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Charlotte Metro Area Outstanding opportunity for BE/BC General Neurologist (sub specialty interest in stroke or deep brain stimulation would be a plus, but not necessary) to join busy and established four - physician practice located in Gastonia, NC less than 30 minutes from Charlotte, one of the fastest growing cities in the country. Active medical staff of over 300 representing all medical subspecialties, including an established neuro-hospitalist program, serves a patient base of over 300,000. Competitive compensation package will be offered including two year salary guarantee, productivity bonus potential, generous benefits and relocation allowance. Located just minutes from international airport and uptown Charlotte, the area offers amenities of any large metropolitan city and an array of local recreational and outdoor activities, the performing arts and upscale shopping and dining while providing residents of Gastonia the benefits of living in a small, family oriented community with nearby neighborhoods and good choice of public and private schools. If interested in being considered for this opportunity, please send CV to: Celia G. Billings Manager, Physician Recruiting CaroMont Health 2240 Remount Road Gastonia, North Carolina 28054 Telephone: 704-834-2153 Fax: 704-834-4615 Email: billingsg@cmh.org www.caromont.org

Florida Neurology Opportunity 40 minutes to the beach. Community is under saturated in neurology with a waiting list of 90-days to schedule a new patient. Located in a pocket of the state that is not experiencing a malpractice crisis. General neurology with sub-specialty interest, including sleep medicine. Base salary + production, signing bonus, benefits. Hospital employed opportunity with one of the flagship hospitals in a 37 hospital system. Near beaches, SeaWorld, Disney World! Community offers museums, restaurants and 1st class shopping and entertainment opportunities and affordable cost of living. Email heather.ramsay@centrahealth.com

Neurologists-NC-Gen Neuro & Neuro-Hospitalist
Guilford Neurologic Associates (GNA)-8 Neurologists, in Greensboro, NC seek 2 full-time BC/BE Neurologists: General Neurologist for general neurology, with latitude for subspecialty services. Neuro-Hospitalist for full-time weekend hospital coverage. GNA offers diagnostic and treatment services, electrodiagnostic lab, MRI/MRA, transcranial doppler, carotid duplex imaging, BTOX®, Baxocel and pump refills, GNA does not accept Neurology consults. They provide leadership for accredited stroke center. Greensboro, NC, a city of 230,000, offers a great lifestyle with excellent schools, outdoor fun, and more! We offer competitive compensation with partnership track. EOE. Not an H-1-B or J-1 opportunity. No agencies. Email rebekah.driggers@mosecsome.com

Maryland’s Eastern Shore 4th Neurologist needed for well respected group of general neurologists. EGG/EMG required. Be at the beach or on your sailboat in the Chesapeake Bay in 30 minutes. We are 2 hours from Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington DC and Norfolk, VA. Call is 1:4 at the 350 bed regional medical center. We function mainly as consultants. Competitive salary and benefits leading to full partnership. Send CV to jamesj@morgantownpol.net or fax to 410-546-5851.

Neurologists
MeritCare Medical Group is seeking BC/BE Neurologists to help expand the cutting-edge medical services of St. Luke’s Neurology into two suburban areas. The Center treats a broad range of disorders and has pioneered innovative treatments and participated in advanced research studies. Opportunity for partnership is available. To learn more, contact Michelle Forray at 800-307-7497 or visit our website at www.AuroraHealthCare.org/physicianopportunities.

Neuro-Oncology faculty position
The Department of Neurology at the University of Michigan is seeking applicants for a neuro-oncology faculty position. The University has a well-established program in neuro-oncology that includes specialists in neurosurgery, radiation oncology, neuroradiology and neuropathology. The position is offered at the Assistant/Associate Professor rank in both the clinical and tenure tracks. The successful candidate will be appointed in a track commensurate with their experience and qualifications. Applicants must be board certified or eligible in neurology with fellowship training in neuro-oncology. Interested candidates should contact Larry Juncz, MD, ljuncz@umich.edu or call 734-936-7910. The University of Michigan is a non-discriminatory, affirmative action employer and encourages women and minorities to apply.

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Academic Stroke Neurologist
The Department of Neurological Sciences at Rush University Medical Center is seeking a 4th academic stroke neurologist to join its growing section of Cerebrovascular Disease and Neurological Critical Care. The stroke and neurocritical care program currently includes 3 vascular board-certified stroke neurologists, 1 endovascular stroke neurologist, 4 neuro-critical care intensivists, and 2 neurologists including an endovascular neurosurgeon. Rush has a 17-bed neurological intensive care unit as well as designated inpatient stroke floors for the management and specialized care of stroke patients. There is also a comprehensive neuromuscular clinic for the care of patients visiting Rush in the outpatient setting and a cerebrovascular ultrasound laboratory for carotid duplex and transcranial Doppler examinations. The program cares for approximately 900 inpatients with acute strokes diagnoses, 1000 outpatients, and 500 outpatients who undergo neuro-interventional procedures annually. This candidate would ideally be at the associate or full professor level and have established track record in clinical stroke research with a history of NIH or other federal funding for research. He or she would lead the clinical stroke research efforts at Rush and help mentor younger faculty to compete for federal grants. Teaching neurological residents and medical students and participating in house staff education is also an expectation. The level of appointment will be commensurate with credentials. Rush University’s neuroscience program is a two prominent academic institution located in the vibrant city of suburban. It’s all here. Aurora Medical Group, a highly successful group of nearly 700 employed physicians seeks BC/BE Neurologists for two practices. AMG-Oconomowoc offers a general practice with unlimited potential to develop a full scope neurology service. You’ll benefit from the fastest growing, most affluent 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 Neurology in the heart of the largest 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 medical services of St. Luke’s Neurology into two suburban areas. The Center treats a broad range of disorders and has pioneered innovative treatments and participated in advanced research studies. Opportunity for partnership is available. To learn more, contact Michelle Forray at 800-307-7497 or visit our website at www.AuroraHealthCare.org/physicianopportunities.

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The University of Louisville Department of Neurology is expanding and has openings for the following positions for physicians and physician scientists at the Instructor, Assistant, Associate and Professor levels: Stroke, Pediatric Epileptology, Neuromuscular, Neuro-ophthalmology, and Cognitive-Behavioral-Geriatric. Academic rank, salary, and start-up funds will be commensurate with background and experience. Responsibilities include teaching, clinical duties and research. Applicants must be eligible for medical licensure in Kentucky and must be Board certified or eligible. Part-time appointments at the Louisville VA are available for those interested. All salaries are highly competitive. Please send a CV and a list of 3 potential references to: Robert Friedland, M.D., Mason C. and Mary D. Rudd Chair of Neurology, Department of Neurology, University of Louisville, Louisville KY 40292 (robert.friedland@bsw.edu), 502-852-6407. AAEE Employer.

Excellent Practice Opportunity-Neurology Lexington Clinic, a prestigious MSGM of approximately 150 physicians is seeking a BE/BC Neurologist to join the practice in its new office. The practice sees a wide range of adult and neurological disorders, and has an extensive network of internal and external referring physicians. Lexington Clinic has celebrated over 7 years of serving central and southern Kentucky. Lexington is a university town with a population of approximately 300,000. We offer a competitive salary plus bonus, excellent benefits, and CME and relocation allotment. Partnership available after one year with no buy-in. Contact Audra Wray Davidson, Physician Services, at 859.258.4135 or e-mail adav@lexclin.com.

Neurologist - Wisconsin Affinity Medical Group, an integrated and growing practice in the Fox Cities in Central Wisconsin, is seeking a BC/BE Neurologist to join our Neuroscience Group in Menasha, Wisconsin practicing general adult neurology. Areas of special interest welcomed. The Fox Cities (Appleton, Neenah/Menasha, Oshkosh) offers a unique quality of family-oriented living, all-season recreation, a nationally acclimated educational system, and a host of cultural opportunities. You’ll enjoy an industry leading salary and benefits package. For more information, contact Cookies Fierek, Affinity Medical Group Physician Recruitment, Phone: 800-722-9989; Fax: 920-720-1791; E-mail: cfielkow@affinityhealth.org or visit our website at: www.affinityhealth.org Not a J-1 opportunity. EOE.

Pediatric Neurology in the Beautiful Black Hills A busy and well-respected private neuro practice PEU/PM&R group in Rapid City, SD is seeking a Pediatric Neurologist due to the scheduled retirement of the group’s founder and senior managing partner. This is a “turn-key”, established practice opportunity. Great colleagues and call coverage. Rapid City is a clean, safe community of 67,000 (120,000 metro) located in the beautiful and historic Black Hills at the doorstep of unlimited year-around recreation. Five National Parks within an hour’s drive. Great schools and housing. Call 800-865-2623 or send CV to sieske@rchc.org today for details.

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Movement Disorders Specialist Chicago Northwest Suburbs. Alexian Neuropsychiatry Institute, part of the Alexian Brothers Hospital Network located 40 minutes from downtown Chicago, is seeking a board certified midcareer neurologist with fellowship training in Movement Disorders to further develop their active Movement Disorders Center and DBS Program. This position guarantees protected time allowing participation in clinical research trials in our robust clinical research program, and requires very limited call. This is a full-time, medical director position with competitive compensation and comprehensive benefits. For further information contact Clay Chia, Alexian Neuropsychiatry Institute, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007, (847)991-3630, clayton.chia@alexian.net.


Opportunities with Norton Neuroscience Institute
The Norton Neuroscience Institute in Louisville, KY is recruiting for Neurologists with interests in Stroke, Epilepsy, Movement Disorders and General Neurology in both inpatient and outpatient settings are preferred. Norton Healthcare provides the premier neuroscience services program in the area, including 8 soon to be 13 physicians with the Neurosurgical Institute of Kentucky (NIKY), a premier center for brain surgery. Norton Healthcare recently announced the commitment of up to $100 million over the next 10 years to continue the development of the Norton Neuroscience Institute. Email amanda.baley@nortonhealthcare.org. Phone 502-961-6897; Cell 502-439-5144.

General Neurologist Position Two neurologists needed immediately for general neurology practice. Open to employing or assisting in practice start up. Hospital inpatient consults and call coverage required. Opportunity is with 300-bed Northwest Medical Center in Tucson, Arizona; located in a well-educated, affluent community surrounded by pristine mountain ranges in the picturesque northwest area of Tucson. USA Today rated this area as one of the 10 “Best Places to Live” in the United States. Candidates must be BC/BE. Sorry, not a J-1 visa opportunity. Excellent base salary and benefits plus relocation. Contact Kara Goodnight, Business Development/Physician Recruitment at 520-469-8204 or e-mail Kara.Goodnight@NorthwestMedicalCenter.com.

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BC/BE Neuropathologists - Phoenix, AZ Banner Desert Medical Center (BDMC) is currently seeking two board certified or board eligible Neuropathologists. BDMC is expanding their Neurosciences program and is looking to employ these physicians as part of Banner Medical Group. Stroke training preferred. BDMC is the largest, most comprehensive hospital in the East Valley of Metro Phoenix with 611 licensed beds and 1200 physicians representing 65 specialties. The hospital is among the top two percent in the nation in Emergency Room volume treating nearly 100,000 patients annually. Email holly.aurelio@bannerhealth.com

BC/BE Neurologists - Phoenix, AZ Banner Baywood Medical Center (BMMC) is seeking Neurologists to be part of its growing Stroke program and also be part of the team that will help it grow into an expanded Neuroscience Program. Stroke training preferred. BMMC recently completed a new seven-story patient tower in 2006, adding 120-plus beds to the existing 242. The expansion also included a new 26-bed ICU, additional operating rooms, and expanded Pharmacy, Lab, and Radiology. Email holly.aurelio@bannerhealth.com Phoenix, AZ - BE/BC Neurologist Join this busy practice serving a wide spectrum of patients including stroke, pain and other neuromuscular diseases/disorders. Testing capabilities include EMG, EEG, EEG, SSEP, Transcranial Doppler and Carotid Ultrasound. Excellent compensation with guaranteed base, benefits, productivity bonus, ownership potential. Approximately 80% outpatient with testing and consultation in one facility. A full staff including physician extenders and technicians creates an efficient setting with the highest standard of care. Phoenix is the 5th largest city in the U.S., aetrally diverse and has great shopping, restaurants, sports, entertainment and year-round outdoor activities. Not H1/J1. Steve 480-563-4255, E-mail: sld@healthsearchusa.com

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Neurologist (EMG Fellow) - Las Vegas, NV Las Vegas Neurology Practice seeking a BC/BE Neurologist with EMG/Neurophysiology fellowship training. The candidate needs additional experience in General Neurology and EEG. The Practice offers: excellent base salary ($275,000 based on experience and additional subspecialty training), sign-on & production bonuses with a partnership track, Out-Patient & In-Patient positions, Monday - Friday, 7am - 5pm Out-Patient only schedule available. Paid CME and Vacation. Support staff includes: MAs, PAs, and NCV/EEG Technicians. Help with relocation, housing, legal, and accounting needs. For inquiries call (888) M5O-UHNV (1-888-676-5868) and leave a message. Email CV to: RecruitingJobStaff@FHShealth.com.

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BC/BE Neurologists Pacific Northwest Franciscan Medical Group, a part of Franciscan Health System, is the preeminent health care provider serving the south Puget Sound region. We are a leader in the use of advanced medical technology, including Gamma Knife®; we offer a first of its kind neuro critical care unit; and we provide opportunities to work collaboratively with our Neuroscience department. Experience the best of Northwest living — from big city amenities just 40 minutes away in Seattle, to some of the finest recreational opportunities the great outdoors has to offer. Franciscan Medical Group is a drug free and tobacco free organization. EOE. We offer an outstanding benefit package and competitive wages. If you are interested in this opportunity, e-mail ThePerfectPractice@FHHealth.org or contact Peggy Hawkes, Director of Professional Recruitment, at 253-779-6181.

Neurologist Needed-Hospital Employed Opportunity Soldotna, Alaska - Well known and respected successful retiring neurologist; you will walk into a busy practice from day one. This is a community supported recruitment effort and includes access to a two-bed sleep lab, office space is immediately available. This position requires a candidate who is well-rounded and enjoys all aspects of practicing neurology. First year guaranteed income in the 95th percentile. Alaska has no state or corporate income tax. Soldotna is located on the Kenai River and is 11 miles from the coast. The Kenai River was named the #1 “Fishing Hotspot” by Field and Stream Magazine. Soldotna is an outdoor lover’s paradise. Email mpentrose@penrosemedical.com.

Neurologist Group Health Permanente, the Northwest’s Premier Multi-Specialty Group is currently seeking BC/BE Neurologists to join our team in Tacoma, WA. The ideal candidate(s) will have a full range of hospital skills as well as an interest in working in an innovative group pro-active. Flexible schedules and outstanding teams make this opportunity worth exploring. Competitive salary and generous benefits packages offered. Email vanassen.j@ghc.org.

BC/BE General Neurologists-Pacific NW PeaceHealth is a Pacific Northwest, not-for-profit health care organization, guided by the values of The Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace. PeaceHealth is nationally recognized for technical excellence, exceptional medicine and compassionate care. The Joint Commission on Quality and Patient Safety ranked PeaceHealth #1 in the West and #4 nationally for quality care. PeaceHealth offers competitive compensation, excellent health coverage, retirement plan, CME reimbursement, relocation assistance, educational loan reimbursement, paid malpractice and no state income tax. PeaceHealth encourages work-life balance, personal growth and patient centered care. For information regarding opportunity in Longview, Washington (45 minutes north of Portland) contact Linda Anderson 360-414-7596 or email: Linda.Anderson@peacehealth.org. For information regarding opportunity in Bellingham, Washington (1.5 hours north of Seattle, 20 minutes south of the Canadian border) contact Amy Chang 360-788-6877 or email AChang@peacehealth.org.

Neurologist Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Washington is seeking a full time civilian neurologist to join a busy 5 adult neurologist practice. Candidates must be BC/BE and show a broad range of clinical experience in neurology. Clinical responsibilities include outpatient and inpatient care. Subspecialty skills desired though not required. Clinical educator experience desired as the service supports a neurology residency, and residents from primary care specialties. Madigan Army Medical Center is a 200-bed teaching medical center. It supports a primary care population of greater than 100K. The surrounding greater Puget Sound area offers excellent schools. Proximity to the Cascades and Puget Sound assures year round recreational opportunities. To learn more about this excellent opportunity contact Medical Provider Recruiter @ 253-968-4994 or send CV to henry.laguatan@us.army.mil.

Outstanding Opportunity in Portland Portland, Oregon – Providence Health & Services seeks General and MS Neurologists to join us in beautiful Portland. Private practice option, or join multidisciplinary Providence Brain Institute. Subspecialty interest welcome. PBI includes regional Multiple Sclerosis and Stroke centers, as well as clinical and research programs in neurosurgery, orthopedic spine, dementia, epilepsy and more. Ample research opportunities. Excellent administrative, research and nursing staff. Practice on campus of Providence St. Vincent Medical Center. Competitive compensation and benefits package. Portland features world-class urban culture and outdoor recreation with nearby mountains, forests and beaches. Details: Patti Langdon, 503-216-5458, Patti.Langdon@providence.org; www.providence.org/physicianopportunities.

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