Awards Plenary Session to Debut at Annual Meeting

The 2010 Annual Meeting will feature four top AAN awards in the new Awards Plenary Session. Selected recipients will give 30-minute presentations on their work on Thursday, April 15, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Three of the lectures will recur annually at the Awards Plenary Session: The Potamkin Prize for Research in Pick’s, Alzheimer’s, and Related Diseases; the Sheila Essey Award—An Award for ALS Research; and the John Dystel Prize for Multiple Sclerosis Research. The Dreifuss-Penry Epilepsy Award is scheduled to fill the fourth slot, which will change from year to year.

“The Academy is delighted to offer this additional plenary session, highlighting recipients of some of the major awards which the Academy bestows on neurologists and neuroscientists every year,” said Stefan M. Pulst, MD, FAAN, Chair of the Science Committee. “We look forward to receiving applications and encourage members to also think of nominating their colleagues for their exemplary efforts.”

New Foundation Fund Honors Late Neuropathic Pain Researcher

To promote the importance of neuropathic pain as a discipline in neurology, improve the quality of life for those suffering from pain, and encourage young neurologists to consider careers in this area of neuroscience, the AAN Foundation has established the Mitchell Max Neuropathic Pain Research Endowed Fund. Initially, the Fund will support an award enabling one of the leading pain researchers to address attendees at an Annual Meeting plenary session about their neuropathic pain research. The long-term goal is to build the endowed fund to support a Mitchell Max Clinical Research Training Fellowship in Neuropathic Pain.

At the time of his death in October 2008, Max was a senior investigator at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and had spent more than two decades as a physician-researcher with the National Institutes of Health. His internationally recognized work spanned the gamut from ground-breaking

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AAN Offers Information and Web Resources for GBS Monitoring

Neurologists and health care professionals nationwide are encouraged to monitor their patients for possible vaccine-associated Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS). To aid in this effort, helpful training materials, fact sheets, webinars, and other information are now available on AAN.com.

As part of an ongoing collaboration with the CDC, the AAN is encouraging its members to conduct active surveillance by reporting any adverse events (i.e., GBS) post-vaccination. Neurologists who encounter patients with adverse events post-vaccination should use the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and FDA Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) to report their observations. The case report forms are available on AAN.com, at www.aan.com/view/gbstoolkit, and at the VAERS websites at vaers.hhs.gov.

The 2009 H1N1 vaccine is expected to have a safety profile similar to what was seen in 1976, when the medical community observed a small risk of GBS following influenza (swine flu) vaccination. Seasonal flu vaccines, which have a very good safety track record, have not

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Mark Your Calendar

October 1, 2009  Early Annual Meeting registration and housing begins
October 1, 2009  Clinical Research Training Fellowship applications due
November 2, 2009  Abstract submissions due
November 2, 2009  Scientific Awards application due*
March 10, 2010  Early Annual Meeting registration and housing closes

The 62nd Annual Meeting will be in Toronto April 10–April 17, 2010. Visit www.aan.com/view/Toronto to learn more.

*Non-scientific awards deadlines vary. See website for details.
Innovation in AAN Education Programming Will Enhance Annual Meeting

The Academy’s leadership and staff work hard to refresh our education programming to respond to the evolving needs of our members. For the April 10–17 Annual Meeting in Toronto, new Education Committee Chair Cynthia L. Comella, MD, FAAN, and her group developed exciting new educational courses designed to provide innovative opportunities for learning. These new courses will be in addition to the traditional courses that have been so successful in past meetings. Dr. Comella explains the new features:

“The first of these is the Morning Report, in which a single faculty member will present a variety of neurological cases over the course of an hour that will simulate neurology morning rounds. The participants will be asked questions about diagnosis, differential diagnosis, and treatment that are relevant to each case, and register their opinions using an audience response system. The answer to these questions will be discussed by the faculty leader based on current evidence and their own clinical experience. ‘Morning Report’ will offer participants a chance to test their own knowledge compared to their peers and to the faculty expert leading the discussion. This will be a uniquely interactive session.

“The second new educational opportunity is called Neuro Flash. This program is designed to provide an update on a topic area using a shortened format that headlines what is new over the past year in a particular neurology specialty, and how it impacts clinical practice. These programs will focus on multiple sclerosis, acute stroke, epilepsy, neurogenetics, child neurology, and neuro-ophthalmology.

“The third new program is the Neurology Skills Pavilion. These programs are half-day workshops in which participants will be divided into smaller groups. The groups will rotate through four to five learning stations. Each learning station will provide a demonstration of a particular aspect of diagnosis or methodology, and allow the participants the opportunity to ask questions directly to the teaching faculty. Topics to be covered are health information technology, neuromuscular disease, acute stroke, and the neurologic evaluation of ophthalmologic and vestibular systems.

“We hope you will enjoy and benefit from these new educational programs!”

Committee member Jennifer R. Molano, MD, explains how the new programs will complement the more traditional education approach:

“After the success of previous courses that were designed to be more interactive, neurologists planning the 2010 Annual Meeting have decided to offer many more programs that encourage audience participation. New educational formats such as Morning Report, the Neurology Skills Pavilion, and Neuro Flash are intended to supplement the lecture-style courses. Adding these innovative programs not only will reinforce the content presented in a more traditional way, but also will allow people to learn in multiple modalities. As with all educational opportunities, the ultimate goal of these new offerings is to promote the pursuit of lifelong learning in neurology.”

Allison Brashear, MD, FAAN, amplifies the committee’s desire to reach out to members and answer a broader spectrum of education needs while it also identifies budding leaders who can build upon these innovations:

“After attending my first Education Committee meeting, I left impressed that the committee members and staff have programs to meet the needs of different members. Neuro Flash and the Skills Pavilion are two ways to pack a lot of new and important information into different learning styles. Not all of us learn the same way and the AAN is providing different formats for all types of adult learners.

“The AAN is also dedicated to developing new leaders for the next generation of neurologists. The committee’s effort to bring emerging stars into the education program and offer a diverse faculty for programs reflects the changing face of neurology.”

The abundance of talent the AAN enjoys on its leadership level is reflected in spirited and out-of-the-box thinking of the members of the Education Committee. I hope you all will join us in Toronto next April to experience firsthand the fruits of their efforts.
Abstracts are being solicited for The Future of Neuroscience Conference: Frontiers in Neuroimaging: Coming to a Scanner Near You. The program, under the direction of Walter J. Koroshetz, MD, FAAN, will be presented Friday, April 16, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration is required. The conference will focus on neuroimaging and combine invited speakers, platform presentations, poster presentations, case studies, and discussion.

“The Frontiers in Neuroimaging program will certainly capture your imagination,” said Koroshetz. “Few advances have revolutionized the practice of neurology in America like neuroimaging. Some of us are ‘experienced’ enough to recall the excitement of seeing our first CT scan of the brain, a mere blur compared to the anatomical and functional capabilities of current MRI imaging of brain and cord. Given the explosion over the past 30 years where will we be in the next 10? The Frontiers program will give a glimpse of the future by bringing the next generation neuroimaging techniques to Toronto.”

Unlike most education programs, this event will incorporate abstracts, and members are encouraged to submit neuroimaging related materials. Abstracts must be submitted online at www.aan.com by November 2, 2009. Notifications will be sent in late January.

For more information, contact Erin Jackson at ejackson@aan.com or (651) 695-2704.

November 2 Abstract Submission Deadline Approaching

Submissions for Integrated Neuroscience Topics Encouraged

November 2, 2009, is the deadline for submitting abstracts for the Scientific Program at the 2010 Annual Meeting. Abstracts may be submitted online at www.aan.com, and the AAN highly encourages submissions in any one of the 10 topics selected for this year’s Integrated Neuroscience Program below. The program sessions provide in-depth subspecialty concentration around the following hot topics in neurology and include platform presentations, invited lecturers, and poster presentations.

**Sunday, April 11**
- 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Current Concepts in Genetics
- 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Pediatric Demyelinating Disorders

**Monday, April 12**
- 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Global Neurology: Toxins and Infections
- 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Current Concepts in Cognitive Neuroscience: Implications for Neurological Disease

**Tuesday, April 13**
- 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Proteins, Genes, Neurodegeneration, and the Clinical Presentations

**Wednesday, April 14**
- 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Multiple Sclerosis Imaging
- 2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Emerging Treatments in Neuromuscular Disease

**Thursday, April 15**
- 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Deep Brain Stimulation: Where Are We and Where Do We Go From Here

**Friday, April 16**
- 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Ischemic Stroke, Interventional, and Endovascular Therapies/Large Vessel Disease
- 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Oncogenes and Tumors

Confirmation of receipt of abstract submission will be sent by email within 48 hours, and acceptance notification will be sent in January 2010. First authors may submit a maximum of two abstracts. Previously presented or published abstracts will be accepted with prior presentation disclosure. Please note that the AAN’s scientific journal Neurology® has waived the right-of-first-refusal requirement for abstract publication.

For more information, contact Erin Jackson at ejackson@aan.com or (651) 695-2704.

Resident Scholarship Deadline is November 2

The AAN offers a limited number of scholarships for residents to attend the Annual Meeting. Program directors are encouraged to nominate their residents by visiting www.aan.com/education/residentscholarship and completing the required materials.

Resident scholarships will be awarded as unrestricted educational grants up to $1,000 to the residents’ institution and mailed to the program director after the 2010 Annual Meeting. The deadline to apply is November 2, 2009.
Early Online Registration and Housing Reservations Save Time, Money

AAN members now may go online to take advantage of early registration discounts and make housing arrangements for the Annual Meeting in Toronto. Visit www.aan.com/go/reg to quickly lock in savings, secure your accommodations, view course availability, and receive immediate registration confirmation. But hurry if you wish to assure yourself of getting into the hotel and programs you most want.

Members should watch their mailboxes at the end of the month for delivery of the Annual Meeting Registration and Advance Program.

Join the 2010 Neurology on the Hill to Access Your Legislators

Bring your expertise as a neurology professional to Capitol Hill for the Eighth Annual Neurology on the Hill March 8 and 9, 2010, in Washington, DC. The Academy encourages members to get involved and no prior advocacy experience is necessary to apply. The deadline for applications is December 13, 2009.

Selected participants will receive updates on current health policy issues, such as physician reimbursement and the need for increased funding for neurologic research, and get insights on the legislative process. This will prepare them to meet with their Congressional legislators and staffs to discuss needed improvements in neurologic care.

Thomas R. Vidić, MD, FAAN, is a veteran of both Neurology on the Hill and the Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum and has used these programs to become an effective advocate for neurology. “Neurology on the Hill is a great learning experience. It helped provide me with connections on Capitol Hill and the confidence to interact with my representative, Joe Donnelly, on a regular basis. During the August recess, he visited my office to see my side of medicine and to discuss health care reform. We talked about the challenges of fixing the SGR and malpractice, the excessive paperwork we deal with, and how we can accomplish the many necessary changes in a fiscally responsible manner. A lot of attention has been focused on the rancor of the opposing sides on health care reform, but mutually respectful relationships and one-on-one conversations can have a much greater effect than a room full of screaming people. Neurology on the Hill is an excellent way to accomplish this.”

For more information or to apply, visit www.aan.com/noh or contact Melissa Larson at mlarson@aan.com or (651) 695-2748.
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Guideline: Kids with Microcephaly Risk Problems, Need Screening

A new guideline from the AAN finds children with microcephaly—having a head size that is more than two standard deviations (SDs) below that of children the same age—are at risk of neurologic and cognitive problems and should be screened for these problems. The guideline, developed in full collaboration with the Child Neurology Society, was published in the September 15, 2009, issue of Neurology.

Microcephaly is common, affecting more than 25,000 infants in the US each year. If it is not present at birth, it usually has developed by the time a child is two years old. While microcephaly is not a disease, it is an important sign that may point to other conditions.

“The evidence suggests that children with microcephaly are more likely to have certain neurologic conditions, such as epilepsy and cerebral palsy, as well as mental retardation and eye and ear disorders,” said lead guideline author Stephen Ashwal, MD, FAAN. “In fact, strong evidence shows that children with microcephaly are at risk for developmental delay and learning disorders. For these reasons, it is vital for doctors to recognize microcephaly and check the child for these problems, which often require special treatments that should be started as soon as possible.”

Brain scans such as an MRI or CT scans as well as genetic testing may be useful in identifying the causes of microcephaly. “This is an important recommendation, as it allows doctors to provide more accurate advice and counseling to families who have a child with microcephaly,” said Ashwal.

Doctors also may consider screening for coexisting conditions, such as epilepsy and cerebral palsy. “Forty percent of children with microcephaly also have epilepsy, 20 percent also have cerebral palsy, 50 percent also have mental retardation, and 20 to 50 percent also have eye and ear problems,” said Ashwal.

The complete guideline can be accessed at www.aan.com/guidelines along with summaries for clinicians and patients and a clinical case example. The Academy also has posted a video online at www.youtube.com/AANChannel demonstrating how a doctor should measure the circumference of a child’s head when screening for microcephaly.

Free Audio Conference to Highlight ALS Guidelines

New guidelines on the management and care of patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) will be the topic of a free audio conference at 12:00 p.m. ET on November 4.

The audio conference is offered by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke through its Clinical Research Collaboration (CRC) Lunch & Learn series. Participants can earn one hour of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ for the call.

Presenters will be guideline coauthors Robert G. Miller, MD, FAAN, and Gary Gronseth, MD, FAAN. The guidelines, which are updates of a guideline published in 1999, are titled, “The care of the patient with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis: Drug, nutritional, and respiratory therapies” and “The care of the patient with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis: Multidisciplinary care, symptom management, and cognitive/behavioral impairment.” They will be published in the October 13 issue of Neurology.

Miller and Gronseth will discuss the guideline development process, present the recommendations in the two guidelines, and take questions from participants. If you are already a member of the CRC, or if you would like to join, visit www.nindscrc.com. To register for the audio conference only, visit www.cmecorner.com/reg/CRC/LLNOV.
Proposed 2010 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Would Eliminate Consultation Codes

The proposed 2010 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule includes a plan to eliminate codes for consultation services, along with other proposed changes that could have a significant impact on neurology practices. The Academy submitted comments to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding the proposed changes.

Elimination of Consultation Codes

Effective January 1, 2010, CMS proposes to eliminate, in a budget neutral fashion, all of the inpatient and outpatient consultation codes. The proposed rule explains that the agency would redistribute the work relative value units (RVUs) for these services to other E/M services, including new and established office visits and initial hospital and initial nursing facility visits. This would mean that physicians would no longer need to worry about complying with the complicated and ever-changing Medicare rules related to documentation of consultation services. Whether the increased payment for other E/M services will make up for the elimination of the higher-paying consultation codes will likely depend on each individual physician's mix of consults and office/hospital visits and the percentage of established patients versus new patients.

After thorough review, the Academy expressed concern with the elimination of the consultation services without CMS having identified a proper way to maintain recognition of the work involved in providing consultations on more complex patients. The Academy is disappointed that the proposed coding change may provide further disincentives to physicians to spend the necessary time to talk to their patients, take a thorough history, and provide truly patient-centered care.

Good News on Practice Expense

CMS proposed updates to practice expense RVUs based on a survey the Academy conducted and funded in conjunction with the American Medical Association. The CMS impact analysis projected a six-percent increase for neurology as a result of the updated survey and other practice expense-related changes. This is offset by a negative two percent resulting primarily from proposed elimination of consultation codes. CMS estimated the net impact of all changes would be a three-percent increase in Medicare reimbursement to neurology (not counting the proposed elimination of consultation codes). CMS estimated the 2010 MPFS conversion factor will be set at approximately $28.3208 unless Congress acts to prevent it. Although there is no guarantee that Congress will do so this year, SGR reform would likely be part of any health care reform legislation. The Academy commented in favor of a permanent fix to this flawed formula. In addition, the Academy supported the CMS proposal to remove physician-administered Part B drugs from the definition of “physician services” for the purpose of computing the physician update formula. While this proposal would not change the projected update for services during 2010, it would reduce the number of years in which physicians are projected to experience a negative update. The Academy lauds this definite step in the right direction.

Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) and E-Prescribing

The PQRI and e-prescribing incentive programs will continue in 2010 with some changes to the measures and how physicians can participate in the programs. Physicians will continue to receive two-percent incentive payments for PQRI and e-prescribing in 2010 for successful participation.

The Academy supported the proposed addition of registry-based reporting and EHR-based reporting to the e-prescribing incentive program, citing that those mechanisms, along with claims-based reporting, expand the ability for physicians to participate, and appropriately mirror the options for PQRI reporting. CMS plans to simplify reporting by reducing the requirement for reporting e-prescribing from three codes in 2009 to just one code for 2010.

The Academy encourages members to participate in 2010 and get comfortable with the programs before payment reductions take effect in 2012 for failing to e-prescribe and presumably also at some point for failing to take part in the PQRI program.

CMS will announce the final rule on or around November 1 with publication in the Federal Register following. Contact Katie Kuechenmeister at kkuechenmeister@aan.com or (651) 695-2783 with questions or comments.
Vendors Provide Easy, Online Method for Reporting PQRI Data

Physicians participating in the Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) now have an easier method of reporting, and those who considered participating but passed can still be involved.

Several third-party vendors provide reporting methods that streamline the registry process and allow those interested in qualifying for the two-percent bonus of their total 2009 Medicare charges an alternative to participating by charge-based submissions.

“This means that certain companies have been granted recognition by CMS to report on seven ‘bundles’ of PQRI criteria,” said Practice Management and Technology Subcommittee member Steven J. Zuckerman, MD. “These aggregated categories that affect the bottom line of a given practice are Diabetes, Chronic Kidney Disease, Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery, Preventative Measures, Perioperative Care, Rheumatoid Arthritis, and Low Back Pain.”

The table below lists those registries that include reporting on the Low Back Pain Measures Group and are still accepting submissions from all physicians, along with approximate costs.

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Some PQRI requirements vary for claims-based vs. registry-based reporting. Instead of 80 percent of all patients within a diagnostic category requiring three separate measures, only 30 patients are needed to qualify for the full two-percent bonus (i.e., an additional CMS payment of two percent of your total Medicare charges). Specifically for the Back Pain Measures Group, physicians need to report on 30 consecutive patients with a back pain diagnosis who are between the ages of 18 and 79 years old. For registry-based reporting, only two of these 30 must have Medicare coverage, the other 28 can have any (or no) insurance carrier. There are two reporting periods available for reporting measure groups:

- 12-month period: January 1 through December 31, 2009
- Six-month period: July 1 through December 31, 2009.

The six-month period is applicable only to the 80 percent patient sample method, not the 30 consecutive patient method. Physicians who successfully participate can earn a two-percent bonus on the allowed charges furnished during that reporting period, meaning physicians choosing the six-month period would receive a smaller bonus payment.

Practitioners can submit reporting online from the exam room during patient evaluation, or after.

Physicians do not need to report the details of the evaluation, only that the required measures have been completed. Practitioners are encouraged to retain documentation related to reporting. CMS has provided a list on approved registries at www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/Downloads/ReportingOptionsSuggestions_071009_508_v2.pdf.

Concludes Zuckerman, “What it boils down to is this: Is it worth a small amount of your time and effort to collect the answers to this limited amount of data and risk the registry fee for the potential of two-percent additional Medicare fees? At a hypothetical amount of Medicare charges of $120,000 in 2009, the net to your practice would be about $2,000, after subtracting the average fee.”

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been associated with GBS. Although the CDC does not expect GBS cases to occur after vaccination with the 2009 H1N1 vaccine, out of an abundance of caution it has called for close monitoring for any cases.

Active surveillance will focus attention on neurology practices in 10 Emerging Infections Program (EIP) states: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, and Tennessee. Neurologists in these states will be asked to receive regular contact from surveillance officers in the EIP states.

Online Resources

Find resources for neurologists and the latest updates on AAN.com at www.aan.com/view/gbstoolkit, including:

- VAERS reporting form
- Webinars, educational materials, and fact sheets
- H1N1 vaccine billing information
- Press releases

Neurologists who encounter patients with adverse events possibly related to the H1N1 vaccine should use the CDC’s Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) to report their observations. Information on VAERS and case report forms are available on AAN.com and at the CDC website at vaers.hhs.gov.

For more information on the H1N1 flu, visit www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu. For more details on GBS, visit www.aan.com/view/gbs.

FREE WEBINARS ON H1N1 AND GUILLAIN-BARRÉ SYNDROME

Two free informational webinars will discuss the basics of GBS, the latest research on the influenza vaccination and GBS risk, vaccine options, and a Q&A with the webinar hosts.

- Webinar 1, Thursday, October 15, at 1:00 p.m. ET, provides neurologists an in-depth look at H1N1 vaccination and how it may pose a risk for GBS
- Webinar 2, Wednesday, October 21, at 5:00 p.m. ET, offers important background and information for hospitalists and emergency physicians

All neurologists and health care professionals should know what to watch for and how to report adverse events related to the H1N1 vaccination program.

The webinars are free, but members need to register at www.aan.com/view/H1N1GBSWebinar. Dial-in information will be provided closer to the webinar date.

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Neuropathic Pain Topic of New *Continuum*

New understandings on the diagnosis and treatment of neuropathic pain are explored 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™.

According to Faculty Chair John D. Markman, MD, director of the Neuromedicine Pain Management Center and Translational Pain Research, Departments of Neurosurgery and Neurology at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, “This issue of *Continuum* provides a cutting-edge and practical review of diagnostic and treatment approaches to neuropathic pain, the leading indication for outpatient referral to neurologists. The compendium explores diverse topics such as the indication for chronic opioid therapy, the role of interventional treatments, and the emergent use of functional imaging in prevalent neuropathic conditions.”

The publication addresses:

- Painful peripheral neuropathy: diagnosis and assessment
- Imaging the CNS correlates of neuropathic pain
- Complex regional pain syndrome: evolving understanding of pathogenesis and implications for treatment
- Evidence-based treatment of chronic neuropathic pain using nonopioid pharmacotherapy
- The role of opioid therapy in the treatment of neuropathic pain
- Multimodal analgesia for chronic pain

This issue also includes a patient management problem and discusses ethical perspectives and practice issues. The appendices include summaries of two AAN evidence-based guidelines: Treatment of Postherpetic Neuralgia and Trigeminal Neuralgia.

After completing this course, participants will be able to:

- Review current research on the mechanisms of neuropathic pain
- Clarify assessment of symptoms, signs, and consequences of prevalent neuropathic pain conditions
- Apply evidence-based treatments for neuropathic pain in clinical practice
- Identify research questions that need to be addressed to optimize treatment matching for patients with neuropathic pain

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New Sports Neurology Section Addresses Treatment of Athletes

The Academy has established a new AAN Section in Sports Neurology that will focus on the treatment of neurologic illnesses as a result of athletic performance. The section’s acting chair is Jeffrey S. Kutcher, MD, MPH, director of the University of Michigan’s Neurosport program.

“There is a tremendous amount of neurology in the athletic training rooms and sports medicine clinics the world over,” said Kutcher. “There are unique challenges that come with caring for competitive athletes, requiring a clinical approach that differs from anything we’re traditionally taught in our neurology training programs.”

Kutcher added, “A group of us who specialize in treating athletes began sharing stories and experiences and quickly realized that a sports neurology section of the AAN would be the perfect mechanism to help bring these two worlds together.”

The section will focus on raising awareness of sports-specific issues in neurology, and will promote the involvement of neurologists in clinical care, education, and research. “The focus of the section is on both the neurological manifestations of athletic participation as well as the management of common neurological diseases in the athlete,” explained Kutcher. “In other words, we’re not only dealing with concussion, peripheral nerve injury, and spinal cord trauma, but also the unique approach that must be taken in diagnoses like migraine, epilepsy, and multiple sclerosis when they are seen in the competitive athlete.”

The section’s objectives include:
• Providing a platform for scientific discussion about sports neurology topics
• Increasing the level of involvement of the field of neurology in neurological sports medicine issues
• Advocating for athletes with neurologic diagnoses by helping to increase and improve clinical care, research, and education efforts
• Providing the AAN and its members a mechanism to stay up-to-date on evolving sports neurology topics
• Developing and promoting the field of sports neurology by supporting efforts such as national referral networks, publications, and post-residency training programs

“The section’s overall goal is to improve the neurological care of athletes at all levels,” said Kutcher. “Hopefully, our efforts will improve neurologists’ understanding of this population and increase their involvement.”

To join the Sports Neurology Section, contact AAN Member Services at memberservices@aan.com or (800) 879-1960 or (651) 695-2717 (international). For more information, contact Lynee Koester at lkoester@aan.com or (651) 695-2739.
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- Offered a new version of NeuroSAE, the AAN’s self-assessment examination in neurology designed to help neurologists meet the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology self-assessment and lifelong learning component (Part II) for maintenance of certification
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AAN Membership Helps Residents Grow Careers, Save Money

Residency is often a challenging period in the nascent careers of young neurologists. That’s why the AAN offers benefits specifically tailored to meet the unique needs of residents and help position them for long and successful professional lives.

“An AAN membership can be a big boost to growing a young resident’s career,” said John W. Engstrom, MD, FAAN, Chair, Graduation Education Subcommittee. “It is a wise investment because it can help them succeed by providing valuable resources that far outweigh the cost of dues, which in many cases can be paid for by the individual resident’s program. I highly encourage all residents to talk with their program directors about continuing their memberships into 2010. And for those residents who recently graduated or will soon be graduating, I would encourage them to continue as an Active AAN member and remind them that an AAN membership will continue to be a wise investment by helping them succeed in growing their new careers and practices.”

AAN Resident benefits include:
- RITE discount ($160 savings)
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Residents can make sure they get their careers off to the right start by renewing their AAN memberships by December 31.
Meeting with A.B. Baker Leads to Neurology Career, Legacy for Future

Timing, they say, is everything. Thus, a quick decision to take up A.B. Baker’s offer of a neurology residency has led, nearly 45 years later, to a significant gift to aid future generations of neurologists.

Being regular contributors to the AAN Foundation has been second nature to Minneapolis neurologist James R. Allen, MD, and his wife Elaine. But they have wanted to leave a legacy for future neurology professionals, so they have joined the Foundation’s Neurology Heritage Society, which recognizes planned donations to the Academy through one’s estate.

“Neurology has been good to us,” said Allen. “I have found it to be a very stimulating and fulfilling specialty. We want to provide a similar opportunity for others through the AAN Foundation’s neurology education programs and clinical research training fellowships in the neurosciences.”

Allen began his medical career as a general practitioner in Minneapolis, but this broad approach to medicine frustrated him after several years. He contacted a former instructor at the University of Minnesota, chair of the neurology department and AAN founder A.B. Baker, MD. Baker offered Allen the last residency spot in his program and gave him overnight to make a decision. Allen chose to become a neurologist and never looked back.

Most of Allen’s career was spent with the Minneapolis Clinic of Neurology, which he joined in 1968. There he practiced general neurology until 1983, when he became the clinic’s president, a position he held until 1996. During Allen’s tenure as president the clinic did outreach to rural towns in Minnesota and the Dakotas and expanded its staff from 15 to 35, making it one of the largest free-standing neurology clinics in the world. He began to specialize in dementia and Alzheimer’s disease in addition to his responsibilities for administration, research, and teaching.

Allen and his wife Elaine now enjoy retirement, traveling and doting on their four grandchildren—with the hope that their planned contribution to the Neurology Heritage Society may help their grandchildren avoid now-common neurologic disorders.

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New Foundation Fund Honors Late Neuropathic Pain Researcher

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clinical trials to basic investigations of the genetic bases of pain persistence.

Anne Louise Oaklander, MD, PhD, FAAN, associate professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts General Hospital and a longtime friend and colleague of Max, initiated the award proposal. “Mitchell was a pioneer in recognizing that neuropathic pain is a legitimate part of neurology. His high-quality research was among the best in any area of neurology. His early work showed that tricyclics relieved neuropathic pain independently of their antidepressant effects at a time when the prevailing wisdom was that neuropathic pain patients were just depressed and needed to ‘snap out of it.’ His recent identification of genetic contributors to chronic pain after back surgery has helped found the field of pain genetics. Mitchell’s last professional activity was to participate in a working meeting at Harvard on how to get neurologists more involved in neuropathic pain. The meeting specifically recommended establishing an AAN award on neuropathic pain to improve visibility of our field, so this award is the ideal memorial to Mitchell’s brilliant career.”

The Mayday Fund, a family foundation dedicated to alleviating human physical pain, is one of several that have supported the award. The fund’s Executive Director, Christina M. Spellman, PhD, said, “The trustees share Dr. Oaklander’s commitment to honoring Dr. Max and to drawing attention to the importance of research that addresses pain and suffering. The trustees believe that the results of research into the causes and effects of pain will accelerate the development of ways to treat pain while attracting bright young scholars to the field. While the Mayday Fund’s contribution is small, the hope is that it will encourage others to support and work in the arena of pain research.”

The AAN Foundation is raising funds to endow the Max pain research award in perpetuity. The initial goal is $50,000 to create an endowed award and the long term goal is $1.4 million to endow a clinical research training fellowship in neuropathic pain research. Along with the Mayday Foundation, the Jeff and Carol Curve Foundation and Max’s colleagues and admirers have responded to the call. As of late June, the Foundation had received $11,250 in gifts and $5,500 in pledges.

For more information on how to contribute, contact Susan Dunlop, AAN Foundation Director of Development, at sdunlop@aan.com or (866) 770-7570.
Paul Vespa, MD, Elected UCNS Chair

The UCNS Board of Directors has elected Paul M. Vespa, MD, its new chair for a two-year term, succeeding Leslie A. Morrison, MD, who completed her second term as chair.

Certified by UCNS in neurocritical care, Vespa has been a member of the UCNS board since October 2007. He is in academic practice at UCLA as a professor. Vespa attended Ohio State University as an undergraduate and medical student. After graduation, he trained in neurology at the University of Virginia and received fellowship training at UCLA.

“It is with great pleasure that I start my term as the new chair of the UCNS. I want to first thank Dr. Leslie Morrison for her sage and tireless leadership of the Board for the past several years and for her mentorship and advice during our transition period.”

In a recent statement, Morrison welcomed Vespa to the leadership position and surveyed the organization’s accomplishments during her tenure as the second chair in UCNS’s history. “It has been a privilege to lead the UCNS in our remarkable growth and progress over the past four years. With our cadre of high level neurologists and staff members on exam teams, councils, and the Board of Directors, the UCNS has become a recognized force in subspecialty certification and accreditation. We have attracted international attention and have become a buzz among neurology residents making critical decisions about their career directions. Our accomplishments include eight subspecialty members, over 600 diplomates, and over 60 accredited programs. I have great confidence in Dr. Vespa’s ability to bring the UCNS into the next decade with the goal of improving care for patients with neurological diseases.”

According to Vespa, the UCNS has achieved its essential goals and has earned considerable respect since its inception in 2003. “Like most novel ventures born out of the needs and desires of a constituency, the UCNS represents a unique opportunity to forge our best ideas and shape or reshape our expectations, ideals, and practices involving physician certification and training program accreditation,” he said. “While the UCNS has originated from the traditional pillars of organized medicine, it has been unique in many respects and fosters many ideals about medical education and practice that represent the modern landscape of medicine extending toward the future.”

Vespa outlines these ideals:

1. The goal of the UCNS mission is to enhance medical care for patients with neurological disease.
2. The UCNS envisions providing certification to those physicians who demonstrate the highest level of quality and proficiency.
3. The UCNS promotes certification of physicians across the spectrum of medical specialties.
4. The UCNS seeks to accredit training programs that facilitate education of the highest quality.

Vespa foresees tackling a number of strategic initiatives over the coming years to strengthen and elevate the organization. “First, the UCNS will conduct a public awareness campaign to enhance visibility among relevant societies, credentialing agencies, hospitals, government agencies, and academic centers. Our organization is committed to being transparent to important policy stakeholders. Second, we will pursue opportunities to enhance our financial operations to ensure the ability to develop and administer certification and accreditation. Third, we will increase the number diplomates from neurology and other medical specialties.”

“My hope,” concluded Vespa, “is to continue the outstanding work of my predecessors and to enhance the image and impact of the UCNS.”
The subspecialty of neurocritical care and the United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS) have been recognized by an influential business consortium, the Leapfrog Group.

The Leapfrog Group’s recommendations for ICU physician staffing now require neurointensivists to manage or co-manage patients in a neuro ICU. Neurointensivists are classified as those who have graduated from UCNS-accredited neurocritical care fellowship programs or those who have passed the UCNS neurocritical care certification examination. Leapfrog recommendations, which have been endorsed by the National Quality Forum, must be met for hospitals to compete for many health care contracts.

“This recognition is a testament to the rigorous standards for training programs and exams developed by the UCNS and the neurocritical care subspecialty,” said UCNS Chair Paul M. Vespa, MD. “UCNS Neurocritical Care graduated fellows and diplomates are regarded as vital to high quality and safety of critical care.”

The recognition is the result of several years of efforts by members of the AAN and the Neurocritical Care Society, which was one of the sponsors of the UCNS Neurocritical Care subspecialty, including Thomas P. Bleck, MD, FAAN; Michael N. Diringer, MD; Marek A. Mirski, MD, PhD; and Wendy Wright, MD, a graduate of the AAN Donald M. Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum.

“Neurointensivists have long struggled for recognition by fellow neurologists, neurosurgeons, and other intensivists,” Diringer said. “The development of a formal training and board certification process are a big step forward in achieving recognition. In addition, it served to help define for the Leapfrog Group the essential role neurointensivists play in critical care of patients with nervous system insults. The official inclusion of neurointensivist in the Leapfrog definition of an intensivist is an important step forward to wider acceptance of their role.”

Jose I. Suarez, MD, vice chair of the UCNS Neurocritical Care Exam Committee, said, “The inclusion of neurointensivists as members of the critical care physician pool has had a tremendous impact for neurocritical care. This recognition, along with the UCNS accreditation and certification process, legitimizes our field as a true subspecialty of critical care.”
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Physician/Neurologist-Richmond, Virginia: Immediate opening in the Neurology Department at McGuire Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Richmond, Virginia. We seek a BC/BE Neurologist with fellowship training in movement disorders to fill a position as Associate Director of Patient Care Services in the Parkinson’s Disease Research, Education and Clinical Center (PADREC). The physician will be expected to contribute to a number of ongoing investigational clinical trials and to seek additional studies towards the candidate’s personal interests. Successful candidates will work part-time at the McGuire VAMC and hold a joint faculty appointment in the Department of Neurology at Virginia Commonwealth University. All clinic records are accessible in our state-of-the-art computerized medical record system. Flexible scheduling available. Competitive salary. Richmond offers excellent schools, temperate weather, a safe environment, abundant cultural events, shopping, skiing, and easy access to the beach and mountains. For consideration, please forward a CV and letter of interest to Jacqueline Ferguson, Human Resources Specialist (05S6), VA Medical Center, 1201 Broad Rock Blvd., Richmond, VA 23220-7600, Fax: 804-784-2878, ext. 2408; e-mail Jacqueline.Ferguson@va.gov. For additional information regarding the position, please contact Mark Baron, MD, Director PADREC. Phone: 804-784-5931. EOE. All direct patient care positions are subject to all federal hiring procedures, to include pre-employment random drug-testing procedures. Join us in working toward those who serve.

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Neurology, Clinical Faculty: The University of Central Florida, College of Medicine is seeking applications from outstanding clinician-educators in Neurology to join faculty building this century’s premier medical school. Faculty members will be involved in the development of the four-year curriculum; teaching in the practice of medicine, physical diagnosis, and organ-based systems modules; development of innovative teaching technologies and simulations; and development of a neurology Clerkship. The Clinical Faculty position will also provide clinical service through the Clinical Faculty Practice and other local practice opportunities. Candidates must be board certified in an ABMS specialty, the exception is physicians who have just completed training. Candidates must be eligible for licensure or licensed to practice in the State of Florida. Applicants should have significant teaching and clinical experience, and evidence of teaching excellence. Experience as a course or clerkship director, residency or fellowship program director is beneficial. All applicants MUST apply through www.jobswithucf.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=73861 Cover letters, CV/resumes, and other documents can be attached through the www.jobswithucf.com website. Other faculty positions with the UCF College of Medicine can be found on www.med.ucf.edu website. For additional Information please contact CDM-HR Faculty Recruitment: 407-823-4073 AEA/EOE

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Neurologist-Atlanta Suburo  Neurologist-Atlanta Suburo position available for a BC/BE adult neurologist, generalist or subspecialist, to join three neurologists in established 14-year practice with 3 locations. Opportunities for partnership after 2 years. Practice has state-of-the-art electronic medical records and provides EMG, NCV, SSEP, EEG and MRI. Candidate must possess excellent communication skills, ability to work effectively both independently and as part of team. Not a J-1 or H-1B visa opportunity. Competitive salary and benefits package. Applicants fax CV to: 770-832-9529 or email to: rweaver@canon-sleep.com

Neurologist-Charlotte, NC  Carolina Physicians Network (CPN), currently has an opening for a BC/BE General Neurologist with training in EMG. EMG Neurologist will join an existing well-established clinic with 8 physicians who provide high-quality general neurology services with some speciality care. Practice would like to expand services in a new area of the city as well as better meet the needs of the current practice. Our program offers a comprehensive compensation and benefits package, great demographic patient mix, excellent malpractice rates, and a rewarding lifestyle. Email: Maranda.judd@carolinashealthcare.org

Neurologist Needed near SC Coast  McLeod Health is seeking 2 full-time Neurologists for employment to start up a practice. Qualified candidates should be BC/BE in Neurology and have excellent communication skills. 2 year income guarantee & benefits package including a sign on bonus, malpractice insurance, 30 days paid time-off, Malpractice, CME, & relocation allowance. McLeod Regional Medical Center is a private, non-profit, 453-bed, tertiary care facility located in Florence, SC. McLeod is a nationally recognized healthcare system for our commitment to quality patient care. As one of the fastest growing cities in SC, our referral area is nearly 1 million people. Best of all, with the mild climate and close proximity to major metropolitan areas and the SC coast, Florence is sure to provide you with the quality of life you are looking for. For more information, contact Tiffany Ellington, Director, Physician Recruitment at 843-777-5169 or tellington@mclmedhealth.org. Please visit our website: www.mclmedphysicianrecruiting.org

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2 Openings for Child Neurologists  Emory University Department of Pediatrics Division of Child Neurology and Emory Children’s Center announce 2 openings for Child Neurologists. Candidates must be board certified/board eligible in Child Neurology and qualify for full time regular appointment to the faculty of the Emory University School of Medicine. Candidates will also join the Emory Children’s Center, the largest pediatric multi-specialty practice in Georgia and the pediatric faculty practice plan of the School of Medicine. One position is primarily focused on a translation of basic and clinical research at Emory University. This position includes: Immediate ancillary income, consulting hospital coverage, starting salary guarantee, production-based compensation, outstanding income potential, partnership after two years. Located on the Gulf Coast in Pensacola, FL, our community offers all conveniences without the hassles. Beautiful beaches, cultural amenities, and good schools make this a great place to live. For more information, contact: Susan Carroll, 850-474-4524, ext. 8779; susan.carroll@medicalcenteresc.com; www.medicalcenteresc.com; www.visitpensacola.com.

Otoneurologist-Harvard Medical School  The Department of Otolaryngology at the Harvard Medical School seeks a neurootologist with special interest/training in the diagnosis and management of vestibular disorders, and scholarly interests in research/education related to the vestibular or oculomotor systems. Appointment at Instructor or Assistant Professor Level is anticipated. Activities will include the practice of otoneurology at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and affiliated sites, inpatient and outpatient care, research, and involvement in related research/teaching programs. Qualified female and minority candidates are particularly encouraged to apply. Applicants should contact: Steven D. Rauch, MD, 243 Charles St., Boston, MA 02114; or via email to: steauch@hms.harvard.edu. Affirmative Action/equal Opportunity Employer.

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Neurologist-Neurohospitalist-Neuro Critical Care  General Neurologist, Neurohospitalist, Neuro Critical Care/Stroke, Spectrum Health St. Mary’s Medical Center. Grand Rapids, Michigan is actively seeking BC/BE Neurologists with interest in: 1) general neurology (with an established outpatient practice that also takes inpatient call), 2) neurohospitalist practice or 3) neuro critical care/ stroke work. Spectrum Health St. Mary’s Medical Center, located in West Michigan, forms the largest referral center in West Michigan. The Medical Group is looking to expand its neurosurgery program in cooperation with an aggressive expansion into new, sophisticated services in neurology and neurosurgery. Faculty appointments are available with the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine which has recently relocated its major teaching programs to the Spectrum campus in Grand Rapids. Clinical or bench research opportunities are available for qualified candidates. Grand Rapids is Michigan’s second largest city. With more than one million residents in the metro area, your family will find small-town friendliness, safety, top-rated public and private schools, and affordable family-oriented neighborhoods. Contact Ashley McNeil at 800-678-7858 x64465; email kathleenkittredge@gmail.com.

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