

AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery

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Chairman's Message



*John P.
Laurent, MD*

As the newly elected Chairman of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery, I wish to extend my appreciation to Marion L. Walker, MD, for the time and effort he has conscientiously provided to our concerns, and for his overwhelming contributions to the Section. I also wish to thank Thomas G. Luerssen, MD, Pediatric Section Secretary-Treasurer, for his efforts. Although Dr. Luerssen's term expires in one year, I am grateful for his continued involvement in the Section.

A primary goal of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery is to educate and inform. We recognize that our efforts to educate the neurosurgical community have improved the treatment of the pediatric population – greater emphasis has been placed on residency programs to identify pediatric neurosurgical problems and recognized pediatric neurosurgical fellowships are now being considered by The American Association

of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons.

Throughout areas of the United States, Canada and abroad, the concept of a "pediatric neurosurgeon" is being broadly recognized within the neurosurgical community. In fact, in many private and university neurosurgical communities within the United States, it is now relatively easy to identify those neurosurgeons doing primarily pediatric cases. Health maintenance organizations have started to recruit pediatric neurosurgeons to follow the pediatric cases in their organizations. This would not have happened 30 or 40 years ago. Education of the neurosurgical community has permitted such developments to ensure quality neurosurgical care for children.

I believe that as the Pediatric Section moves toward the next millennium, our direction should extend to include educational involvement with other medical and surgical specialties (i.e. Pediatrics, Otolaryngology, etc.). With cooperative efforts in the pediatric community, we should expect a greater increase in the quality of care for sick children.

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Pediatric Sessions Planned for 1999 CNS Meeting

Saturday, October 30, 1999 Practical Courses

1–5 PM

020 Pediatric Traumatic CNS Injury and Critical Care

Course Directors: *Brian T. Andrews, P. David Adelson*

Faculty: *Ann-Christine Dubaime, John Ragheb, Thomas G. Luerksen, Douglas L. Brockmeyer, Harvey S. Levin*

Sunday, October 31, 1999 Practical Courses

8 AM–12 PM

037 Intracranial Endoscopy

Course Directors: *David F. Jimenez, Kerry R. Crone*

Faculty: *Adam I. Lewis, Wesley A. King, Douglas L. Brockmeyer, Paul A. Grabb, John G. Frazee, Michael R. Gaab, Alan R. Turtz*

1–5 PM

040 Intracranial Endoscopy

Course Directors: *David F. Jimenez, Kerry R. Crone*

Faculty: *Adam I. Lewis, Wesley A. King, Douglas L. Brockmeyer, Paul A. Grabb, John G. Frazee, Michael R. Gaab, Alan R. Turtz*

Monday, November 1, 1999 Luncheon Seminars

12–2 PM

115/115R Craniosynostosis: Controversies in Treatment

Moderator: *James T. Goodrich*

Faculty: *J. Gordon McComb, David F. Jimenez, Robin P. Humphreys, Marion L. Walker, Mark Proctor*

116/116R Pediatric Spine Surgery

Moderator: *Richard G. Ellenbogen*

Faculty: *Dachling Pang, Douglas L. Brockmeyer, Charles Teo, Robin M. Bowman*

118/118R Current Management of Medically Refractory Spasticity: From Rhizotomy to Baclofen Pump

Moderator: *Tae Sung Park*

Faculty: *Richard D. Penn, Paul Steinbok, Warwick J. Peacock, J. Parker Mickle, Marc P. Sindou*

121/121R Surgical Management of Brachial Plexus Pathology

Moderator: *Eric L. Zager*

Faculty: *Rajiv Midha, Allan H. Friedman, Robert L. Tiel, John K. Park*

Tuesday, October 2, 1999 Luncheon Seminars

12–2 PM

217/217R Management of Posterior Fossa and Brainstem Tumors in Children

Moderator: *Ian F. Pollack*

Faculty: *Liliana C. Goumnerova, Leslie N. Sutton, Jon D. Weingart, Herbert E. Fuchs, Jeffrey H. Wisoff*

222/222R Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery

Moderator: *Robert E. Maxwell*

Faculty: *Frederick A. Boop, Glenn Morrison, Joseph R. Madsen, Andre Olivier, Mark Robert Lee*

Wednesday, November 3, 1999 Luncheon Seminars

12–2 PM

319/319R Pediatric Head Injury

Moderator: *John D. Ward*

Faculty: *Thomas G. Luerksen, Ann-Christine Dubaime, P. David Adelson, Ann Marie Flannery, Joseph V. Queenan*

320/320R Managing Shunt Complications

Moderator: *James M. Drake*

Faculty: *Bruce A. Kaufman, Cheryl A. Muszynski, Joseph R. Madsen, Alan R. Cohen, Flemming Gjerris*

321/321R Moya-moya Disease

Moderator: *R. Michael Scott*

Faculty: *Gary K. Steinberg, Daniel A. Wecht, Philip E. Stieg*

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Spotlight on the Pediatric Section

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Tuesday, November 2, 1999

2-5:30PM

Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery I: Syringomyelia

Moderator: *Frederick A. Boop*

2-2:30PM	Overview	<i>Harold L. Rekate</i>
2:30-2:50PM	Case Presentations	
2:50-3:30PM	Oral Posters	<i>Frederick A. Boop</i>
3:30-4PM	Coffee Break With Exhibitors	
4-5:30 PM	Open Papers (782-791)	<i>Frederick A. Boop</i>

782. **Vagal Nerve Stimulation for the Treatment of Epilepsy in Pediatric Patients.**
Joseph R. Madsen, Sandra Helmers
783. **A Randomized, Controlled Study of a Programmable Shunt Valve Versus a Conventional Valve for Patients With Hydrocephalus.**
Ian F. Pollack, A. Leland Albright, P. David Adelson, HP Shunt Study Group
784. **Surgically Treated Lumbar Disc Disease in Children: A Medical Outcomes Study.**
Susan Durham, Peter Sun, Leslie N. Sutton
785. **Efficacy and Function of Rifampin-impregnated Silicone Catheters in the Prevention and Treatment of Foreign Body Associated CNS Infections.**
Juergen A. Hampl, Ralf A. Kockro, Martin Scheibing, Rainer Giacomelli, Bed Jansen, Hans P. Schmitt, Stefan Kunze, Alfred Aschoff
786. **Addition of Elemental Iodine to Surgical Irrigation for Shunt Infection Prophylaxis.**
SooHo Choi, J. Gordon McComb, Michael L. Levy, Ignacio Gonzales, Berislav Zlokovic, Roger Bayston
787. **In Vivo Intraventricular Pressure Dynamics Consequent to Manipulations of the Codman-Medos Programmable Shunt Valve.**
David M. Frim, Dawn Lathrop
788. **Thirty-seven Cases of Percutaneous Endoscopic Recanalization of Catheter (PERC) Procedure: Progress and Pitfalls.**
Jogi V. Pattisapu, Eric R. Trumble, Kay Taylor, P. Denise Howard, Tina Kovacs
789. **Observer Reliability of the Frontal and Occipital Ho Ratio Measurement of Ventricular Size.**
Abhaya V. Kulkai, Derek C. Armstrong, Peter B. Dirks, James M. Drake
790. **Neuronavigational Assisted Neuroendoscopy of Hydrocephalic Disorders: Indication, Operative Options and Benefits.**
Dan V. Plev, H. Gumprecht, Hans A. Trost, Christiano B. Lumenta
791. **Visual Loss From Ventriculoperitoneal Shunt Malfunction: A Ten-year Experience.**
Kraus Robert, William C. Olivero, William C. Hanigan, Jorge Kattab

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GENERAL SCIENTIFIC SESSION III

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

7:30–11:45AM

Pediatric Update for the General Neurosurgeon

Moderator: *Richard G. Ellenbogen*
Presiding Officer: *H. Hunt Batjer*

7:30–7:45AM	Pediatric Brain Tumors: From the Laboratory Bench to the Operating Room	<i>James T. Rutka</i>
7:45–8AM	Craniosynostosis and Complex Craniofacial Disorders Update	<i>Richard G. Ellenbogen</i>
8–8:15AM	Pediatric Trauma Made Simple	<i>P. David Adelson</i>
8:15–8:30AM	Shunt Technology: How to Choose a Valve	<i>James M. Drake</i>
8:30–8:45AM	Common Congenital Abnormalities	<i>David McClone</i>
8:45–9AM	Pediatric Stroke—Treatable Causes	<i>R. Michael Scott</i>
9–9:30AM	Decade of the Brain Medalist	<i>Edward R. Laws, Jr.</i>
9:30–10:15AM	Coffee Break With Exhibitors	
10:15–10:20AM	THINK First	
10:20–10:25AM	The CNS International Committee	
10:25–10:30AM	CNS Fellowship Presentation	
10:30–10:40AM	CNS Resident Award Paper	<i>Kelly Douglas Foote</i>
10:40–10:45AM	Presidential Acknowledgement	
10:45–11AM	Indications and Outcomes for Lobectomy, Corpus Callosotomy and Hemispherectomy	<i>Benjamin Carson</i>
11–11:15AM	Invited Comments	<i>Warwick J. Peacock</i>
11:15–11:30AM	Dorsal Rhizotomy: Is It Still Indicated for the Treatment of Spasticity?	<i>Tae Sung Park</i>
11:30–11:45AM	Baclofen Pump: Current Concepts and Indications	<i>Paul Steinbok</i>

SCIENTIFIC SESSION

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

2–5:30PM

Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery II: Cervical Spine Stabilization and Fusion

Moderator: *John P. Laurent*

2–2:30PM	Overview of Cervical Spine Stabilization in Children	<i>Douglas P. Brockmeyer</i>
2:30–2:50PM	Difficult and Controversial Case Presentations	
2:50–3:30PM	Oral Posters	<i>John P. Laurent</i>
3:30–4PM	Coffee Break With Exhibitors	
4–5:30PM	Open Papers (832-841)	<i>John P. Laurent</i>

832. Endoscopic Third Ventriculostomy Failure: A Risk Factor Analysis.

Toru Fukuhara, Mark G. Luciano

833. Redo Endoscopic Third Ventriculostomy: Worth Trying?

Vitaly Siomin, Howard L. Weimer, Jeffrey Wisoff, Guiseppa Cinally, Alain Pierre-Kahn, Rick Abbott, Hanoch Elran, Liana Beni-Adani, Georges Ouaknine, Shlomo Constantini

834. **CSF Shunt Complications After Urologic Procedures in Patients With Chiari II Malformation.**
Philipp R. Aldana, Miguel Castellan, Jason Sevald, Katheryn Nathe, Rafael Gosalbez, Andrew S. Labbie, Glenn Morrison, John Ragheb
835. **Management of Pediatric Congenital Fixed Atlantoaxial Dislocation (AAD).**
Sanjay Behari, Vyom Bhargava, Vijendra K. Jain, Deepu Banerji, Devendra K. Chhabra
836. **Biomechanical Modeling in Infant Head Injury: From Tissue to Patient History.**
Ann-Christine Dubaime, Susan S. Margulies
837. **Treatment of Epilepsy With Vagus Nerve Stimulation in the Pediatric Population.**
Henry M. Bartkowski, Kelly Collins
838. **Evaluation and Transfusion Practice in the Perioperative Management of Craniosynostosis Repair.**
J. Parker Mickle, Lisa W. Faberowski, Susan Black
839. **Endoscopic Third Ventriculostomy in the Treatment of Hydrocephalus Associated With Posterior Fossa Tumors in Children.**
Franck E. Roux, Guiseppa Cinalli, Christian Sainte-Rose, Paul D. Chumas, Michel Zerab, D. Reiner, Alain Pierre-Kahn
840. **Caveous Hemangiomas of the Brain Stem in the Pediatric Population.**
Randall W. Porter, Paul W. Detwiler, Patrick P. Han, Iman Feiz-Erfan, Harold L. Rekate, Robert F. Spetzler
841. **Incidence of Venous Air Embolism During Craniectomy for Craniosynostosis Repair.**
J. Parker Mickle, Lisa W. Zaberowski, Susan Black

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Hailed as one of the nation's most popular travel destinations, Boston, Massachusetts, is renowned for its historic landmarks, such as Paul Revere's home, the Freedom Trail, and the USS Constitution; its world-class art performances; a bevy of specialty stores; innumerable architectural masterpieces; and a vast array of restaurants that appeal to almost every taste.

Boston, filled with rich cultural heritage, New England style and 2,500 CNS members, promises an Annual Meeting to remember.



Mark your calendars

now and plan to attend this year's
CNS Annual Meeting!

From the Hydrocephalus Association

Mark Your Calendars for the Sixth National Conference

The Sixth National Conference on Hydrocephalus for Families and Professionals will be held May 25-28, 2000 at La Posada Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. The conference will be chaired by Herold Rekate, MD, Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Barrow Neurological Institute, and will provide attendees with tools to address the medical, educational and social challenges of hydrocephalus. The conference's objectives include:

- Educating individuals, families and professionals about the diagnosis, treatment and life-care planning for hydrocephalus in infants, children and adults.
- Informing attendees of emerging medical and clinical technologies.
- Exploring current models for educational and social development.
- Providing participants with information on their rights to healthcare and social services.
- Sharing strategies that support and empower individuals, families and professionals as they cope with the often complex issues associated with hydrocephalus.

For more information on the conference, contact the Hydrocephalus Association at (415) 732-7040 or via e-mail at hydroassoc@aol.com.

Hydrocephalus Resources Available

The Hydrocephalus Association is pleased to offer two new publications: 1) "Prenatal Diagnosis for Hydrocephalus—A Book for Parents", and 2) Hydrocephalus Patient Brochure.

A companion to other booklets, "Prenatal Diagnosis of Hydrocephalus — A Book for Patients" is a concise, easy-to-read primer for expectant parents, their families and caregivers. Editorial reviewers include Alexa I. Canady, MD; Philip H. Cogen, MD, PhD; Michael Edwards, MD; Roger J. Hudgins, MD; J. Gordon McComb, MD; David G. McClone, MD; Donald H. Reigel, MD; Harold L. Rekate, MD; R. Michael Scott, MD; and Marion L. Walker, MD.

The Hydrocephalus Patient Brochure is a redesigned communication piece that provides a brief description of hydrocephalus, explains available treatment options, discusses the services and programs of the Hydrocephalus Association and provides instructions on how to contact the Association.

To order either publication, please call (415) 732-7040.

Book Review: A Patient-Centered Guide to Hydrocephalus

Hydrocephalus: A Guide for Patients, Families and Friends is the first detailed, patient-oriented trade book on hydrocephalus and a major milestone for the hydrocephalus community.

Without talking down to the reader, the authors — Chuck Toporek and Kellie Robinson — use casual language to cover both technical and general topics. It is an excellent resource guide for navigating through the complex array of medical, emotional, educational, financial and occasionally political issues endemic to hydrocephalus and its treatment.

To order your copy, visit Amazon Books at www.amazon.com.

AAP Establishes a Provisional Section of Pediatric Neurological Surgery

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is an organization of more than 55,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children and young adults.

Pediatric neurosurgery now has a home in the AAP's Provisional Section on Neurological Surgery. The Section will serve an educational role among pediatricians not only in the dissemination of knowledge about childhood neurosurgical conditions, but also in the promotion of the subspecialty of pediatric neurosurgery.

In order to shed its Provisional status, which lasts three years, the Section on Neurological Surgery must exceed a minimum membership of 40 Specialty Fellows, and must make a significant scientific or educational contribution to an AAP Annual Meeting. The AAP Steering Committee of the Provisional Section,

comprised of Marion L. Walker, MD, Chair; Robin P. Humphreys, MD; Hector E. James, MD; J. Gordon McComb, MD; Joseph H. Piatt, Jr., MD; and Harold L. Rekate, MD, is targeting the AAP Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., for the Section's kick-off event. A program jointly sponsored by the Section on Neurology is similarly being planned for October 2000. The Steering Committee strongly encourages pediatric neurosurgeons who support affiliation with the AAP to attend this meeting.

Specialty Fellowship status in the AAP is open to all Board-certified neurosurgeons who devote more than 50 percent of their practices to the care of infants, children and adolescents. Interested neurosurgeons may contact the AAP Division of Membership Services at (800) 433-9016, via e-mail at membership@aap.org or visit their Web site at www.aap.org/member/memhome.htm.

Spectacular Scientific Program Planned for the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery Annual Meeting

Plans are nearing completion for the 28th Annual Meeting of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery, slated to take place December 1-4, 1999 in Atlanta, Georgia. Joseph A. Petronio, MD, Annual Meeting Chair, said, "This year's meeting promises to be spectacular. The Scientific Program will showcase the latest innovations and research advances emerging in pediatric neurosurgery."

Some of the meeting highlights include:

- **Pre-Meeting Nurse's Seminar December 1, 12-5 PM**
Pediatric neurological nurses will have an opportunity to network with colleagues and participate in discussions on a variety of neurological topics.
- **Welcome Reception December 1, 6-8 PM**
The AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery will welcome members to the 28th Annual Meeting with an exciting evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Hyatt Atlanta in Buckhead. The event will be the ideal place for members to visit with old and new friends.
- **Breakfast Seminar I December 2, 7-8:15 AM**
R. Alexander Sanford, MD, and Jeffrey H. Wisoff, MD, will present a lively discussion on "Current and Future Clinical Trials in Pediatric Neuro-oncology in the Children's Oncology Group."
- **Raimondi Lecture December 2, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM**
Pediatric Section members are invited to attend an

exclusive presentation by David Schurtleff, MD, Professor and Chief of the Birth Defects Clinic at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, University of Washington. Dr. Schurtleff will discuss "Twenty Years of Observations on the Outcome of Children With Spina Bifida."

- **Special Luncheon Seminar December 2, 12:30-2 PM**
Residents and fellows are invited to attend this special luncheon, which will include a discussion on "Implications of the Managed Care Environment in Pediatric Neurological Surgery."
- **Annual Reception and Dinner December 2, 6:30-10:30 PM**
Join your colleagues for a spectacular evening of dinner and entertainment at the Annual Reception and Dinner. The event will be held at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History — the largest natural history museum in the Southeast.
- **Breakfast Seminar II December 3, 7-8:30 AM**
Bruce Storrs, MD, Leslie N. Sutton, MD, and Noel Tulipan, MD, will present a heated discussion on "Controversies in the In Utero Surgical Treatment of Myelomeningocele."
- **Breakfast Seminar III December 4, 7-8:30 AM**
Ira R. Abbott, III, MD, along with several other leaders in the field, will discuss "Surgical Management of Spasticity in the Child With Cerebral Palsy."

1999 AANS/CNS Pediatric Section Meeting Highlights At-A-Glance

Wednesday, December 1

Nurse's Seminar	12-5 PM
Welcome Reception	6-8 PM

Thursday, December 2

Breakfast Seminar I	7-8:15 AM
Exhibits and Poster Viewing	7-11:30 AM
Scientific Session I	8:30-9:45 AM
Scientific Session II	10:15-11:30 AM
Raimondi Lecture	11:30 AM-12:30 PM
Special Resident/Fellow Luncheon	12:30-2 PM
Exhibits and Poster Viewing	2-6 PM
Scientific Session III	2-4 PM
Scientific Session IV	4:30-6 PM
Annual Reception and Dinner	6:30-10:30 PM

Friday, December 3

Breakfast Seminar II	7-8:30 AM
Exhibits and Poster Viewing	7-11:30 AM
Scientific Session V	8:30-9:45 AM
Scientific Session VI	10:15 AM-12:30 PM
Exhibits and Poster Viewing	2-6 PM
Scientific Session VII	2-3:30 PM
Scientific Session VIII	3:30-5 PM
Wine and Cheese Reception	5-6 PM
Annual Business Meeting	6-6:30 PM

Saturday, December 4

Breakfast Seminar III	7-8:30 AM
Exhibits and Poster Viewing	7 AM-12 PM
Scientific Session IX	8:30-9:45 AM
Scientific Session X	10:15 AM-12 PM

Minutes of the Business Meeting

Thomas G. Leuerssen, MD

AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery April 28, 1999 ■ New Orleans, Louisiana

Marion L. Walker, MD, Chairman of the Section, called the Business Meeting of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery to order at 5:15 PM

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Section's December 2, 1998 were published in the March 1999 issue of the Pediatric Section newsletter, *Short Cuts*. There were no corrections to the minutes and they were approved by acclamation.

Financial Report

Dr. Walker gave a brief financial report on the Section. The Section's accounts showed an increase in their total net assets of roughly \$18,000 compared to 1997. No major changes in the financial status of the Section are predicted for this fiscal year.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Ann-Christine Duhaime, MD, Chair of the Membership Committee, proposed the following physicians for active membership in the Section: Wilson T. Asfora, MD; Samuel F. Ciricillo, Jr., MD; Richard Day, MD; Tenoch Herrada-Pineda, MD; Gregory W. Hornig, MD; Bermans J. Iskandar, MD; Cornelius H. Lam, MD; Mark Lee, MD; Thomas M. Moriarity, MD, PhD; Cheryl A. Muszynski, MD; John S. Myseros, MD; Joseph A. Petronio, MD; Mark R. Proctor, MD; John Ragheb, MD; Michael Vassilyadi, MD; John B. Waldman, MD; and Daniel Won, MD. All were approved by acclamation. Dr. Duhaime then proposed the following as International Associate members: Nejat Akalan, MD, and Guy M. Sava, MD. Both were approved by acclamation.

Rules and Regulations Committee

Alan R. Cohen, MD, Chair of the Rules and Regulations Committee, reviewed and proposed changes to the bylaws. All of the proposals had been circulated to the membership by way of the March 1999 issue of the Pediatric Section newsletter, *Short Cuts*. It was moved, seconded and approved that the changes be adopted.

Section Meeting

Dr. Walker reported that the plans for the 1999 Pediatric Section meeting were progressing well. The meeting is scheduled to take place Wednesday, December 1 through Saturday, December 4, 1999 at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta in

Buckhead. The meeting announcement and the call for abstracts will be announced this summer.

Announcements

Joseph Piatt, MD, reported that the Neurosurgical Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is now in place and is accepting Provisional members. It will be necessary for the Section to have a program on the AAP agenda for the October 2000 meeting. Joseph H. Piatt, Jr., MD, Hector E. James, MD, and the AAP Provisional Section Steering Committee are working with the AAP Section on Neurology to develop a program title. Dr. Piatt requested the support of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery for this new AAP Section.

Dr. Walker announced that Drs. Cohen, Duhaime, and Boop will continue to Chair the Rules and Regulations Committee, Membership Committee, and Program and Continuing Medical Education Committee, respectively. He also announced that Jeffery H. Wisoff, MD, will serve as Vice-Chair of the Program and Continuing Medical Education Committee.

In addition, Dr. Walker introduced the incoming Section Chair, John P. Laurent, MD. Dr. Laurent thanked Dr. Walker for his service to the Section and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

Membership Report

The membership of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery continues to grow, thanks in large part to the hard work and commitment of the Membership Committee, headed by Ann-Christine Duhaime, MD. Following is a list of new Section members recently approved at the AANS Annual Meeting in April 1999:

Nejat Akalan, MD	Cheryl A. Muszynski, MD
Wilson T. Asfora, MD	John S. Myseros, MD
Samuel F. Ciricillo, Jr., MD	Joseph A. Petronio, MD
Richard Day, MD	Mark R. Proctor, MD
Tenoch Herrada-Pineda, MD	John Ragheb, MD
Gregory W. Hornig, MD	Guy M. Sava, MD
Bermans J. Iskandar, MD	Michael Vassilyadi, MD
Cornelius H. Lam, MD	John B. Waldman, MD
Mark Lee, MD	Daniel Won, MD
Thomas M. Moriarity, MD, PhD	

For more information on how you, or someone you know can become a member, visit the Pediatric Section of

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www.neurosurgery.org

Spectacular Scientific Program

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AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery Annual Meeting

Grand Hyatt Atlanta
Atlanta (Buckhead), Georgia
December 1-4, 1999

Meeting highlights include:

- **Pre-Meeting Nurse Seminar** offers pediatric neurological nurses the opportunity to participate in discussions on a variety of neurological topics.
- **Three Breakfast Seminars** on exceptional educational topics to include:
 - Current and Future Clinical Trials in Pediatric Neuro-oncology in the Children's Oncology Group
 - Controversies in the *In Utero* Surgical Treatment of Myelomeningocele
 - Surgical Management of Spasticity in the Child With Cerebral Palsy
- **Ten Scientific Sessions** presented by leading experts in pediatric neurosurgery.
- **Exhibit Booths** displaying the latest technology in pediatric neurosurgery.
- **Presentation** of scientific papers and scientific posters.
- **Special Lunch Seminar for Residents and Fellows** focusing on "Implications of the Managed Care Environment in Pediatric Neurological Surgery."
- **Special Raimondi Lecture** titled "20 Years of Observations on the Outcome of Children with Spina Bifida" will be given by David Schurtleff, MD, Professor and Chief of the Birth Defects Clinic at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center, University of Washington.
- **Social Events** for registrants and their guests to interact with others in the field of pediatric neurosurgery include:
 - Opening Reception at the Grand Hyatt Atlanta
 - Annual Reception and Banquet at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History
 - Friday Wine and Cheese Reception in the Exhibit Hall
 - Spouse/Guest Tours and Hospitality Suite

Who Should Attend:

The educational sessions will be directed toward the neurosurgeon, resident, nurse clinician, and physician assistant and will be directly applicable to the practice of pediatric neurosurgery.

For further information contact:

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Pediatric Traveling Fellowship Available

The AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery has established a one-month fellowship intended to cover travel and living expenses for a resident who wishes to broaden his or her exposure to pediatric neurosurgery. Two fellowships are awarded each year on the basis of an evaluation by a committee of the Pediatric Section, and the maximum fellowship stipend is \$2,500.

Residents interested in applying should send: 1) statement regarding the purpose of the proposed fellowship and estimated expenses; 2) written permission to apply for the fellowship from the applicant's program director; 3) letter of acceptance from the institution where the applicant will seek to fellowship to:

R. Michael Scott, MD
The Children's Hospital
Department of Neurosurgery
300 Longwood Avenue, Bader 319
Boston, Massachusetts 02115

**The Application Deadline for Submission is
October 15, 1999.**



We Want to Hear From You

The AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery is interested in hearing your comments or queries on this newsletter.

Please send your thoughts to:
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