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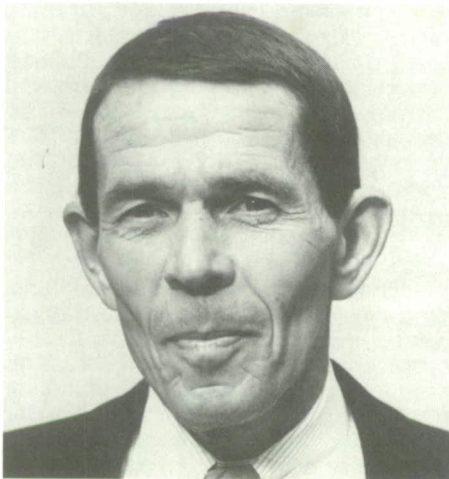
CHARLES B. WILSON M.D., HONORED GUEST OF THE CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

Charles Byron Wilson was born August 31, 1929, in Neosho, Missouri, in the heart of the Ozarks. Known as the City of Flowers, Neosho (pop. 5,000) was featured in *Life* magazine as a typical 1940's American small town. Dr. Wilson's father was a druggist and an important member of the community.

As a young man, Dr. Wilson was influenced by a Tulane alumnus living in Neosho, and went to New Orleans on a football scholarship, planning to enter either medicine or the ministry. His career at halfback was relatively short lived and he settled on medicine, graduating first in his class in 1954. Dr. George Burch, the esteemed cardiologist, nearly convinced Dr. Wilson to go into internal medicine. Dr. Wilson took a rotating internship and 1 year in pathology at Charity Hospital, finding neuropathology, neurology and neuroanatomy fascinating. He was drawn to neurosurgery by Dr. Dean Echols, the respected mentor of many Tulane neurosurgeons. During his time in New Orleans, Dr. Wilson was able to put his musical talent to work playing the piano in the French Quarter.

After completing his residency at Tulane, he joined the faculty briefly before becoming Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery at Louisiana State University Medical School from 1961 to 1963, and won the Best Teacher Award in 1963. That same year he moved to Lexington, Kentucky, and established the Division of Neurosurgery at the University of Kentucky. While there, he pursued his increasing interest in malignant gliomas and developed laboratory and clinical research programs. He received both the Outstanding Clinical Instructor and Outstanding Clinical Professor Awards at Kentucky. He then was named Professor and Chairman of the Division of Neurosurgery at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), in 1968, and established the internationally respected Department of Neurosurgery there in 1970. He has been Tong-Po Kan Professor of Neurosurgery since 1985.

Dr. Wilson has expertise and extensive experience in many facets of neurosurgery, and has a special interest in pituitary



Charles B. Wilson, M.D., Honored Guest

disorders, having performed more than 2,000 transsphenoidal operations. Aneurysms, particularly of the posterior circulation, and the cervical spine also are areas of particular interest. However, Dr. Wilson justifiably is most proud of his accomplishments related to the establishment of the Brain Tumor Research Center at UCSF, which not only treats over 400 brain tumor patients each year, but also has contributed extensively to basic and applied research in neurooncology.

He has received numerous awards and honors and has been the Wilder Penfield Lecturer, the Herbert Olivecrona Lecturer, and the R. Eustace Semmes Lecturer. He has published over 500 articles and chapters and has served on numerous editorial boards, including that of the *Journal of Neurosurgery* which he chaired from 1981 to 1983.

Dr. Wilson is a charismatic, scholarly, dedicated and energetic leader and surgeon. He has contributed significantly to medical science and trained a growing number of neurosurgeons who are continuing his tradition of excellence in patient care and investigation of nervous system disorders. We are delighted to have him as the Honored Guest for the Congress of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting in Los Angeles.

1990 CNS ANNUAL MEETING

Plans for the Scientific and Social Programs for the 40th Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) have been completed. The meeting starts on Saturday, October 20, 1990, and will run through Thursday, October 25, 1990. The main convention hotel is the Century Plaza Hotel and Tower. Special highlights of this meeting include three major scientific presentations by our Honored Guest, Dr. Charles B. Wilson, on glioblastomas, cryptic vascular malformations and endocrine-inactive pituitary adenomas.

The Scientific Program will begin with a special three hour workshop on Sunday morning aimed at educating neurosurgeons on techniques to better influence politicians and funding providers, during the "Decade of the Brain." The workshop is entitled "Techniques for Influencing and Educating Politicians for Philanthropic Fund Raising." An outstanding panel of four individuals will be directed and moderated by Dr. Russell Travis, the current Chairman of the Joint Council of State Neurosurgical Societies (JCSNS). The panel will consist of Dr. Albert Rhoton, immediate Past-President of the AANS, and two Washington attorneys. Mr. Charles Plante, who is an attorney and a lobbyist for neurosurgery in Washington, will also participate on the panel. Considering the political climate in Washington and the potential changes in the delivery of neurosurgical care, this workshop should provide valuable insight into possible ways we may influence this process.

Practical courses will be held on Sunday. These courses will again include skull base surgery, cervical and thoracolumbar spine instrumentation, stereotactic surgery and aneurysm surgery. An exciting course on endovascular interventional neurosurgery will be presented for the first time. On Sunday afternoon a special course on the management of vascular malformations will be offered. The Section on Pediatric Neurosurgery and the Section on Functional and Stereotactic Surgery will also put on their programs on Sunday afternoon.

Lawrence H. Pitts, M.D.

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WASHINGTON REPORT: NATIONAL PRACTITIONER DATA BANK

Background

Public Law 99-660, the "Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986," established the National Practitioner Data Bank, an information clearinghouse, to collect and release certain information related to the professional conduct of physicians, dentists, and other health care practitioners with the purpose of promoting effective professional peer review and furthering quality health care. The information contained in the Data Bank comprises an "alert" system for use in guiding discrete inquiry into and scrutiny of specific areas of a practitioner's licensure, professional society memberships, medical malpractice payment history, and record of clinical privileges.

The Data Bank is scheduled to begin operating on September 1, 1990. The Unysis Corp. will operate the Data Bank under a contract with the Health Resources and Human Services Administration of the U.S. Public Health Service.

Mechanics of the Data Bank

The Data Bank collects and releases to certain parties the following information:

- Medical malpractice payments
- Adverse licensure actions
- Adverse actions on clinical privileges
- Adverse actions on professional society memberships

Certain entities are required to report such information to the Data Bank and those entities are also permitted to retrieve such information from the Data Bank when making determinations of a physician's competence. Failure to comply with the reporting requirements can lead to sanctions imposed by the U.S. Government.

I. Who Must Report? (See Table 1)

The reporting requirements are applicable to hospitals, health care entities, state medical boards, professional societies of physicians which engage in formal peer review, and entities or individuals making payments as a result of medical malpractice actions or claims.

II. What Actions are Reportable?

State medical boards must report to the Data Bank certain disciplinary actions relating to professional competence or conduct. Such actions include licensure revocation, suspension, censure, reprimand, probation, and surrender. State medical boards that fail to report the required information can have the responsibility to report removed from them by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Secretary will designate another qualified entity to report the Data Bank information.

Medical malpractice insurers, or other persons or entities, that make payments under an insurance policy, self insurance, or otherwise for the benefit of a physician in settlement of or in satisfaction in whole or in part of a claim or a judgement against such physician must report that information to the Data Bank. An insurance company which fails to report information on a medical malpractice payment will be subject to a civil money penalty of up to \$10,000 for each such payment involved.

Hospitals and other health care entities which engage in a formal professional review process must report certain adverse actions they have taken against the clinical privileges of a physician to the Data Bank. Such adverse actions include reducing, restricting, suspending, revoking, denying, or failing to renew clinical privileges. Reportable actions must be based on reasons relating to professional competence or conduct which affects or could adversely affect the health or welfare of a patient. A hospital which fails to comply with the reporting requirements can lose, for three years, the immunity protection afforded to it by the "Health Care Quality Improvement Act" for professional review actions it takes against physicians.

Professional societies which engage in a professional review process must report adverse membership actions, i.e., loss or denial of membership, to the Data Bank. This does not include actions involving censures, reprimands, or admonishments. Reportable actions must be based on reasons relating to professional competence or conduct which affects or could adversely affect the health or welfare of a patient. A professional society which has substantially failed to report adverse membership actions will lose, for three years, the immunity protections provided under the "Health Care Quality Improvement Act" for professional review actions it takes against the physician.

Entity/Action	Physicians Dentists	Other Licensed Health Care Practitioners
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURERS <i>Payments resulting from written claim or judgement.</i>	Must report	Must report
STATE LICENSING BOARDS <i>Licensure disciplinary action based on reasons related to professional competence or conduct.</i>	Must report	No reporting requirements
HOSPITALS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE ENTITIES <i>Professional review action, based on reasons related to professional competence or conduct adversely affecting clinical privileges for a period longer than 30 days, or voluntary surrender or restrictions of clinical privileges while under, or to avoid investigation.</i>	Must report	May report
PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES <i>Professional review section, based on reasons related to professional competence or conduct, adversely affecting membership.</i>	Must report	May report

Source: National Practitioner Data Bank Guidebook

III. Who May Request Information From the Data Bank? (See Table II)

State medical boards are permitted, but not required, to request information from the Data Bank at any time as they deem necessary.

Medical malpractice insurers are not authorized to request information from the Data Bank on physicians.

Hospitals are the only entities with mandatory requirements to request information from the Data Bank. Hospitals must request information from the Data Bank as follows:

- At the time a physician applies for a position on its medical staff or for clinical privileges at the hospital
- Every two years concerning any physician who is on its medical staff, or has clinical privileges at the hospital

Hospitals may request information from the Data Bank at any other time as they deem necessary or with respect to professional review activity. A hospital which fails to make a required query to the Data Bank is presumed to have knowledge of the information contained in the Data Bank on the individual whom it has appointed to its medical staff or granted clinical privileges. When a hospital fails to make a mandatory request for information from the Data Bank, a plaintiff's attorney has the opportunity to obtain Data Bank information and utilize it in a malpractice action against the hospital.

Other health care entities, such as HMO's, may request information from the Data Bank when they have entered or may be entering employment or affiliation with a physician or with respect to professional review activities.

Professional Societies may request information from the Data Bank when they have entered or may be entering affiliation (membership) relationships with a physician or with respect to professional review activities.

Physicians may request information from the Data Bank regarding their own files.

Plaintiff attorneys are permitted to obtain information from the Data Bank under limited conditions. Obtaining Data Bank information on a physician is permitted only after evidence is submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services demonstrating that the hospital failed to make a mandatory query from the Data Bank regarding the physician named by the plaintiff in a malpractice action. This information is not available to the plaintiff through the Data Bank. Rather, evidence that the hospital failed to request information from the Data Bank must be obtained by the plaintiff from the hospital through discovery in the litigation process. The information obtained by the plaintiff can only be used with respect to a legal action against the hospital and not the physician.

1990 Annual Meeting, cont.

The first General Scientific Session on Monday will focus on modern medical imaging and will update neurosurgeons on the latest practical application of imaging and also present ideas on what will be forthcoming in the future. On Monday afternoon an exciting course entitled "Neurosurgery in the Year 2000" will be presented by the Joint Council of State Neurosurgical Societies (JCSNS) and will address a number of important socio-economic issues facing neurosurgery today. Congressman Pete Stark will lead off the session. He will be joined by Samuel O. Thier, President of the Institute of Medicine. Michael Hash, who works with the Health and Environment Subcommittee of the House of Representatives will speak, as well as Linda Jenckes, who is with the Health Insurance Association of America.

The Tuesday General Scientific Session will be devoted to current concepts in the treatment of disorders of the thoracic spine. On Tuesday afternoon there will be a special course addressing several controversial areas of stereotactic surgery.

On Wednesday the General Scientific Session will be divided between current techniques for radiosurgery and a discussion on the indications for the surgical treatment of epilepsy. Both of these discussions will be clinically oriented so that neurosurgeons in practice can ultimately incorporate these advances into their own practice. On Wednesday afternoon a special course on endovascular therapeutic techniques will be



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available to a large audience and will include several experts in this field.

The final session on Thursday morning will be entirely devoted to the subject of acoustic neuromas and will involve both didactic discussions of contemporary approaches to acoustic neuromas as well as a lively panel discussion of controversial cases presented by Dr. Julian Hoff.

The Luncheon Seminars this year continue to address a wide variety of controversial neurosurgical topics and will involve both seasoned neurosurgeons with wide experience as well as younger neurosurgeons with innovative ideas. The very popular special luncheon for the residents will be held again this year during which time they will meet personally with our Honored Guest, Dr. Charles B. Wilson.

The Scientific Program will be complimented by an equally exciting social program for guests, members, and spouses. On Sunday evening, October 21, 1990, the entire

membership will be transported to Universal Studios for an opening reception that promises to leave us all with fun-filled memories. The studio's tram will take us along an exciting behind-the-scenes look to see how movies are made and then we will travel the "Streets of the World" and visit the new Entertainment Center. Cocktails and snacks will be provided as we greet old friends and make new acquaintances. The banquet will take us back to the time of "Cafe Mogambo" so be sure to make your banquet reservations early to get a good seat for the festivities.

These are but a few of the many "star quality" events planned for this meeting. On behalf of the Annual Meeting Committee we look forward to welcoming you to Los Angeles.

Martin B. Camins, M.D.
Chairman
Annual Meeting Committee

William F. Chandler, M.D.
Chairman
Scientific Program Committee

Washington Report, cont.

Defense attorneys are *not* permitted access to the Data Bank because the defendant is already permitted to request information from the Data Bank on his own behalf.

Entity	Information Request (Query) Service
HOSPITALS <i>Screening applicants for medical staff appointment or granting of clinical privileges every 2 years for physicians, dentists or other health care practitioners on the medical staff or granted clinical privileges.</i>	Must request
HOSPITALS <i>At times as they deem necessary</i>	May request
OTHER HEALTH CARE ENTITIES <i>Screening applicants for medical staff appointment or granting of clinical privileges; supporting professional review activities.</i>	May request
PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES <i>Screening applicants for membership or affiliation; supporting professional review activities.</i>	May request
PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY <i>Plaintiff's attorney or plaintiff representing himself or herself who has filed a medical malpractice action or claim in a state or federal court or other adjudicative body against a hospital when evidence is submitted which reveals the hospital failed to make a required query of the Data Bank on the practitioner(s) also named in the action or claim.</i>	May request
PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS & OTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS <i>Regarding their own files.</i>	May request
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURERS	May not request

Source: National Practitioner Data Bank Guidebook

IV. Confidentiality

Information reported to the Data Bank is confidential and shall not be disclosed except in certain situations. For each violation of confidentiality, a civil money penalty of up

to \$10,000 can be imposed. Information acquired from the Data Bank may only be used for the purposes for which it was obtained. For example, a hospital which is evaluating whether or not it will extend clinical privileges to a physician may only use information obtained from the Data Bank for this purpose. Moreover, an eligible entity receiving information from the Data Bank may only disclose Data Bank information to those individuals responsible for reviewing the physician's application for clinical privileges.

V. Accuracy of Information

Entities and individuals are responsible for the accuracy of the information which they report to the Data Bank. When an entity reports information to the Data Bank a "Report Verification Document" is sent to the reporting entity to ensure that Data Bank files accurately reflect the information reported. If there are any inaccuracies, the entity should correct the information and notify the Data Bank to this effect. When information is reported to the Data Bank, a "Practitioner Notification Document" is sent to the practitioner who is the subject of the report. When a physician believes there is an inaccuracy in the information of the report, he should attempt to discuss any disagreement(s) directly with the entity and *not* with the Data Bank. Correction(s) must be submitted to the Data Bank by the reporting entity. Practitioners *cannot* submit changes. However, if discussions with the reporting entity fail to

resolve the disagreement(s), the practitioner may request the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to review the accuracy of the disputed report. The Secretary will then make the final determination.

Future Modifications of Data Bank

The current operations of the Data Bank are aimed only at collecting and releasing information as authorized by the "Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986." It should be noted, however, that the Department of Health and Human Services is currently drafting regulations to implement Section 5 of Public Law 100-93, the "Medicare and Medicaid Patient and Program Protection Act of 1987," which would expand the activities of the Data Bank. This section would permit certain groups to obtain information from the Data Bank regarding adverse actions taken by state licensing boards against licensed health care practitioners. This new group of queriers will *not* be alarms

- Authorities of a state or its political subdivisions responsible for licensing health care practitioners and health care entities
- State Medicaid Fraud Control Units
- U.S. Attorney General and other law enforcement officials
- Utilization and Quality Control Peer Review Organizations (PROs)

Katherine J. O'Meara

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Relations Advisory Committee

The first Science Writers Seminar was successfully held in Washington, D.C., in July. Topics included an introduction to neurosurgery (Dr. David L. Kelly, Jr.), spinal injury and repair (Dr. Thomas G. Saul), stroke (Dr. Thoralf Sundt), and computers/stereotactic surgery (Dr. Barton L. Guthrie), with Dr. Edward R. Laws, Jr., serving as host and moderator. Also participating were representatives from Codman, Storz, Aesculap, Valleylab, Radionics, and Elekta, demonstrating the latest in high-tech equipment utilized by the specialty. In attendance were media representatives from *USA Today*, *JAMA*, Newhouse News Service, Reuters, US Information Agency Voice of America, Ottawa News Agency, and *Graphics News*, as well as freelancers. All agreed that this first effort to introduce the media to neurological surgery was a success, and that further activities should be continued in the future.

Media planning is beginning for the CNS meeting in Los Angeles, with the identification of topics and speakers of most interest. It is anticipated that two mornings of media briefings will be held, in our ongoing effort to educate the media about the specialty. Other interviews will be scheduled as requested.

Two new patient brochures have been developed. "What is a Stroke?" and "What is a Slipped Disc?" are complimentary brochures to the existing "What is Neurosurgery?" Information on availability and prices can be obtained by calling the AANS National Office, (708) 692-9500.

Mark J. Kubala, M.D.

Joint Committee on Education

Obtaining CME Credits for a program you are sponsoring:

The subcommittee on Self-Assessment and Sponsorship of the Joint Committee on Education is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide CME credits for programs and courses in neurosurgery. The procedure for obtaining credits is as follows:

1. Contact the CME Coordinator at the address listed below to obtain an application as you begin to plan your program.

2. The questions on the application which you will need to be able to answer are as follows:

- What are the objectives of your proposed program?
- How do you assess the needs of your target audience?
- Describe how your educational program addresses the needs of your prospective participants.

- How do you make the objectives known to your participants? Is there specific background information the physicians need?
- State how you select your faculty, and how you allow for exchange of ideas between participants and faculty in your proposed program.
- Describe how you assess the effectiveness of your faculty and your learning aids.
- How do you evaluate the effectiveness of your program?
- Describe how the results of the evaluation of your activity are used in future planning.

3. Send your application to the CME office. The CME Coordinator will review the application and assign a liaison person from our committee who will go over the application form with you; your responsibility as program director is to answer the questions which are listed above.

4. The liaison will evaluate your program and make a decision to accept or reject.

5. The CME Coordinator will notify you in writing of your program's status. If your program is approved, your liaison neurosurgeon and the program director will work together to plan the educational content of the program and its evaluation.

For further information, please contact:

Marylee Marsh
CME Coordinator
The Joint Committee on Education
of the AANS/CNS
Neurosurgical Office
Children's Hospital
300 Longwood Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
(617) 735-6008

Peter McL. Black, M.D.



National Head and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Program

At the American Association of Neurological Surgeons 58th Annual Meeting in Nashville on April 30, President Albert L. Rhoton, Jr., M.D., unveiled the new slogan and logo of the award-winning National Head and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Program. THINK FIRST will replace the original program name and logo this summer.

"The HSCIP program is the largest single joint effort of the AANS and CNS, and the only one devoted to public service. Those neurosurgeons who are intimately involved with this program can attest to the personal and professional satisfaction that it brings," Dr. Rhoton said to the membership during the annual convocation.

"To ensure its long-term viability and its integrity as a neurosurgically sponsored program, we are creating the mechanisms to provide long-term funding for the effort. New funds will allow us to provide additional services to the local efforts of neurosurgeons, produce materials more appropriate for urban and minority audiences, and heighten neurosurgery's profile as a leader in traumatic injury prevention.

"To this end, we have chosen THINK FIRST as the official new name for the National Head and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Program. The message is the same: we are encouraging the public, especially young people, to use their minds to protect their bodies," Dr. Rhoton said.

He added, "In the coming months you will be hearing more about the THINK FIRST program. I encourage the participation and support of each and every member and friend of neurosurgery."



Downtown Los Angeles

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee of the CNS met on Tuesday, May 1, 1990, at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

As a result of its deliberations, the Nominating Committee submits the following list of nominees for Officers and Executive Committee Members of the CNS:

President William F. Chandler, M.D.
Vice President John R. Little, M.D.
Treasurer Ralph G. Dacey, M.D.

Nominees for Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons are as follows:

Roy P. Baker, M.D.
Stephen J. Haines, M.D.

To fill the unexpired term of Dr. Ralph Dacey the nominee is

H. Hunt Batjer, M.D.

J. Michael McWhorter, M.D.

Bylaws Committee

In the spring of 1988, the leadership of the CNS was informed by counsel that our Bylaws did not conform to contemporary organizational structure, and in fact did not properly indemnify us against possible legal action as the CNS deals with current scientific, but, more particularly, socioeconomic problems in a changing milieu. In addition it became obvious that our original charter in Tennessee did not afford the CNS certain advantages obtained by a corporation in a state whose laws favor tax advantage organizations.

After considerable deliberation, a project was launched to rewrite the Bylaws, taking care not to change the basic functions of the CNS, and to move our site of incorporation to Washington D.C. Hogan and Hartson, a prestigious Washington law firm, was retained to guide our efforts. Every step has been considered in depth, with no small amount of debate, over approximately two

years by the Officers and Executive Committee of the CNS. We, as your elected representatives, submit it for your approval, recognizing that although certain imperfections may exist, and all eventualities cannot be forecast, it represents our best effort over a prolonged period.

We think you will agree with the unanimous recommendations of the Officers and Executive Committee to approve our new Bylaws. Please mark your mail ballot appropriately and return it to the Secretary's Office.

Please sign the outside of the envelope and return the ballot to Dr. Thomas G. Saul, Department of Neurological Surgery, Mayfield Neurological Institute, 506 Oak Street, Cincinnati, OH 45219.

Martin B. Camins, M.D.
Hal L. Hankinson, M.D.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Candidates to be submitted to the Executive Committee in October 1990:

Alemo-Hammad, Saeid
Bailes, Julian E.
Brakel, Arlo
* Brotchi, Jacques
* Concha, Selim Guitierrez
Diefenbach, William P.
Douglas, Richard A.
* El-Gindi, Sayed
Ellenbogen, Richard
Flannery, Ann Marie
Goldman, Warren H.
Gorecki, John P.
Grewe, Kent
Jho, Hae Dong
* Kato, Yoko
* Khosla, V.K.
Kopitnik, Thomas A., Jr.
Kuric, Steven P.

Lee, Kenneth S.
Leech, James J.
Lowder, Carl E. Jr.
McKowen, Carson
* Mahapatra, A.K.
Massetm, Clinton E.
Neal, John
Newell, David W.
* Ohaegbulam, Samuel C.
Oppenheimer, Jeffrey H.
* Penagos-Gonzalez, Pedro J.
Salerni, Anthony A.
* Sano, Hirotooshi
Schmidt, John H. III
Stechison, Michael T.
Stephenson, Sigurdur
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SECTION REPORTS:

Joint Section on Tumors

The Joint Section Workshop at the 1990 CNS Annual Meeting in Los Angeles will involve a program on the topic of "Management of Spinal Tumors." Dr. George Krol from Sloan-Kettering will present radiologic diagnostic techniques and Dr. Vallo Benjamin from NYU will discuss the surgical treatment of benign tumors of the spine. Dr. Jae Ho Kim from Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit will present the role of radiation therapy and Dr. Narayan Sundaresan from Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York will discuss the surgical treatment of malignant tumors of the spine.

The winner of the Preuss Resident Research Award for the 1990 CNS Annual Meeting is Alfred P. Bowles, M.D., a resident at the University of Georgia. His talk entitled, "MAOB-Anti-TGE Enhances the Alpha Cystostasis Activity of BRMs in Human Malignant Gliomas" will be presented at the Tumor Workshop. Six other papers will also be presented during the Joint Section Workshop on Wednesday, October 24.

The Joint Section Workshop at the AANS Annual Meeting in Nashville featured a program on "Optic Pathway Gliomas." The natural history, biology, pathology, and surgical treatment of optic pathway gliomas were discussed in detail. Charles Gordon, M.D., a resident in neurosurgery at the Medical College of Virginia, won the Preuss Resident Award at the AANS Meeting in Nashville.

The Preuss Foundation will continue to fund the Resident Research Award on a regular basis. This will provide a \$500.00



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award for the best paper at each Annual Meeting of *both* the AANS and the CNS. Applicants should submit the standard abstract form for the annual meetings and, in addition, be prepared to submit an expanded abstract.

The Tumor Section is putting together a comprehensive list of brain tumor support groups throughout the United States and possibly Canada. This list will eventually be distributed to all neurosurgeons and neurooncologists. If you know of an organized support group in your state related in any way to tumors of the nervous system, please send that information to Sharon

Lamb, R.N., Department of Neurosurgery, University of California, San Francisco, CA 94143. Her office phone is (415) 476-8861.

The second survey of Neuro-Oncology Fellowships in North America will be completed soon and will be published in the Joint Section Newsletter and sent to all Program Directors.

If you are interested in joining the Section on Tumors as an Active, International or Resident Member, please write to Dr. Peter Black, Chairman, Division of Neurosurgery, Brigham and Women's Hospital, 75 Francis Street, Boston, MA 02115.

William F. Chandler, M.D.

VIDEOTAPE LIBRARY

The Videotape Library of the CNS remains an excellent source for instruction and review of neurosurgical practice and operative techniques performed by a wide variety of neurological surgeons. The library and its many video volumes are available to CNS members at the annual meeting each year. Viewing facilities will be available for individual review or review by small groups.

New to the Videotape Library this year are formalized single-subject instructional videotapes. The Executive Committee of the CNS has approved a joint venture by the CNS and Quality Medical Publishing of St. Louis, Missouri, which will generate four educational-instructional videotapes per year depicting specifics of individual neurosurgical operative procedures as performed by

recognized experts. Accompanying each 20 to 30-minute videotape of the specific operative procedure will be a study manual which will compliment the video portion of the presentation with photographs and anatomic drawings of the operative approach, radiographs of operative pathology, discussions on surgical indications, pitfalls and results by the experts, a list of contemporary references and a CME self-assessment test. Information on this new and exciting CNS-QMP neurosurgical instructional videotape series will be available with the videotape library at the annual meeting in Los Angeles, in the Plaza Room, Monday through Wednesday, October 22-24, 1990, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Mark V. Hadley, M.D.

TORT REFORM

The American Tort Reform Association (ATRA) has produced a 28-minute videotape about the need for tort reform. The issues of product liability and medical liability are addressed with a simple explanation by professional actors in the docudrama, "When They Cancelled the Fourth of July." The videotape is not for lawyers or legislators but for civic groups, school classes, Rotary, Kiwanis, and similar organizations.

There is an accompanying fact sheet which cites the specific court case or article documenting each aspect of the film. For those involved in tort reform, this is an excellent aid especially because medicine is shown as being involved but only as part of the whole problem. The videotape is free and available by calling (202) 682-1163 or writing

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Washington, D.C. 20005

RESIDENT'S CORNER

Annual Meeting

The 1990 CNS Annual Meeting will be held at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles. The meeting is designed with the educational needs of the young neurosurgeon in mind. Resident members receive free meeting registration and reduced rates on many activities. A special Resident Luncheon will be held, featuring the Honored Guest, Dr. Charles Wilson. Please make every effort to attend.

CNS Clinical Fellowships

The application deadline for the 1991 CNS Clinical Fellowships is January 15, 1991. There will be up to five fellowship grants available in amounts of up to \$5,000 apiece. These grants are intended to support clinical research, of three to six months duration, which is not otherwise formally funded. Please write to me for further information or an application.

Placement Services

The Resident Committee will run a special placement service booth at the Annual Meeting. Those looking for a job or looking for a partner should visit the booth, where appropriate information can be left. After computer matching, you will be contacted with a list of available jobs or applicants. For further information on private practice opportunities, please contact:

Harold P. Smith, M.D.
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Nashville, Tennessee 37203

For information about academic neurosurgery opportunities, please write:

Richard G. Fessler, M.D.
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Resident Membership

For a one-time fee of \$25, CNS Resident Members receive the following benefits: reduced subscription rate of *Neurosurgery*, free *Clinical Neurosurgery*, reduced rates at the Annual meeting, involvement in the CNS Committee Structure, eligibility for the CNS Clinical Fellowships, and free Practice Placement Assistance.

All inquiries regarding Resident Membership should be addressed to:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Course To Be Given On Techniques of Lobbying

The Joint Council of State Neurosurgical Societies (JCSNS) along with the Joint Task Force on the Decade of the Brain is sponsoring a seminar on influencing public opinion at federal and state legislatures. As well this course will cover techniques in approaching private philanthropic organizations to request donations for research activities in neurosurgical departments.

The three-hour seminar will be divided into two parts. The first part will consist of several aspects directed toward obtaining funding through governmental agencies, including:

a) A review of the roles of Congress, the Administration, NIH and specific institutes with regard to neurosurgical research, with general information about the Congressional budget process.

b) The value of lobbying, especially in regard to the benefit of establishing a long-term relationship with members of Congress and the benefits which can accrue on the local level and on the federal level.

c) The techniques of lobbying. This section will cover two aspects: the role and

techniques of Washington-based lobbies, and the techniques available to grass-roots advocates.

This portion will be given by Charles Plante, Washington lobbyist for neurosurgery, as well as Lawrence S. Hoffheimer and R. Morgan Downey, Executive Directors of the National Coalition for Research (NCR).

The second part of the seminar will address the techniques neurosurgeons can utilize to approach private philanthropic organizations to obtain donations for Neurosurgical Research and other neurosurgical activities such as Endowed Chairs, etc. Dr. Albert Rhoton has succeeded in obtaining 7 Endowed Chairs at the University of Florida, and will share the techniques he has found helpful in doing so. This seminar will be extremely beneficial in encouraging neurosurgeons to become more active and effective in advocating greater neurosurgical research.

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Oral Board Examination Preparation

The CNS will be offering a mock board examination and counseling for persons who have taken but not passed the oral examination. Anyone interested in taking a mock

board should contact Dr. Howard H. Kaufman, M.D., Department of Neurosurgery, West Virginia University Medical School (or Robin or Joyce), phone (304) 293-5041.

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CNS Membership Roster

The CNS is currently in the process of upgrading all computer equipment in the Secretary's and Treasurer's offices. A new computerized membership information profile is being developed. In the near future you will be receiving a comprehensive information questionnaire. Upon completion of this project, the CNS will have current and accurate information on all members. In the meantime, the membership roster appearing in the 1990 Annual Meeting Program Book will contain some inaccuracies. These will be corrected when the new system is implemented.

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