

# NEUROLOG FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is NeuroLog?

A: NeuroLog is the database used by candidates to log and submit their practice data as part of their application for the ABNS Oral Examination. Cases will be submitted and reviewed electronically via this system. It is not intended for Fellows, Diplomates logging cases for MOC or personal use.

Q: How do I get a NeuroLog account?

A: Email [abns@tmhs.org](mailto:abns@tmhs.org) and request an account. Be sure to include your full name.

Q: Should I enter in all of my personal information in the "My Account" tab?

A: No. Do not enter any personal information such as address, phone number, date of birth, gender, where you trained, etc. **The only information you must add is your preferred email address.** If it will not let you save your email address without other information, please put an "x" in all other required fields.

Q: What is the minimum amount of information that must be input before I can save an incomplete case?

A: The minimum amount of information you need to enter in order to save (submit) a form as incomplete is patient name, medical record #, and operation date. This will put the patient's name in your case log and you can go back and enter other data at a later time.

Q: Why are there no hospitals on the dropdown menu?

A: Prior to entering any cases you will need to manually enter your hospitals. To do this, click on My Account, Manage Code Lists, Hospitals, Edit Hospital List, New Code. Enter only the hospital name. **Do not enter any dates.**

Q: How much data do I need to collect?

A: You must collect 150 consecutive surgical cases, excluding minor procedures, performed over a period of not more than 18 months. The oldest case should not be older than 2 years old at the time of submission. Do not include consults or assists.

Q: What constitutes a "minor procedure" that should be omitted from my case log?

A: Please refer to the PDF "Minor Procedures".

Q: What do I do if the CPT code I am looking for does not appear on the list?

A: Click on the "Edit" button. Enter the CPT code that you are looking for and click on the "Search" button. If the CPT code appears, highlight the code and select "Add". The CPT codes are not constantly maintained. It is possible that the code you are looking for hasn't been uploaded to the system. If that is the case, choose the CPT that is closest to the procedure you performed.

Q: How do I know if I have put enough information in the textbox?

A: When you are entering your cases, keep this in mind: When the reviewer looks at each case, he/she must be able to see what the patient presented with that caused you to order the selected tests which then led to the surgery or non-surgery. The early and late outcomes must reflect how the surgery corrected or didn't correct the presenting problem and the effect on the patient's condition...."feeling better", "as expected", or "doing well" are not sufficient!

Q: Where did all my cases go? I've entered in many cases but now none (or few) are showing!

A: You have a filter set. Make sure the Advanced Search is open. Make sure that "all forms" is selected for each option and that you have no text (including a space) in any of the text boxes and that no hospital is selected.