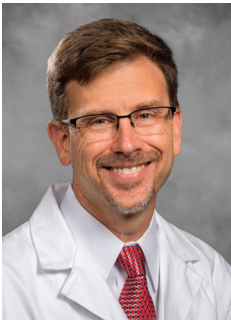


Pediatric Short Cuts

AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery

CHAIR'S MESSAGE



"The Power of Partnership"

The theme chosen by our annual meeting hosts emphasizes the importance of teamwork and partnership in delivering the best neurosurgical care to our patients, but also describes a key successful characteristic of our Joint Section.

I am often humbled by and

impressed with the creativity, hard work, and volunteerism demonstrated by my fellow officers and the numerous committee chairs, co-chairs, and committee members that comprise our Section leadership. The Section organization provides some scaffolding to support the members, but many of the recent successful initiatives have been conceived and led by the various committee members, in partnership with the Section organization.

Earlier this year, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the ISPN to align our efforts given our similar memberships and mission statements. Since signing the MOU, we have begun to collaborate on the educational aspect of our missions by contributing archived Section content such as our bimonthly education curriculum webinars to the ISPN Library, to further disseminate these informative and interesting clinical webinars. These webinars themselves are a great example of collaboration and partnership...interesting topics are selected by the Lectures and Webinars subcommittee and moderated by



content experts from within our membership, with contributions from residents, fellows, and faculty. Our Research Committee is organizing a brand new multicenter prospective pediatric brain tumor registry in conjunction with NeuroPoint Alliance, and seeking 20 centers to kickstart this registry effort.

Another partnership worthy of note is our relationship with the CNS. In addition to helping to plan, organize, and run our annual meetings, we have made a \$250,000 matching donation of Section funds to the CNS Foundation, resulting in \$500,000, which is now earmarked to cover our multiple domestic and international traveling fellowships for the foreseeable future. Before this year, these fellowships were supported by Section reserves, which can now be freed up for other programs such as grants, outreach, education, or additional fellowships. Similarly, we are working with the AANS to create an 'Honor your Section' fund, seeded with a similar amount, to support grants and research related to pediatric neurosurgery.

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A prime example of the power of partnership, however, is the organization of our annual meeting. At the time of this writing, the Executive Committee and local hosts are hard at work putting the finishing touches on planning our next annual meeting, scheduled for December 12-15 at the Sheraton Times Square in New York City. This marks the first time in a quarter century that the Pediatric Section has held a meeting in New York, New York! Abstract submission has set new records, and early registration numbers suggest record-breaking attendance. Our local hosts are collaborating to develop a rich scientific program with the theme of "Better Together: The Power of Partnership"—a theme reflected in multiple New York City pediatric neurosurgeons working together to pull this off (Rich Anderson, Neil Feldstein, Saadi Ghatan, David Harter, Caitlin Hoffman, Peter Morgenstern, and Mark Souweidane.) We are also grateful for the substantial institutional financial support provided by New York Presbyterian Columbia and Cornell, Mount Sinai Health System, and NYU Langone Health to help defray the higher costs of holding a meeting in this city. As in recent years, we anticipate awarding a large number of fellowships and awards, including the Schulman Award for best overall paper, the Hydrocephalus Association Award for the best resident paper on hydrocephalus, the AAP SONS award, the Global Surgery award, the Bobby Jones Chiari and Syringomyelia Foundation award, the Meghan Rose Bradley Foundation Award, the Molly Hubbard Award, and the Timothy George Awards for best poster and oral presentations regarding inclusion and diversity in pediatric neurosurgery. We also anticipate awarding multiple traveling fellowships in pediatric neurosurgery (domestic and international) and the Bhatia traveling fellowship.

I hope you enjoy the following ShortCuts content prepared by our various Officers and Committee Chairs. For those who would like to get more involved in Section efforts, our main website has a link to a volunteer form, and we look forward to partnering with you on one or more of the Section's many efforts. See you in NYC!

Matt Smyth***Chair, AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery***

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IN MEMORIAM

David Limbrick and Matt Smyth

Tae Sung Park, MD, passed away unexpectedly on August 31, 2024, at the age of 77 years. Dr. Park was a pioneering pediatric neurosurgeon and an inspiration to generations of trainees.

Dr. Park's commitment to caring for children with neurological disorders at the highest level is evident through his training, extensive—even for a neurosurgeon. He graduated from Yonsei University College of Medicine in Seoul, Korea, and then completed neurosurgery residency training at Yonsei. He completed a second residency at the University of Virginia under Dr. John Jane, whom he adored. Dr. Park also completed fellowships in Pediatric Surgery (Columbus Children's Hospital), Neuropathology (Massachusetts General Hospital), and Pediatric Neurosurgery (Hospital for Sick Children). After joining the faculty at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, he returned to the University of Virginia in 1983 as the first full-time pediatric neurosurgeon.

In 1989, he joined his friend and colleague, Dr. Ralph Dacey, at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Park served as the Shi H. Huang Professor, and later the Margery Campbell Fort Professor, and Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery and Neurosurgeon-in-Chief at St. Louis Children's Hospital until 2016. Under Dr. Park's leadership, the division thrived and attained national prominence as a destination for complex pediatric neurosurgical care and training. Dr. Park has trained >80 neurosurgery residents and nearly 30 pediatric neurosurgery fellows, many of whom have gone on to lead programs themselves.

For >20 years, Dr. Park ran an NIH-funded laboratory focused on microvascular injury in the neonatal brain. His work was recognized with the prestigious Javits Neuroscience Investigator Award from the NIH (1999) and the Winn Prize from the Society



of Neurological Surgeons (2008). Over the past 10 years, Dr. Park's research efforts have centered on Chiari I malformation and syringomyelia through his namesake, the Park-Reeves Syringomyelia Research Consortium, and on the technique and outcomes of selective dorsal rhizotomy (SDR).

Dr. Park was active on both the American Board of Pediatric Neurological Surgery and the American Board of Neurological Surgery, where he served as Chair, and the American Board of Medical Specialties, where he served as Director-at-Large of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Health and Public Policy Task Force. He also served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Neurosurgery*, *Journal of Neurosurgery: Pediatrics* and *Childs Nervous System*.

Without hyperbole, Dr. Park was a surgical virtuoso and innovator. He was widely known for his technical proficiency and welcomed the most difficult surgical challenges. He is best known as the preeminent leader in the field of selective dorsal rhizotomy for the treatment of spastic cerebral palsy. After developing substantial expertise, he pioneered a minimally invasive SDR technique, which is now adopted as the standard worldwide. Remarkably, he performed SDR on >5,300 patients from 80 countries; it is not an overstatement to say that the Park procedure and his own practice had an immeasurable impact on children worldwide.

Aside from his many contributions to neurosurgery, Dr. Park was also an avid golfer, playing frequently with his friends in pediatric neurosurgery, and a nationally competitive ballroom dancer. He is survived by his wife, Meeaeeng, children Tom and Mina, and their families.

T.S. was a one-of-a-kind individual and surgeon, and we—and the field more broadly—will miss him dearly.



ANNUAL MEETING

On behalf of all the local hosts from three New York institutions (New York Presbyterian—Mark Souweidaine, Caitlin Hoffman, and Neil Feldstein; Mt. Sinai—Saadi Ghatan and Peter Morgenstern; and NYU Langone—David Harter and Richard Anderson), we are thrilled to invite you to the 2024 Joint Section Annual Meeting on Pediatric Neurosurgery in New York City. The dates of the meeting are Thursday December 12th to Sunday December 15th. Our event is set in Midtown Manhattan at the Sheraton New York Times Square, offering easy access to everything this vibrant city has to offer.

We have brought together a wonderfully diverse group of faculty and speakers from around the world to emphasize exciting evolving topics including international/global neurosurgery and artificial intelligence in pediatric neurosurgery, as well as updating and exploring the general topics within pediatric neurosurgery. Our format emphasizes partnership, featuring scientific sessions and multidisciplinary fireside chats to discuss the most pressing and relevant topics in pediatric neurosurgery. Taking advantage of our unique location in New York City, our special invited speakers this year are from the



fashion/luxury and performing arts industries. They will be participating in fireside chats discussing how partnership and collaboration in their industries are essential to create products and performances that are recognized around the globe.

A big shout out to one of our local hosts, Neil Feldstein, who designed the fabulous artwork for the meeting, and to the three local institutions (NYP, Mt. Sinai, and NYU Langone) and industry partners for their financial support of the meeting. As Ayn Rand famously said, “I would give the greatest sunset in the world for one sight of New York’s skyline.” We look forward to seeing you in December in the Big Apple!

Richard Anderson, Chair-elect
Local Host, 2024 Annual Meeting in New York City

AANS / CNS SECTION ON PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY MEMBERSHIP REPORT—FALL 2024

Jennifer Ronecker

Membership Class	2024 Dues	2024 Fall	2024 Spring	2023 Fall	2023 Spring	2022 Fall	2022 Spring
Active	\$150	377	370	359	368	375	359
International	\$50	34	34	34	39	44	28
Adjunct/Associate	\$75	48	37	33	33	31	35
Lifetime	\$0	89	92	93	95	90	98
Med Student	\$0	29	19	45	38	15	26
Resident/Fellow	\$0	121	124	159	161	128	143
TOTAL		698	676	723	734	683	689

Membership Retention

Category	Unpaid	Total	% Unpaid
Active	116	370	31
International	20	34	59
Adjunct/Associate	15	48	31
Total	151	377	40

Membership Recruitment

New application system is now active and simplifies the process of applying online through the www.myaans.org website. Members are inactivated if they have not paid their dues for more than 36 months. Those who have been inactivated are being contacted and encouraged to re-apply.

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Amanda Saratsis and David Hersh, *Co-chairs*

Grants Subcommittee

Heather McCrea and Taylor Abel, Co-chairs

The Grants Subcommittee recently awarded the 2024 Pediatric Section Grant to Dr. Adam Kundishora (the current fellow at CHOP) for his proposal entitled “Defining populations of pediatric neurosurgical non-accidental trauma patients using natural language processing and machine learning.” This annual grant provides funding to support research collaborations between fellows/new faculty and senior faculty. The Grants Subcommittee has also continued to support the annual NREF Pediatric Grant, the Meghan Rose Bradley Foundation Pediatric Brain Cancer Pilot Grant, as well as the KLS Martin Innovations Challenge Award (in conjunction with the Industry Relations Committee).

Additionally, at this year’s Section meeting in NYC, we are honored to host Dr. Kristina Hardy, a Program Director at the NINDS in the Division of Clinical Research. Dr. Hardy will be conducting a luncheon seminar on Friday December 13th, during which she will discuss NIH Grant Opportunities that are relevant to pediatric neurosurgeons. A Q&A will be included.

Faculty Development and Mentoring Subcommittee

Manish Shah and Laura Prolo, Co-chairs

The Faculty Development and Mentoring Subcommittee is in the process of organizing a webinar for fellows and junior faculty who are interested in incorporating research into their career as a pediatric neurosurgeon. The Subcommittee is also continuing to collaborate with the Clinical Networks Subcommittee and the Basic Science and Genetic Networks Subcommittee to develop new career development opportunities within each of these specific areas.

Clinical Networks Subcommittee

Jonathan Pindrik and Shih-Shan Chen, Co-chairs

The Clinical Networks Subcommittee is working on a number of updates to the Research Committee’s webpage, which will include a list of networks that incorporate pediatric neurosurgery research, possible funding sources, and guidelines for proposing a multi-center project through the Pediatric Section. Ongoing initiatives also include developing centralized infrastructure for multi-center research through a partnership with the NeuroPoint Alliance, beginning with a Pediatric Neurosurgical Oncology registry, modeled on the existing adult [QOD Tumor Registry](#).

Basic Science and Genetics Networks Subcommittee

Jennifer Strahle and Brandon Miller, Co-chairs

Last year, the Basic Science and Genetics Networks Subcommittee hosted a very successful Basic Science small group meeting during the Section meeting in Oklahoma City. A similar session is being planned for this year’s Section meeting in NYC, and will provide the opportunity for networking among faculty who are engaged in basic science research as well as new faculty and trainees who are interested in pursuing research as part of their career. Future goals include developing a webinar that focuses on pearls and pitfalls with regard to grant-writing.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Rebecca Reynolds and Heather Spader, *Co-Chairs*

Education Subcommittee

Tola Roberts and Aaron Robison, *Co-Chairs*

The education subcommittee has been working with country/region liaisons to produce quarterly journal clubs with local pediatric neurosurgery organizations. The last very successful journal club was on July 20th with the Japanese Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery co-sponsored by the ISPN and Pediatric Section. There were over 60 attendees and the topic was Moya Moya with very interesting participation by invited guests from Japan and the US. Our committee wants to thank Kaveh Asadi and Tola Roberts for organizing. The next journal club will be with our Indian pediatric neurosurgery counterparts and organized by Aaron Mohanty and Tola Roberts. Please contact Tola Roberts if you would like to help co-host a joint journal club in the future.

The education subcommittee is also working with the faculty of the University of the Philippines (Philippines General Hospital) (UPPGH) with the help of Phil Aldana and Aaron Robison to start a research mentorship pilot project between section members and UP-PGH. Further announcements soliciting volunteers will be forthcoming. The goal of this partnership is to establish a framework for joint collaborations in research that can be used in other global partnerships.

Sangiv Bhatia Pediatric Neurosurgery Global Fellowship. Applications are being solicited for this fellowship with an application submission deadline of October 21st, 2024. Applications should be sent to orober@lsuhsc.edu. Applications must include the following:

- Name, current training program & training year.
- Project mentors**, proposed site and travel dates.
- A statement that includes reason for participating in this fellowship and how it will enhance pediatric neurosurgical training and a plan for a research project that involves collaboration with the host institution.
- Written permission from the applicant's residency program director.
- A letter of acceptance from host pediatric neurosurgical program.

Please see website for full details or contact Tola Roberts (orober@lsuhsc.edu) or Heather Spader (heather.spader@virginia.edu) for more details or questions. Pediatric Neurological Surgery Section of the AANS/CNS Sangiv Bhatia Pediatric Neurosurgery Global Fellowship—Pediatric Neurological Surgery Section of the AANS/CNS (pedsneurosurgery.org)

Clinical Collaborations Subcommittee

Eisha Christian, *Chair*

The subcommittee has finished their survey on international activities among section members and are working with the website team to incorporate this content onto our website to serve as a resource for students, residents and members looking to participate in meaningful international work. Thank you to all who filled out this survey.

Website. The IR committee is also working to update the website to include more content and links on the website and allow for more updates in real-time. Thank you to Pat O'Brien and Belinda Shao for their work on the website.

The committee is looking forward to the global session in NYC with invited speakers and diverse abstracts. We will also hear presentations from the last two awardees of the Sangiv Bhatia Fellowship.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Ben Kennedy and Carrie Muh

The Website Subcommittee has partnered with committees on International Relations, Research, Young Pediatric Neurosurgeons, Quality Improvement, Survey, and Advanced Practice Providers to increase their visibility and utility of the website. They have developed the ability to email particular subsections of our membership to improve communication and reduce unnecessary emails.

The Social Media Subcommittee has continued their constant content creation, helpful or interesting to our membership and others, amassing 4925 followers on X/Twitter and 1406 on Instagram. In addition to continuing the Featured Fellows Spotlight, they have initiated series of Pediatric Neurosurgeon of the Month and Landmark Papers in Pediatric Neurosurgery tweetorials.

The Survey Subcommittee sent out 3 vetted surveys in 2024, including regarding coding, international clinical collaborations, and sEEG perioperative practices. We look forward to seeing these results presented at upcoming meetings.

The Listserv Subcommittee has had an increase in postings this year with robust discussions about ongoing clinical cases.

TREASURER'S REPORT

David Limbrick

The AANS/CNS Joint Section in Pediatric Neurological Surgery remains in sound financial health. Total net assets as per the financial statement dated 6/30/2024 totaled \$1,277,278, reflecting an increase of \$148,895 from the prior year (\$1,128,383) and continues to present a comfortable reserve to support an entire annual meeting plus Section activities for two years without any additional revenue.

Annual Meeting

The expense for the forthcoming 2024 meeting in New York City is estimated at \$619,334, reflecting an increase over prior years; however, when meeting revenue, dues payments and financial support and staff time are included, only a modest net loss of (\$30,054) is anticipated for FY25.

Long Term Investments

The Section's long-term investment account experienced a robust increase of \$166,346 to \$1,117,202. Notably, the Section's long-term investments are handled via a pooled investment portfolio with the other sections, which allows the sections to participate in funds not otherwise available to smaller investors. The Section also holds \$250,00 in the CNS Foundation.

Honor your Mentor Funds

As of 9/5/2024, the A. Leland Albright fund had accumulated \$62,085.00, with \$11,097.87 in investment earnings, and made its fourth award disbursement in February 2024. The Sanjiv Bhatia fund had accumulated \$109,900.00, with \$8,442.72 in investment earnings, and made its second disbursement at the 2023 Section meeting in OKC. Of note, The Bhatia HYM Fund received a pledge of \$50,000 from the Nicklaus Children's Brain Institute. The Marion "Jack" Walker fund had accumulated \$27,790.00, with \$211.56 in investment earnings. The Walker fund is just over 50% of the way to the \$50,000 milestone to begin award disbursement. The Jerry Oakes HYM fund was established in May, 2022 and has accumulated \$12,800.00 with a total of \$16,800 pledged to date.

Specific Expenses and Financial Resolutions

The section has expanded its commitment toward its educational and research missions. Between the section research awards, the pediatric NREF fellowship award, domestic and international traveling fellowships, and industry-matched innovation awards, and private foundation donations, the section now offers nearly 20 different awards.

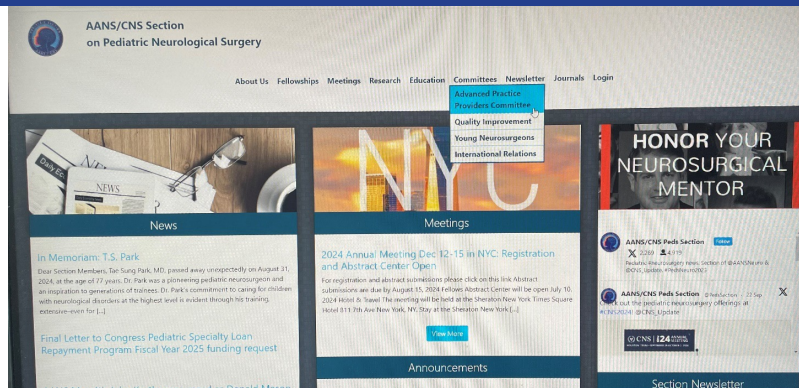
ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS COMMITTEE

E. Haley Vance, *Chair*

The Advanced Practice Providers (APP) committee is excited to share our new space on the Pediatric Section Website. We hope this will serve as an avenue for communication of upcoming APP journal clubs, links to our APP newsletter, provide a list of committee members, and provide awareness of opportunities for APPs within the section. Please share this link with your APP colleagues.

www.pedsneurosurgery.org/advanced-practice-providers-committee

Registration is now open for the 2024 APP Session of the Pediatric Section Meeting being held in New York on Thursday, December 12, 2024. This will be an all-day session with breakfast and lunch provided. We have an exciting line-up of physician and APP speakers, as well as Invited International Faculty. For more information go to www.cns.org/meetings-detail/2024-joint-pediatric-section-annual-meeting



The APP Education Subcommittee is hosting our next APP Journal Club on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 5:00pm (CST). Our topic will be EVD management. Meeting link provided: <https://jhjhm.zoom.us/j/92206723340>.

A huge **THANK YOU** to our current APP committee and subcommittee members!

Jennifer Amon
Mandy Breedt
Michelle Buontempo
Renee Carpenter-Wells
Alicia Cook
Graciella Gallo

Samantha Himsworth
Lisa McLennan
Natasha Raman
Lucia Ruggieri
Stephen Smith
Haley Vance (Chair)

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Annie Drapeau and Carolina Sandoval-Garcia

Interested in Quality Improvement? The AANS/CNS Quality Improvement Committee invites you to visit our website as new subsections have been added: www.pedsneurosurgery.org/case-studies-project/quality-improvement-initiatives/.

One of our subcommittees is focusing on promoting the site as a repository of QI work happening in different institutions so this can become a popular resource used for sharing ideas and inspiring collaborations. A few topics have started the list of published initiatives, and you can currently find safety recommendations for use of monopolar and bipolar electrocautery with indwelling neurosurgical devices and protocols proposing standardization of naming conventions for stereoEEG electrodes as well as reduction of surgical site infections during intrathecal pump placement surgery.

We aim to highlight the power of our website as a trusted forum and source of information on how colleagues approach certain neurosurgical topics (beyond established guidelines or publications) and to promote our efforts we have selected 2 specific topics and welcome submissions for clinical pathways, algorithms and institutional / personal practices on:

- ✓ Toradol and NSAIDs after neurosurgical procedures (i.e. craniotomies)
- ✓ Imaging for simple lumbosacral dimples (ultrasound, MRI, etc.)

If you or your institution follow a specific algorithm or practice on these topics and you wish to share it in our website please send us an email to pedsneurosurgeryqi@gmail.com.

YOUNG PEDIATRIC NEUROSURGEONS COMMITTEE

Ariana Barkley

As we approach the end of the year, we're excited to share important updates and initiatives from the YNPNS aimed at fostering education, networking, and career development for those medical students and residents interested in pediatric neurosurgery.

Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowship Webinar

We are pleased to announce a special "How to" **Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowship Webinar** scheduled for **Saturday, November 23**. Led by Katherine Holste and Elise Yoon, this webinar will feature insightful discussions on navigating the fellowship application process. We are currently finalizing our list of speakers and promotional materials will be disseminated these via our Instagram, AANS social media platforms, and the YNPNS website. This event is particularly beneficial for residents and medical students who are exploring fellowship opportunities and seek to demystify the process.

Pediatric Section Dinner

We are excited to host a **Pediatric Section Dinner** on **December 14** during the upcoming Pediatric Section in New York. This informal gathering will allow members to connect and network in a relaxed environment with senior residents, fellows and junior attendings. We will add this event to the Section calendar, but intend to keep each group size small to foster meaningful interactions. An Excel sheet for reservations has been circulated among the mail group, with volunteers encouraged to sign up to assist with arrangements. Please make your reservations early to secure your spot! If interested feel free to contact Ariana Barkley at abarkley@salud.unm.edu prior to the section meeting.

Virtual Career Fair

Looking ahead, we are organizing a **Virtual Career Fair** for late January. This initiative, led by George Koutsouras, Machel Feldman, and Ariana Barkley, aims to connect job-seeking pediatric neurosurgery fellows with academic and private practice opportunities in addition to providing insight into prior experience regarding timing of the process during fellowship year. We anticipate that this fair will hopefully soothe apprehensions by providing valuable insight into available career paths in our field.

Boards Preparation Resources

As part of our commitment to supporting our members, we will be uploading various resources for board exam preparation. This includes an Anki deck and oral boards study materials, which will be made available in the member resources section of our website. Additionally, a comprehensive packet outlining expectations for both written and oral boards will be available which will serve as a helpful guide for candidates by the end of this fall.

Monthly Meetings

Lastly, please remember that we hold monthly meetings every last Thursday of the month at 6 PM MT. These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to stay engaged and informed about YNPNS activities. Please contact abarkley@salud.unm.edu if interested in attending.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Robert Naftel and Edward Ahn, *Co-chairs*

The **National Meetings Committee**, led by Hal Meltzer and Jeff Campbell, continues to craft outstanding pediatric content for this year's CNS and AANS Annual Meetings. Pediatric Neurosurgery continues to "punch above our weight" with outstanding attendance and participation at the National Meetings. For the upcoming CNS meeting from September 28- October 2 at Houston, TX, Jeff Campbell has crafted an extensive pediatric content which will be of great interest to pediatric as well as general neurosurgeons. Highlights include a stereotactic/functional symposium led by Kurtis Auguste and Jay Hauptman, David Bauer moderating a practice guidelines session in general and a special Chiari guidelines session in particular, Eric Jackson providing us a definitive answer to Chiari malformations, Susan Durham and Howard Weiner reviewing the soul of pediatric neurosurgery, and Ed Smith leading a joint vascular session on the modern approach to cavernous malformations. There will also be awards for the best pediatric oral and interactive poster abstract presentations. Hal Meltzer is finalizing the pediatric program for the AANS Annual Meeting from April 25-April 28th in Boston, MA. In addition to the annual Matson Lecture and Matson Reception, new discoveries in the genetic basis of spina bifida/cortical dysplasia and clinical applications of artificial intelligence will be emphasized.

The **Lectures and Webinars Committee** chaired by Toba Niazi presented a webinar in February 2024 on Vascular Malformations. The moderator was Dr. Greg Heuer and featured speakers were Dr. Edward Smith and Dr. Shih-Shan Chen. In August 2024, there was a webinar on Fetal Closure of Myelomeningocele moderated by Dr. Jeffrey Blount with featured speakers Dr. William Whitehead and Dr. Jay Wellons.

The **podcast committee**, led by Jim Johnston, Vijay Ravindra, Ariana Barkley and Heather Spader, continue to produce innovative content with "Insights in Pediatric Neurosurgery." They have released five fascinating interviews, most recently

conversations with Susan Durham and Tony Figaji. These podcasts are available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

The **Traveling Fellowship Committee** is currently accepting applications for both Domestic and International Fellowships. Announcements requesting applications were made in key neurosurgery journals this Spring. The application deadline for both fellowships is October 30, 2024. This Summer, a survey gauging former Domestic Fellowship recipients' opinions of the Fellowship was conducted. The response rate of 49%. The vast majority of respondents would recommend the Fellowship and felt it helped them decide to pursue a career in pediatric neurosurgery. The responses to this survey as well as a history of the Traveling Fellowship have been compiled as a manuscript and submitted for peer review.

The **Examinations Questions Committee**, led by Patrick McDonald and Lance Governale, strives to continue to provide high-quality questions for the SANS CNS Exam relevant to pediatric neurosurgery. They have recently, vetted 25 new questions through the SANS CNS Exam Committee that will become part of the pool of questions for both SANS and the ABNS. Volunteers question writers are always welcome!

The **Hands-on Workshop Committee**, led by Peter Morgenstern and Joanna Gernsback successfully contributed to the Spine Course at the Oklahoma City meeting in 2023, has planned three pre-meeting practical courses for faculty and trainees, and an APP course for the New York City meeting this year. There will be an epilepsy surgery course focused on sEEG planning and placement, a neuroendoscopy course aimed at teaching nuance, approach selection and technique, and lastly a coding course. The roster of faculty comes from across the country, with primary course leadership pulled from the host groups to simplify pre-meeting planning. We are optimistic that we will garner significant interest across these diverse topics, and have industry support to minimize the impact on the section budget.

The **Podcast Committee** is seeking volunteer(s) familiar with editing of audio files to assist with production. Please contact: vijay.ravindra@gmail.com, heather.spader@virginia.edu, or james.johnston@childrensal.org.

GUIDELINE COMMITTEE

Dear Pediatric Section Membership:

The Pediatric section Guideline Committee has been active over the last six months. This committee serves many purposes. We initiate the production of practice guidelines for pediatric neurosurgeons by submitting ideas to the CNS Guidelines Committee, then creating a working group to produce the guidelines through a process supported by CNS. We also nominate committee members to the CNS/AANS Joint Guideline Review Committee (JGRC), where we review internally and externally produced guidelines for endorsement by the CNS/AANS, a review which often serves as ad hoc peer review for publication in Neurosurgery. Finally, we serve as an internal pediatric section review committee for any pediatric specific practice parameter, guideline, or practice statement that might be submitted from external sources to the section. Overall, the committee provides many services to the section. The defining attribute of a committee member is either a knowledge of methodology or a desire to learn the methodology through CNS sponsored methodology educational courses.

Guidelines for the Surgical Treatment of Chiari I Malformation were published August 30, 2023. Two sessions are devoted to the guidelines at the upcoming CNS meeting in Houston. We are nearly finished completing an update to the Guidelines for Positional Plagiocephaly. The working group should have a final document in the near future. We are also in the process of creating guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of tethered spinal cord. The literature search was completed by PCORI / AHRQ, and the working group is currently writing the manuscript. The Spina Bifida Association is working with this effort, and we are appreciative of their support. Finally, we are in the early stages to update of the previously published Spina Bifida Guidelines.

Outside of the section, section committee members are currently helping with the SFNS Surgical Treatment of Epilepsy guidelines with AAN/AES/CNS. This process is being expedited through outsourcing of the systematic literature review. Manuscript preparation is set to begin later this year.

As chair of the guideline committee, I truly appreciate the many hours committee members have donated to producing and reviewing guidelines, and I look forward to continuing this work for the section.

I would like to thank the following members for serving on the Joint Guideline Review Committee in 2023/2024: Carolyn Quinsey, Jennifer Strahle, Mari Groves, Laurie Ackerman, Howard Silberstein, Eric Jackson, Daniel Donoho, and Tina Sayama.

I would like to thank the following members for serving on the Chiari Guideline Working Group: Toba Niazi, Rabia Qaiser, Shobhan Vachhrajani, Eric Jackson, Jeffrey Raskin, Sarah Jernigan, Jogi Pattisapu, Laurie Ackerman, Cormac Maher, Brandon Rocque, Carolyn Quinsey, Libby Infinger, and Howard Silberstein.

I would like to thank the following members for serving on the plagiocephaly update working group: Alex Beier, Cathy Mazzola, Catherine McClung-Smith, George Koutsouras, and Brandon Laing.

I would like to thank the following members for serving on the tethered cord working group: Mari Groves, Daniel Donoho, Peter Chiarelli, Alex Ropper, Rich Anderson, Carrie Muh, Eylem Ocal, Raj Iyer, Steve Hwang, Nisha Gadgil, Zulma Tovar-Spinoza, Jon Pindrik, Jen Strahle, and Greg Heuer.

I would like to thank prior committee chairs Cathy Mazzola and Ann Flannery for continued mentorship and support, and Angela Price and Brent O'Neil for volunteering for the AES Epilepsy Guideline project.

If anyone is interested in helping with future projects, or if you would like to learn more about the development of guidelines, please reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely,
David

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TRANSITION OF CARE COMMITTEE (TOCC)

Brandon Rocque and Bermans Iskandar

Patient Subcommittee

Dorothy Poppe and Laila Mohammad

The subcommittee has run the first survey that identifies programs with transition of care programs, or those with interest in establishing such a program. There were 60 responses. Barriers to TOC programs were identified. A second more detailed survey will follow. This work will serve as a guide in establishing TOC templates that can be applied nationally.

Healthcare Provider Subcommittee

Haley Vance and Smruti Patel

The subcommittee has put together an initial draft of a Guidelines for Clinical Care document for APPs to treat adults with pediatric-onset hydrocephalus. This will also become the skeleton for a course curriculum for adult APPs looking to improve skills in caring for these patients. The subcommittee is in the process of working on APP clinic framework, and guidelines for tethered cord and spina bifida.

Business Subcommittee

Andrew Kobets

The subcommittee has assembled a list of CPT codes that are relevant for transitioning adults and adults with congenital problems. Other resources will help practice administrators make plans for the financial viability of an APP clinic for transitioning pediatric -> adult patients.

Future Work: Once the basic infrastructure is established as detailed by the 3 subcommittees, we will initiate conversations with the major neurosurgical societies, as well as adult APPs, and adult neurosurgeons and neurologists interested in hydrocephalus and spina bifida, to garner support, counsel, and collaboration.

Transition of Care Fireside Chat Session at the Pediatric Section Meeting (NYC–Dec 2024):

Part I: Invited abstracts

1. The patient perspective: What are the steps for transition, and what transition of care programs are available in North America? (*Laila Mohammad & Dorothy Poppe*)—7 min
2. The healthcare provider perspective: Who should take care of the transitioned patients? (*Smruti Patel & Haley Vance*)—7 min
3. The business perspective: How to build a financial and coding infrastructure for a transition of care program (*Andrew Kobets*)—7 min

Part II: Submitted abstracts (3 5-min abstracts depending on submissions)—15 min

Part III: Fireside chat (*Jeffrey Greenfield, Jeffrey Wisoff, Douglas Brockmeyer, Diana Gray (Hydrocephalus Association), Lisa McLennan (APP Committee)*)—20 min

1. To discuss the challenges of transition of care from a patient perspective
2. To discuss the challenges of transition of care from a healthcare provider perspective
3. To discuss the challenges of transition of care from a policy and financial perspective

What Can You Do: We encourage anyone who's interested in joining the committee to contact one of the co-chairs Benny Iskandar (iskandar@neurosurgery.wisc.edu) and Brandon Rocque (Brandon.Rocque@childrensal.org). It would be useful if volunteers can provide us with background information about prior work they had in this area, or skills that support one or more of the committee goals. We welcome pediatric neurosurgery faculty, APPs, fellows, residents, and students.

AMERICAN BOARD OF PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY (ABPNS) REPORT

Bruce Kaufman, *ABPNS Chair* and Shenandoah Robinson, *ABPNS Secretary*

Officers and ABPNS Directors

The current Officers of the ABPNS are: Bruce Kaufman, Chair; Mark Krieger, Vice Chair; Shenandoah Robinson, Secretary; David Gruber, Treasurer; and Jodi Smith, Member at Large.

The other ABPNS Directors are Jeffrey Ojemann, Ruth Bristol, Karin Muraszko, Mark Proctor (Credentials Chair), Abhaya Kulkarni (Bylaws Chair), and our newest member, Richard Anderson.

Directors are elected at the annual winter meeting. Nominations are accepted from the Joint Pediatric Section, SONS of the AAP, and the ASPN. Directors are elected to serve for a term of 5 years and may not serve more than 2 terms. The Secretary and Treasurer positions are two-year terms and are elected in alternating years. After completing a Secretary or Treasurer position, the Director is eligible to be elected as Vice Chair or Chair, which are one-year terms.

The Board meets twice per year – virtually in June and in person in December just prior to the Joint Pediatric Section meeting.

ABPNS-eligible Fellowships

Thirty-two pediatric neurosurgery fellowship programs are accredited by the ACPNF to train Pediatric Neurosurgery fellows. In May of 2024, 29 fellows in ACPNF-approved fellowships took the pediatric RFP examination, which is now open to all ACPNF fellows regardless of ABPNS eligibility at the time of the exam. The RFP exam is the first step toward an ABPNS RFP/subspecialty credential in pediatric neurosurgery, and is only offered once a year in the spring.

ABPNS Certification Updates

The ABPNS is currently only issuing two types of certificates:

1. A Recognition of Focused Practice (RFP) in pediatric neurological surgery in conjunction with the American Board of Neurological Surgery (ABNS),

2. A subspecialty credential in pediatric neurosurgery issued by the ABPNS and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC). The RFP is recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and requires the neurosurgeon remain up to date with all requirements of Continuous Certification (CC). In 2024, an additional CC task was added to the queue of all who hold a subspecialty credential in pediatric neurological surgery. This pediatric surgical case log attestation requires that the diplomate attest that they are meeting the minimum case log criteria for a “focused practice” in pediatric neurological surgery. The attestation replaces the submission of an actual case log.

The usual process for obtaining ABPNS recognition starts with completing a fellowship in pediatric neurosurgery approved by the American Council of Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellowships (ACPNF). Passing the written examination in pediatric neurosurgery (also known as the RFP examination) is also part of the credentialing process for both RCPSC and ABNS candidates. The RFP exam is typically taken during the latter part of the fellowship or within one year of fellowship graduation. The ABPNS RFP written examination is offered once per year. The next one is scheduled for June 13, 2025. The ABNS has contracted with a new vendor (Prometric) to offer the exam virtually or in person at a local Prometric testing center.

The pediatric oral examination can be requested as part of the ABNS oral examination. RCPSC candidates and ABNS diplomates who did not take the pediatric focused version of the ABNS oral examination should apply for a pediatric oral examination through the ABPNS. This oral exam is offered once per year at the winter ABPNS BOD meeting that takes place at the time of the joint Pediatric Section meeting. The exam is offered via Zoom and has two parts (general pediatric neurosurgery and case log review). The upcoming ABPNS oral exam is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024.

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ABPNS Recertification

Currently, ABPNS diplomates must re-certify every 10 years to remain active. The recertification process no longer requires the diplomate apply to the ABPNS and submit a 12-month case log. The current process only requires annual maintenance of CC tasks and affirmation via the case log attestation that the case log minimums are still being met in order to receive a new certificate. At the end of every year, it will be determined who needs to recertify. Those who remain in compliance will automatically get a new RFP/subspecialty credential in pediatric neurological surgery. Those who are unable to attest to a pediatric focus for two consecutive years will be approached regarding a potential status change.

Current Fees:

- 1.) ABPNS annual assessment remains \$100 annually. This is collected by the ABNS and passed through to the ABPNS.
- 2.) The pediatric RFP/written exam cost is consistent with the other RFP exams and is \$2,000. The exam is administered through Prometric at testing sites or online. Those ACPNF fellowship programs that cover this cost for their fellows are recognized on the ACPNF website.
- 3.) The ABPNS administered oral exam is \$1,000 and will remain virtual to avoid associated travel costs for the examinee.

For any additional information, please contact our ABPNS Credentialing Administrator, Kari Bollerman (kbollerman@abns.org) or Secretary, Shenandoah Robinson (srobin81@jhmi.edu)

LIAISON TO CEREBROVASCULAR ORGANIZATIONS

Leopold Arko and Alfred Pokmeng See

There is active committee work in a number of pediatric specific cerebrovascular organizations. The SNIS (Society for NeuroInterventional Surgery) pediatric committee works closely with the International Pediatric Stroke Organization Interventional Neuroradiology (INR) Council to conduct industry outreach and has secured industry commitment to develop pediatric-specific products for endovascular approaches. This work is currently in the stages of defining a "typical" and "challenging" aortic arch anatomy for neonatal or infant cases.

The European Society of Minimally Invasive Neurological Therapy (ESMINT) also conducted a meeting with joint programming provided by SNIS in Marseilles in Sep 2024. There was a subsection on pediatric neurointervention including pediatric large vessel occlusion ischemic stroke, arteriovenous malformations, and update on the prospective trial in fetal treatment of vein of Galen malformations.



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