

AANS/CNS JOINT SECTION ON DISORDERS OF THE SPINE AND PERIPHERAL NERVES

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Objectives of the Spine Section

The objective of the Spine Section is to foster the use of spinal neurosurgical methods for the treatment of diseases of the spinal neural elements, the spine and peripheral nerves, and to advance spinal neurosurgery and related sciences, to improve patient care, to support meaningful basic and clinical research, to provide leadership in undergraduate and graduate continuing education, and to promote administrative facilities necessary to achieve these goals.

Coming Up at the Congress of Neurological Surgeons Meeting

The Joint Section on Spine and Peripheral Nerves has several events at the upcoming CNS meeting in San Francisco. Make sure to mark your calendars for the following events:

- Join us on Monday, October 18 at 1:30 for the presentation of the Top Ten Spine and Peripheral Nerve abstracts, followed by our Neurosurgical forum from 3:00 to 4:30.
- Additionally, there will be a special course on Management of Spinal Column and Peripheral Nerve Neoplasms on Wednesday, October 20, at 1:30.
- On Tuesday, October 19, there will be a special 3-D Cadaveric Demonstration of Spine techniques. This will include demonstrations of Micro-Endoscopic Decompression of Stenosis by Dr. Richard Fessler, Pedicle Subtraction Osteotomy by Dr. Christopher Shaffrey, and En Bloc Vertebrectomy by Dr. Ziya Gokaslan. This new "Operative Techniques with the Masters" demonstration is sure to be a highlight of the meeting.

Awards and Fellowships

The Spine Section supports fellowship and research funding through a number of Awards and fellowships, ranging from \$500 to \$50,000. These awards can support a resident or junior faculty member's individual research, or fund an entire fellowship. The Apfelbaum Award, the Kline Award, and the Larson award provide \$15,000 to \$30,000 of support for grant proposals and pilot studies. In addition, the Clinical Trial Proposal and Fellowship awards support new clinical trials in spine and peripheral nerve surgery. The deadline for 2011 fellowship and research submissions is December 1, 2010, and the deadline for clinical trials is January 1, 2011. Go to http://www.spinesection.org/fellowships_awards.php to download applications, see requirements, and view previous award winners.

Neurosurgery Research and Education (NREF) Fellowships

Remember that the deadline for NREF fellowships is October 31, 2010. The NREF and the Joint Section co-sponsor the NREF/Spine Section Young Clinician Investigator

Award, which is open to junior faculty performing research in the area of spinal cord, vertebral column or peripheral nerve disorders. The award is a one year grant of \$40,000.

Spine Section Website

Don't forget to check the Spine Section Website www.spinesection.org for the latest news, including updates on the Spine Section's position statements on hypothermia and spinal cord injury, as well as video-assisted thoracic surgery (VATS). There are also links to the AANS Coding and Reimbursement Courses, as well as our Topic of the Week.

Spine Section Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for the 2011 Annual Meeting of the AANS/CNS Section on Disorders of the Spine and Peripheral Nerves, at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge in Phoenix, Arizona on March 9-12, 2011. The meeting, *Evidence-based Spine Surgery in the Real World*, is sure to provide up to the minute science applicable to your practice. Register early!



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