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Who's your new Rep?



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Dear Residents:

Thank-you for coming out to Vancouver in June for the annual Congress. A total of 55 residents attended! Those who participated in the resident review course (Peripheral Nerve Surgery) were treated to great didactic and hands-on teaching by Canadian experts. Now that winter is close at hand, not only can you start unpacking your ski gear, but also gear up for another exciting Congress planned for June 2012 to be held in Ottawa, Ontario. The topic for this year's resident review course will be *Neurosurgical Oncology*.



JOIN US in OTTAWA

June 6-8, 2012.

How can I get involved?

1. Write to me about your opinions on the CNSS, the CNSF, the newsletter, the Congress, or anything related to neurosurgery in Canada!
En français où en anglais ça n'importe pas.
2. Submit an abstract for the Congress.
3. Attend the Resident Review Course
4. Voice your opinion about neurosurgery resident issues and meet neurosurgery residents from across Canada at the 'National Resident Commons' in Ottawa. (ask me about this)

Canadian Fellowship Program Survey

We are currently drafting a survey of fellowship programs across Canada with program information to be published on the CNSF member website upon completion. The goal is to provide a comprehensive listing of programs along with useful program details for residents seeking fellowship training.

Surgeon's Corner

Check out the AANS You-Tube feed for surgical videos!





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Neurosurgical Manpower Survey

Data from a survey detailing number of practice group, number of neurosurgeons, subspecialty areas, and remuneration on a province-by-province basis was presented at the general meeting by Dr. Brian Toyota. Information from all provinces, except Ontario was available with Ontario data expected shortly. The prospective database will help to better understand the mix of practice types throughout the country and provide valuable statistics for human resource planning.

There is one neurosurgeon per 140,000 population across Canada. Remuneration is gradually changing towards Alternate Payment Plans

In the News - Resident Duty Hours

Resident work hours have historically been mandated by each provincial - resident association agreement. However, on June 8, 2011, an arbitrator in Quebec ruled that 24-hour shifts violated resident rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Quebec hospitals must now adapt their system to 16-hour shifts. The RCPSC has initiated a Task Force on Resident Duty Hours to “forge a pan-Canadian consensus on residents’ duty hours that all jurisdictions in our country can use...”

(<http://rcpsc.medical.org/news/>).

Board certification in the U.S.?

Current graduates of neurosurgical training programs in Canada who have successfully passed the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons specialty examination are not eligible to apply for assessment and certification by the American Board of Neurological surgeons (ABNS). While recent graduates have been able to practice in the U.S. under state medical licences, lack of board eligibility and board certification limits employment opportunities. The Canadian Neurosurgical Society has been actively advocating for a reassessment of the ABNS decision of 1996 and seeking a pathway towards Board eligibility and certification or equivalent standing for Royal College Fellows. We await further reports from both the ABNS and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) reviews of this issue.

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