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## **Organized Neurosurgery Applauds the Election of Pediatric Neurosurgeon Peter W. Carmel to the Position of AMA President-Elect**

**Chicago** (June 16, 2010) – The [American Association of Neurological Surgeons](#) (AANS) and the [Congress of Neurological Surgeons](#) (CNS) applaud the naming of pediatric neurosurgeon **Peter W. Carmel, MD** as the new president-elect of the [American Medical Association](#). Dr. Carmel was the victor in an unprecedented, three candidate election, and he will assume the office of AMA president in June 2011.

A dynamic force in neurosurgery, Dr. Carmel has been involved in the AANS and CNS in various roles. He has been an active member of the AANS since 1971, and served as chair of the AANS Section on History from 1993-1995. In 2008, Dr. Carmel was recipient of the prestigious AANS Distinguished Service Award for his many years of outstanding commitment and dedication to the field of neurosurgery. For the CNS, he served as a delegate to the AMA from 1985 to 2002, prior to being elected to the AMA Board of Trustees.

“The AANS and CNS helped to sponsor Dr. Carmel’s campaign for president-elect, as well as his previous campaigns for election to the AMA board,” comments AANS President **James T. Rutka, MD, PhD**. “We are so proud that Dr. Carmel, a highly-respected AANS and CNS member, will lead the nation’s largest physician membership organization. There is no question that Dr. Carmel will be an effective representative of all physicians, including neurosurgeons.”

CNS President **Gerald E. Rodts, MD**, adds, “This is such an exciting time to lead the AMA as the implementation of health reform gets underway. It’s a complicated and massive process and it calls for extraordinary leadership from the nation’s physicians -- leaders like Dr. Carmel -- who will continue to work hard to address the difficult issues, answer the tough questions, and make the best choices possible in order to ensure the best quality of care for all Americans. Dr. Carmel will grab this baton and champion this cause for all of us.”

Dr. Carmel was elected to the American Medical Association (AMA) Board of Trustees in June 2002, and to a second term in 2006. He has been at New Jersey Medical School since 1994, where he is currently professor and chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery and co-medical director of the Neurological Institute of New Jersey. He operates at The University Hospital in Newark, N.J. Dr. Carmel was a faculty member in the Department of Neurosurgery at Columbia University for 25 years, where he was the founding chief of the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery and professor of neurological surgery.

Dr. Carmel received his medical degree from New York University School of Medicine and was a research associate at the National Institutes of Health. He completed his residency in neurosurgery at the Neurological Institute of New York. He obtained his doctorate in neuroanatomy from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons (P&S).

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*The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), founded in 1931, and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), founded in 1951, are the two largest scientific and educational associations for neurosurgical professionals in the world. These groups represent approximately 8,000 neurosurgeons worldwide. Neurological surgery is the medical specialty concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders that affect the entire nervous system, including the spinal column, spinal cord, brain and peripheral nerves. For more information, please visit [www.aans.org](http://www.aans.org) or [www.cns.org](http://www.cns.org).*