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General Scientific Sessions I:
Neurosurgical Localization and Navigation
Exhibit Viewing
Honored Guest Presentation
Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall
Presidential Address
Luncheon Seminars
Special Course I:
Neurosurgery on the Internet
Section on Cerebrovascular Surgery I
Section on Pain I
Section of Spine/Peripheral Nerves I
Section on Tumors I
Council of State Neurosurgical Societies
Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

TUESDAY

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General Scientific Session II:
Trauma: The Neurosurgeon's Domain
Exhibit Viewing
Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall
Distinguished Service Award Presentation
Luncheon Seminars
Special Course II - Neurocutaneous Syndromes
Section on Pediatric Neurosurgery I
Section on Pain II
Section on Neurotrauma and Critical Care I
Section on Tumors II
Section on Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery I
Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall
Annual Business Meeting

WEDNESDAY

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General Scientific Session III:
Dilemmas in Neurovascular Surgery
Exhibit Viewing
Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall
CNS Fellowship and Resident Award Presentations
Luncheon Seminars
Special Course III - When Not to Operate
Section on Pediatric Neurosurgery II
Section on Cerebrovascular Surgery II
Section on Neurotrauma and Critical Care II
Section on Spine and Peripheral Nerves II
Section on Stereotactic and Functional Neurosurgery II
Coffee Break in Exhibit Hall

THURSDAY

7:30 am-11:45 am
8:45 am-9:15 am
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12:30 pm
6:00 pm

General Scientific Session IV:
Facial Pain and the Neurosurgeon
Through the Looking Glass - Neurosurgical Endoscopy
Honored Guest Presentation:
Therapeutic Decisions for Facial Pain
Coffee Break
Departure for Semi-Ah-Moo
Semi-Ah-Moo Reception

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1998 Year in Review

Members of the CNS:

It has been a great honor to serve you as President during the past year. I would like to acknowledge the many individuals who have been so important to our organization's success in the past year. In particular, Annual Meeting Chairman/Secretary Mark Hadley and Scientific Program Chairman Issam Awad have worked tirelessly to produce what we hope we will a very memorable Annual Meeting in Seattle. In addition, I thank the entire Executive Committee, as well as the hundreds of volunteers in our committee structure who continue to make this organization great.

The Washington Committee of the CNS and AANS had a very successful year. HCFA proposed a 70-80% decrease in Neurosurgical reimbursement for practice expense which was to take effect January 1, 1998. Organized neurosurgery was a major force in the establishment of the Practice Expense Coalition which partnered with numerous medical specialties including cardiology and gastroenterology. This coalition identified the fallacies in the HCFA approach and successfully lobbied against it. The committee has continued to actively work on this issue as successive proposals have been developed by the government. In addition, we have actively participated in negotiations on new evaluation and management guidelines, CPT coding and coverage issues, improved funding for biomedical research, and PATH litigation.



Central to my own efforts during the past year has been a broadening of the CNS infrastructure. The large number of CNS committees offers the opportunity for literally everyone in neurosurgery to serve. The new CNS Leadership Development Committee, under the direction of Paul Camarata, carefully tracks the work of hundreds of committee members and attempts to reward those with continued interest with progressively more challenging assignments. Continued efforts result in promotion to committee leadership positions and, eventually, in nomination and election to the Executive Committee. This committee has also served as the clearing house for all requests for involvement in the CNS organization.

An additional new committee, the CNS Fellowship Committee, has been created this year and is currently under the capable leadership of Douglas Kondziolka. This committee has reorganized the many CNS Fellowships, and has standardized and centralized the application process. CNS Fellowships currently include the Clinical Fellowship, the International Fellowship, the Clinical Outcomes Fellowship, the CNS Travelling Fellowship (supporting work in third world nations), and a new Public Policy Fellowship (run under the auspices of the Washington Committee). The CNS invests hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly in its fellowship efforts, on behalf of its members.

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Finally, I would like to congratulate the current Editor of Neurosurgery On Call, John Oro, and the NOC board. I was honored to serve as the previous Editor of NOC. All members of the CNS should be proud to have access to this award winning, information filled internet homepage. I encourage each of you to use NOC and to take advantage of the many computer technology courses at the Annual Meeting in Seattle.

To receive more information about membership in the CNS or about service on one or more CNS committees, or about any of the CNS Fellowships, call 1 888 CNS-5577 or E-mail to CNSEC.IX.NETCOM.COM. More information about the CNS is also available on Neurosurgery-On-Call (<http://www.neurosurg.org>).

WASHINGTON UPDATE 10/98

by Lori Shoaf, Senior Washington Associate CNS AND AANS FILE SUPREME COURT AMICUS BRIEF

The CNS and AANS have joined the American Medical Association, the American Hospital Association and the American College of Surgeons in filing an amicus brief before the U.S. Supreme Court in the Roberts v. Galen of Virginia hospital anti-dumping case. The case involves a review of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals' interpretation of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA), which requires hospitals and physicians to provide medical screening examinations and stabilization treatment to any person who presents to the emergency department (regardless of their ability to pay). A physician or hospital that fails to meet the requirements of EMTALA can be fined by the government and lose their right to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. In addition, private plaintiffs may sue hospitals for civil damages. The CNS and AANS have long been critical of the way the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) and the courts have interpreted this law, and are hopeful that the Supreme Court ruling will narrow the scope of EMTALA.

MEDICARE PRACTICE EXPENSES

The CNS and AANS recently filed comments to HCFA's revised Medicare practice expense regulation. The new proposal represents a major departure from HCFA's earlier proposal, both in terms of the impact on neurosurgical fees, as well as the methodology HCFA uses to derive the practice expense relative value units (RVUs). Overall, HCFA predicts that this new proposal will reduce neurosurgical income by 10%, as compared with 21% under last year's methodology. These cuts will be phased-in over a four-year period and do not include any offsetting increases to the malpractice component of the RBRVS (past proposals have indicated that neurosurgeons' fees will increase by 5% when the malpractice RVUs are adjusted). By the year 2002, the total overall impact may be in the range of -5 to -7%, although many commonly performed neurosurgical procedures will receive reductions in excess of these figures.

Despite this more favorable scenario, the CNS and AANS were highly critical of several aspects of the new HCFA method, and recommended significant changes. Specifically, we requested that HCFA use data on actual practice expenses generated from our recent CNS/AANS practice expense surveys. We also urged the agency not to manipulate this data to benefit one specialty over another (it appears that HCFA has once again manipulated the data to increase practice expense reimbursement for primary care and decrease practice expense payments for surgeons). The full text of our comment letter and accompanying addenda are available on Neurosurgery On-Call.

H. Hunt Batjer, M.D.

H. Hunt Batjer, of Chicago, Illinois, is the former Secretary of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and is the new President of the CNS. He has been an active member of the CNS since 1984, holding numerous committee appointments including service as a member of the Scientific Program and Resident Registration Committees, and as Chairman of the Future Sites Committee and the Subcommittee on International Development. In addition, he served as Scientific Program Chairman in 1993 and Annual Meeting Chairman in 1994.



Dr. Batjer completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Texas, Austin, in 1973 and received his medical degree in 1977 from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. He completed his residency training at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School-Parkland Memorial Hospital in 1982.

His academic appointments include positions with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in the Department of Neurological Surgery as Assistant Professor (1983-1989), Associate Professor with Tenure (1989-1993) and Professor (1993-1995). Currently, Dr. Batjer is the Michael J. Marchese Professor of Surgery at Northwestern University Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois, with additional appointments as Chief of the Division of Neurological Surgery and Director of the Neurosurgical Residency Program.

In addition to his many volunteer activities with the CNS, Dr. Batjer has also played an active role in several other professional organizations, including The American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the THINK FIRST Foundation and the Stroke Council of the American Heart Association.

Throughout his career, he has been a visiting professor at medical teaching institutions throughout the United States and abroad. He has also authored or co-authored numerous scientific journal articles on a variety of neurosurgical topics including intracranial hemorrhage and arteriovenous malformations.

Daniel Louis Barrow, M.D.

Daniel Louis Barrow has been nominated to be the President-elect. He was raised in rural west central Illinois, the first of four children of Dr. and Mrs. Warren C. Barrow. During high school, Dan was active in varsity sports including football, basketball, baseball, golf and track. He was named an Illinois State Scholar and appeared in Who's Who In High School Dramatics. Dan graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1972 and matriculated at Westminster College, where he participated on the varsity golf and swimming teams. He was a member of Beta Beta Beta honorary biology fraternity and received the Outstanding Service and Leadership Award from the college. Dan graduated magna cum laude from Westminster College in 1976 and began his medical education at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in the summer of 1976. He received his M.D. degree from Southern Illinois University in 1979 and moved to Atlanta, Georgia to obtain his postgraduate training in neurosurgery at Emory University School of Medicine.



Dr. Barrow completed his general surgery internship and neurosurgical residency at Emory University affiliated hospitals and obtained his neurology training at Massachusetts General Hospital at Harvard University. Upon completing his neurosurgical residency, Dr. Barrow did a fellowship in cerebrovascular surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He returned to Emory University in 1985 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery. In 1990, Dr. Barrow was promoted to Associate Professor, and in 1991 was named the Vice-Chairman of the new Department of Neurosurgery at Emory University School of Medicine. In 1995, Dr. Barrow was named the MBNA/Bowman Professor and Chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery. In 1998, he was appointed to the board of directors of The Emory Clinic, Inc., a multi-specialty clinic with over 800 physicians.

Dr. Barrow has authored over 125 scientific articles and chapters in medical textbooks. He has authored or edited eleven monographs including a major textbook of neurosurgery, *The Practice of Neurosurgery*. He has been a visiting professor at major universities throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. His research interests have focused on cerebrovascular disease and stroke. During his career in medicine he has won many awards including induction into the honorary medical society, Alpha Omega Alpha. He has been named in Who's Who in America and was chosen by his peers to appear in the publication, *The Best Doctor's in America*. In 1997, Dr. Barrow received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, one of only four recipients of this prestigious honor, and in 1998, he received the Alumni Achievement Award from Westminster College.

Dr. Barrow is married to Mollie Winston Barrow, a practicing oral and maxillofacial surgeon. They have three children, Emily, 10; Jack, 8; and Tom, 6.

Mark N. Hadley, M.D.

Mark N. Hadley, of Birmingham, Alabama, is currently Chairman of the Annual Meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) and the Secretary. He has been an active member of the CNS since 1984, holding numerous committee appointments including service as a member of the Scientific Program and Resident Registration Committees, and as Chairman of the Future Sites



Committee and the Subcommittee on International Development. In addition, he served as Scientific Program Chairman in 1993 and Annual Meeting Chairman in 1994.

Dr. Hadley completed his undergraduate studies at Stanford University, Stanford, California, in 1978 and received his medical degree in 1982 from the Albany Medical College in Albany, New York. He was a resident in neurological surgery from 1983-1988 at the Barrow Neurological Institute, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Phoenix, Arizona.

He is currently a Professor in the Division of Neurosurgery at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Medical Center, Veteran Administration Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama, and Children's Hospital of Alabama. His professional appointments include Director Neurological Surgery Spine Fellowship Program in the Division of Neurosurgery, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Team Neurosurgeon for the University of Alabama at Birmingham Football Program, Director of Resident and Medical Student Education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Medical Director of the University of Alabama THINK FIRST, Head and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention Program.

His many volunteer activities for the CNS have included the Sergeant at Arms Committee, Host Committee, Public Relations Committee, Publications Committee, Joint Committee on Education (Subcommittees on Self-Assessment and Sponsorship and on Research). He was the Annual Meeting Exhibits Chairman from 1994 to present and is the current Scientific Program Chairman. He is also a member of the Executive Committee from 1994 to present. Dr. Hadley has also played an active role in several other professional organizations, including The American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the THINK FIRST Foundation the Joint Section on Disorders of the Spine/Peripheral Nerves, and the Southern Neurosurgical Society.

He has served on the Editorial Board of the Journal, *Perspectives in Neurological Surgery* and has served as Editor for *Self Assessment for Neurological Surgeons* (SANS VI). Dr. Hadley has been a visiting professor at medical teaching institutions throughout the United States and abroad. He has also authored or co-authored numerous scientific journal articles on a variety of neurosurgical topics including disorders and diseases of the human vertebral column. He is married to Lori, a graduate of Southern Mississippi University who is involved in Interior Design sales and marketing. They have two delightful children, Christopher and Jack.

Paul C. McCormick, MD

Paul C. McCormick, MD is the Vice President-Elect of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. Paul was born in Washington, DC on January 7, 1956. He was raised in suburban Maryland and

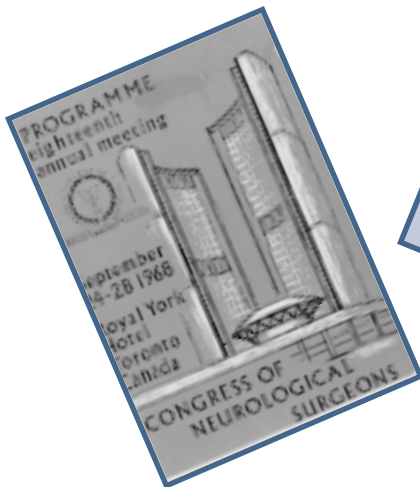


graduated from Columbia University College with a BA in English in 1978. He was captain of the 1977 Columbia football team. He attended Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and received MD degree in 1982. Following a

general surgery internship at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center (1982-83) and fellowship at the National Institutes of Health (1983-84) he completed a residency in neurological surgery at the Neurological Institute of New York (1984-89). After a one-year fellowship in Spinal surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin (1989-90) he returned to Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center where he is on staff as Associate Attending of Neurosurgery. He currently holds the faculty appointment of Associate Professor of Clinical Neurosurgery at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. McCormick has been actively involved in organized neurosurgery since the completion of his residency. He has served on the Scientific Program Committee for the annual meetings of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), and the Joint Section of Disorders of the Spine and Peripheral Nerves. He is on the Executive Committee of the Joint Spine section and currently chairs the Outcomes Subcommittee of this section. He currently serves on the Executive Committee of the CNS where he has chaired the CNS Membership Committee since 1996.

Paul and Doris McCormick married in 1984. They have two incredibly great children, Paul, age 10, and Kyle, age 6. They spend a lot of family time together. They love to ride bicycles, go on day trips, and travel on vacation to the Jersey Shore, Colorado to ski, and other exciting places (e.g. Hawaii, Yellowstone, Disneyland).



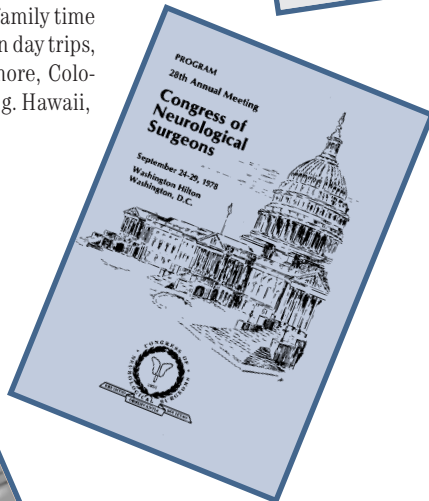
Stephen M. Papadopoulos, M.D.

Stephen M. Papadopoulos, M.D. is currently serving a three-year term as Treasurer of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. He has a long history of service to the Congress, in several positions over the last decade. Dr. Papadopoulos is also the current Chairman of the Joint Section of Disorders of the Spine and Peripheral Nerves.



Steve is an Associate Professor at the University of Michigan with appointments in Sections of Neurosurgery and Orthopaedic Surgery. He has a wide range of academic interests in neurosurgery with primary focus on spinal disorders, emerging technology, and neuronavigation.

Penny Papadopoulos is an Adult Nurse Practitioner in Family Practice and Occupational Health. She has been an active participant in the Congress of Neurological Surgeons Auxiliary for several years. She has also served on the Executive Committee in a number of positions. Penny and Steve have three young boys, Michael, Matthew, and Marcus. The boys enjoy a number of sports including tennis, basketball, soccer, and swimming.



CNS AND AANS REJECT HCFA'S PROPOSED E&M DOCUMENTATION GUIDELINES

The CNS and AANS recently sent a letter to HCFA and the AMA CPT Editorial Panel rejecting new HCFA proposal and supporting the recent AMA House of Delegates' action which denounces "any documentation system that requires quantitative formulas or assigns numeric values to elements in the medical record..." In our letter, we noted that whatever E&M coding system is eventually adopted, "we strongly believe that it must reflect what physicians are supposed to do: use their time, intellectual skills, and experience to help patients, rather than be "bullet" counters whose major responsibility is to perform services simply because such services conform to a medical records "cookbook," with little or no regard for patient needs."

HCFA has indefinitely postponed implementation of the documentation guidelines and is currently working with organized medicine to develop (hopefully) a new system that is acceptable to both physicians and the government. And while no final schedule for implementation has been set, we anticipate that new guidelines will go into effect next year sometime.

The full text of our comment letter is available on Neurosurgery:\ On-Call.

PHYSICIAN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING: CNS/AANS MEMBERS LEAD LEGISLATIVE EFFORT

On July 20, 1998, Representative Tom Campbell (R-CA) introduced H.R. 4277, the Quality Healthcare Coalition Act of 1998. The bill provides that any group of healthcare professionals negotiating with a health insurer "shall, in connection with such negotiations, be entitled to the same treatment under the anti-trust laws as that which is accorded to members of a bargaining unit unrecognized under the National Labor Relations Act." In other words, independent physicians will be able to collectively negotiate contract terms, including fees, without fearing "price fixing" penalties. The bill was introduced to help correct the imbalance of bargaining power between independent physicians and insurance companies.

The CNS and AANS strongly support the adoption of this measure and will work to move the bill in Congress. CNS and AANS members, George Koenig, MD and Donald Prolo, MD, should be credited with getting the bill introduced. Several years ago they met with Congressman Campbell and urged him to address this issue through federal legislation. Through the CNS, AANS, and California Medical Association (CMA), they brought the issue to the AMA, where the House of Delegates unanimously supported the measure. In addition, Dr. Koenig has worked closely with AMA leadership who subsequently endorsed the specifics of the Campbell bill.

While the bill will not go anywhere this year, the House Judiciary Committee held hearings on the legislation on July 29, 1998. The bill received considerable support from many members of the committee. Not surprisingly, the federal antitrust agencies oppose the measure, as does the health insurance industry.

HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION

If you have any specific questions or would like more information about any of the above issues, please contact Katie Orrico or Lori Shoaf in the Washington Office at 202-628-2072 or via e-mail at KateOrrico@aol.com; LoriShoaf@aol.com. Also, please visit the recently revised socioeconomic section of the Neurosurgery:\ On-Call web site. The site contains the latest developments in Washington as well as AANS/CNS comments and testimonies.