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Marc R. Mayberg, M.D., President CNS A Biography

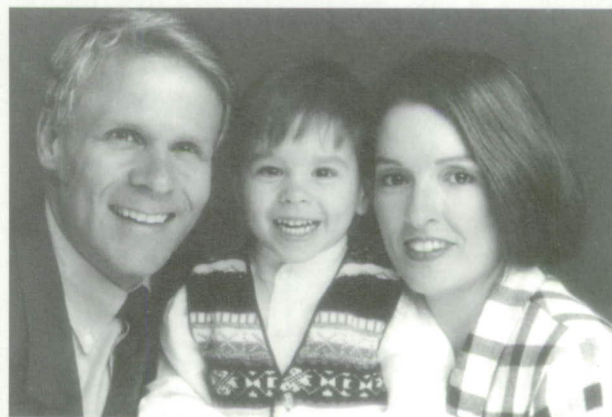


Dr. Mayberg grew up in Edina, Minnesota. He received his bachelor's degree *cum laude* from Harvard University in 1974, where he played varsity football. During medical school at Mayo, he worked in the laboratory of Dr. Thoralf Sundt. Dr. Mayberg did his residency training at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he also did a research fellowship with Dr. Michael Moskowitz. In 1985, he

was the Van Wegenen Fellow at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in London, England, and worked in the laboratory of Prof. Lindsay Symon. He joined the faculty at the University of Washington in 1986, where he is currently Professor and Chief of Neurosurgery Clinical Services at University of Washington Medical Center. He maintains a busy general neurosurgical practice, with a special interest in acoustic neuromas, pituitary tumors and carotid endarterectomy.

Prior to his election as President, Dr. Mayberg served the CNS as Vice-President, Executive Committee member, Annual Meeting and Scientific Program Chairman, and Chairman of the Education Committee. Joint AANS/CNS responsibilities have included Joint Officers, Washington Committee, Executive Committee of the Cerebrovascular Section, Co-Chairman of the Carotid Endarterectomy Task Force and Chairman of Devices and Drugs. Dr. Mayberg been active in several national organizations, including the National Institutes of Health, the Veterans Administration Research Council, the National Stroke Association, the American Heart Association and the Brain Attack Coalition. He is a member of the Neurological Society of America, American Academy of Neurosurgeons, and American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Mayberg has maintained a research program in cerebral vessel wall biology since his arrival in Seattle, including research in cerebral vasospasm, mechanisms of smooth muscle proliferation and the response of arteries to radiation. His research awards have included the Resident Award from the Academy of Neurological Surgery, the Young Clinician-investigator Award from AANS, the Neufeld Award, the Clinical Investigator Development Award and R01 funding from NIH, and Merit Review funding from the V.A.. He has authored over 85 scientific journal articles and over 50 book chapters. Dr. Mayberg is co-editor of *Neurosurgery Clinics of North America*, and serves on the editorial boards of *Stroke*, *Neurosurgery*, *Perspectives in Neurosurgery*, *Strokes Clinical Updates*, *Journal of Stroke & Cerebrovascular Disease* and *Perspectives in Neurosurgery*.



Dr. Teresa Mayberg is a neuroanesthesiologist and Associate Professor in the Departments of Anesthesia and Neurological Surgery at the University of Washington. Her research concerns the effect of anesthetic agents on cerebral blood flow. Marc and Terry have a son, Matthew, who is two years old.

CNS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STATEMENT REGARDING

PEDICLE SCREW LITIGATION

The CNS was formerly a defendant in the ongoing pedicle screw litigation, but has since been dismissed as a party. We understand that a proposed settlement between the plaintiffs and AcroMed Corporation does not constitute an admission that use of pedicle screws in proper medical practice is unlawful or actionable. However, some feel that it may encourage continued pursuit of this litigation against the remaining defendants.

The CNS believes that decisions regarding the use of pedicle screws must be made by experienced surgeons, exercising their expert judgment as to the best form of treatment for properly selected patients, relying on the most authoritative literature available. To our knowledge, no legal authority has definitively concluded that the use of pedicle screws in appropriate cases constitutes malpractice or is otherwise actionable. Conversely, there has also been no conclusive legal authority sanctioning their use. Use of these devices must be governed by the same standards of proper medical care that apply to neurosurgical practice in general.

The CNS strongly feels that it is the right and duty of all physicians to provide the best available treatment for patients. We support the rights of all physicians to determine those therapies which they feel are in the best interests of the patients, and the right of physicians to freely exchange new and potentially important scientific and medical information in an atmosphere of scientific inquiry and discourse.

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- 1997 New Orleans, LA;
September 27–October 2
- 1998 Seattle, WA; October 3–8
- 1999 Boston, MA; October 23–28
- 2000 San Antonio, TX;
September 23–28

German Academy of Neurosurgery

On August 26, 1996, in Frankfurt, Germany, the German Academy of Neurosurgery was constituted. The founding members are as follows:

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- Prof. M. Brock, Berlin
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