ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) exists to enhance health and improve lives worldwide through the advancement of education and scientific exchange.

BENEFITS:

- Complimentary subscription to NEUROSURGERY®, Operative Neurosurgery®, Congress Quarterly, and Clinical Neurosurgery.
- Complimentary access to CNS Online Learning, featuring more than 100 online courses and discounted webinars for members.
- Opportunity to participate in the organization through volunteering on various CNS committees.
- Reduced registration fee for CNS Annual Meeting.
- Reduced prices on other CNS publications and courses.
- Ability to manage your CME credit, member account and meeting participation via your online CNS Account.

REQUIREMENTS: An applicant for Active Membership in the Congress of Neurological Surgeons must be a licensed physician whose practice is substantially limited to neurological surgery. Further, an applicant for Active Membership must:

- Be certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or the Mexican Council of Neurological Surgery; OR
- Have completed the residency training requirements of a program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; OR
- Have acceptable academic training equivalent to the requirements for eligibility for examination by the American Board of Neurological Surgery; OR
- Have an outstanding record in the field of neurological surgery over a period of years, due to the high standard of quality of the applicants work; AND
- Be a member in good standing in the applicant’s local or regional medical society or equivalent documentation of good standing in local medical community (e.g. active hospital privileges) except for applicants who are officers in the Armed Forces; and have a record consistent with the highest standards of the profession.

DUES:

The annual fee for CNS Active Membership is $675 (U.S. currency) plus a one-time processing fee of $25 (U.S. currency). After your application has been reviewed and approved by the CNS Membership Committee, a dues invoice will be sent to you. Please do not remit any money at this time. For more information about CNS please visit www.cns.org.
APPLICATION FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

I. BIOGRAPHICAL:

Name: ___________________________ Date of birth: (MM/DD/YYYY) __________________
Place of birth: ____________________ Citizenship: ____________________________
Residence Address: __________________________
City, State, Zip: __________________________
Telephone No.: __________________________ Email address: __________________________

Organization: __________________________
Address: __________________________
City, State, Zip: __________________________
Telephone No.: __________________________ Fax: __________________________

☐ No, do not display my email address in the CNS Online Member Directory.
☐ No, do not send me CNS product and service updates and information via email.

Please send correspondence to this address: ☐ Work or ☐ Home

II. TRAINING:

Medical School: __________________________
Date of Graduation: __________________________ Degree: __________________________
Internship: __________________________
Type: __________________________ Dates: __________________________
Neurosurgical Residency Training: __________________________
Position(s) held: __________________________ Dates Attended: __________________________
Name, address, email and telephone of Program Director (Chief of Service) during residency:

Name: __________________________
Address: __________________________
City, State, Zip: __________________________
Office Phone: __________________________ Fax: __________________________
Email: __________________________

Other Residency/Fellowship training (please list dates and position(s) held):
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Other neurosurgical training (please list dates and position(s) held):
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III. REFERENCES:
Please list two references who are MEMBERS of the CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS
(Do NOT include your Program Director as a reference)

Reference 1: Name: ___________________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________________________________________________

Reference 2: Name: _________________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________________________________________________

IV. MEMBERSHIP, CERTIFICATION AND PRACTICE:
Are you a member of the American Medical Association? Yes ☐ No ☐
Is your practice limited to Neurosurgery? Yes ☐ No ☐
Are you ABNS eligible? Yes ☐ No ☐
Are you certified by the ABNS? Yes ☐ No ☐
What year did the certification take effect? __________
Are you certified in neurosurgery by another examining body? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Name: __________________________________________________________Start Date: __________

Local or Regional Medical Society Membership or hospital privileges
Name: __________________________________________________________Start Date: __________

State, Regional, or Provincial Neurosurgical Society Membership
Name: __________________________________________________________Start Date: __________

Are you licensed to practice medicine? (Required) Yes ☐ No ☐
State: __________ Issued __________ Valid through __________
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PRACTICE TYPE
Academic Private-Group Government Private-Solo
Academic/Private Military Retired Other

V. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES: (may be provided in CV in lieu of documenting here)
LIST OF PUBLICATIONS:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

ACADEMIC POSITIONS CURRENTLY HELD:
________________________________________________________________________

MEMBERSHIP IN ADDITIONAL NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETIES:
________________________________________________________________________
AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

1. Authorization: I hereby authorize the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (hereinafter referred to as the “Congress”) and its board of directors, membership committee, professional conduct committee, or any of their employees and agents (each a Congress representative) to: consult or make inquiry of any physician, hospital, health system, medical school, medical training program, medical association, specialty board, licensing authority, professional liability insurance carrier, broker or agent, personal reference, individuals and/or organizations concerned with provider performance and the quality and efficiency of patient care, and individual or organization who has been associated with me and/or who has information bearing on my ability, training, education, professional ethics, character, emotional stability, professional liability experience, and other qualifications pertinent to membership in the Congress; AND inspect and obtain copies of all records and documents that may be material to evaluating my professional qualifications, competence, ethical standards and practice patterns or otherwise related to qualifications pertinent to membership in the Congress.

2. Release: I hereby authorize and consent to the release of information by: each individual and organization who provides information to the Congress or its representative in good faith concerning my ability, training education, professional ethics, character, emotional stability, professional liability experience, and other qualifications pertinent to membership in the Congress, including otherwise privileged or confidential information; AND the Congress and representatives to any physician, hospital, medical school, medical training program, medical association, specialty board, licensing authority, professional liability insurance carrier, broker or agent, personal references, and individuals or organizations concerned with provider performance and the quality and efficiency of patient care, any information relevant to such matters that the Congress or its representatives may have concerning me regarding my ability, training, education, professional ethics, experience and other qualifications pertinent to membership in the Congress.

3. Indemnification: I hereby discharge from any liability and agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless from any liability (including reasonable attorney’s fees and expenses) all: Individuals and organizations who provide information to Congress in good faith, including otherwise privileged or confidential information; and Congress and Congress representatives For their acts performed in good faith in connection with obtaining or providing information about me and evaluating my credentials and qualifications. I hereby agree that no information obtained by the Congress or its representatives pursuant to any pre-application, application or re-application process shall be subject to discovery, subpoena or other means of legal compulsion for release by me or my agents.

4. Truth and accuracy of information: I hereby certify that all information submitted by me to the Congress (whether in an application, CV or otherwise) is true to my best knowledge and belief. I understand and agree 
   (i) to update the Congress so that all information contained in my application for membership remains true at all times; and
   (ii) that providing false or misleading information shall be grounds for denial or termination of membership in the Congress without right to further process.

5. Membership Dues and Assessments: I hereby acknowledge financial responsibility to timely pay all membership dues and other financial assessments imposed on me by the Congress.

6. Membership Pledge: I pledge that at all times while I am a member of the Congress to uphold the ideals and goals of the Congress and to continuously strive to provide quality and efficient care to my patients in a cost effective manner. I confirm that I have not had any previous disciplinary actions (e.g.: loss of membership in other medical societies, etc.) and I am committed to an ethical medical practice.

A photocopy of this form shall suffice as an original for the purpose of authorizing release of information.

Signature ___________________________ Date ________________
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please make sure you have completed the application and submitted the following items:

- Completed and signed application
  - I. List your Program Director/Chief of Service (during training).
  - II. Document local medical society membership or active hospital privileges.
  - III. Document active license in state you are practicing.
- Signed authorization of release form
- Provide information for your two sponsoring neurosurgeon references.
  NOTE: References must be CNS members. Do NOT include your Program Director as a reference.
- **Curriculum Vitae enclosed**
- **Photograph enclosed  *Optional**

You can speed your application by encouraging your references to respond promptly to our request and by joining your local medical society or attaining active hospital privileges.

**Please return the application to:**

Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
ATTN: Member Services Department  
10 N. Martingale Road, Suite 190  
Schaumburg, IL 60173 USA  
Phone: 847 240 2500  
Fax: 847 240 0804  
Toll Free: 877 517 1CNS  
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