

# AANS FACT SHEET

Founded in 1931 as the Harvey Cushing Society, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) is a scientific and educational association with over 8,100 members worldwide.

Neurological surgery is the medical specialty concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders or injuries affecting the nervous system, brain, spinal cord and the spinal column. A neurological surgeon may provide either surgical or nonsurgical care, depending on the nature of the injury or illness. These medical specialists are trained to help patients with head and spine trauma, cerebrovascular disorders (e.g., stroke); chronic low back pain; birth defects; brain and spinal tumors; and abnormalities of the peripheral nerves (in the face, arms, legs, hands and feet).

**Fellows** of the AANS reside in North America and are board certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or the Mexican Council of Neurological Surgery, A.C.

**Provisional** members reside in North America and have completed an approved training program within the last five (5) years.

**Candidate** members are enrolled in approved North American neurosurgical training programs.

**International members** are neurosurgeons who do not qualify for Fellow member status by virtue of their country of residence or training and have completed a formal neurosurgical training program as determined by, and suitable to, the AANS Board of Directors.

**International-Developing Country** members are neurosurgeons who reside outside the U.S. in developing countries (determined by the World Bank) and do not qualify for Fellow status.

**International Resident** are residents or fellows who are enrolled in a verifiable non-North American neurosurgical training program or who are in the five years following completion of residency.

**Honorary** members are those recognized internationally for their outstanding education, research or clinical contributions to neurological science.

**Associate** members are non-neurosurgeons who have shown distinction in related medical disciplines, neuroscience nurses or physician assistants.

**Allied** members are certified surgical technicians or neurosurgical office staff.

Applications are available at [www.AANS.org](http://www.AANS.org).

## AANS Mission Statement

The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) is the organization that speaks for all of neurosurgery. The AANS is dedicated to advancing the specialty of neurosurgery in order to promote the highest quality of patient care.

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### Member Statistics

As of September 8, 2011

Fellows	3,044
Provisional	446
Candidate	1,773
International	686
Lifetime	1,742
Honorary	17
Associate	271
Affiliate	11
Allied	4
Pending	369
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,363</b>



# American Association of Neurological Surgeons

## Dates to Remember

### Minimally Invasive Lateral Interbody Fusion

June 29-30, 2012  
Rosemont, IL

### Managing Coding & Reimbursement Challenges in Neurosurgery

February 10-11, 2012  
Scottsdale, AZ  
March 16-17, 2012  
New Orleans, LA  
July 27-28, 2012  
Chicago, IL  
September 7-8, 2012  
Washington, DC  
November 15-16, 2012  
Orlando, FL

### Weekend Update: Interactive Review of Clinical Neurosurgery

February 25-26, 2012  
Las Vegas, NV

### Goodman Oral Board Preparation Courses

November 6-8, 2011  
Houston, TX  
April 29 - May 1, 2012  
Houston, TX  
November 4-6, 2012  
Houston, TX

### 2012 AANS Annual Meeting

April 14-18, 2012  
Miami Beach, FL

For a complete listing of upcoming events and registration information, please visit [www.AANS.org](http://www.AANS.org) and select the "Education and Meetings" tab.

## AANS Fellowships

### Van Wagenen Fellowship (VWF)

The William P. Van Wagenen Fellowship supports post-residency, overseas neurosurgical study, in a country other than the applicant's country of residence, for a period of 12 months. To qualify, applicants must intend to pursue an academic career. The stipend for the 2012 Van Wagenen Fellowship is \$120,000. If requested, a \$6,000 family traveling allowance as well as a \$5,000 allowance for insurance expenses is available. Also, \$15,000 of additional support is available for the fellow's research at the laboratory where he/she will be studying. The application deadline for the 2012 Fellowship was October 1, 2011.

### AANS Medical Student Summer Research Fellowship

Open to medical students in the United States and Canada who have completed one or two years of medical school and wish to spend a summer experience in an operative neurosurgical laboratory. The applicant must be mentored by a neurosurgical investigator who is an active member of the AANS and who will sponsor the student for at least two (2) months. Twenty (20) fellowships of \$2,500 each will be awarded in 2012. Applications for the 2012 Fellowships are due February 1, 2012.

### AANS International Visiting Surgeon Fellowship

The AANS awards two observational fellowships each year with the goal of advancing AANS participation in international neurosurgery, and providing meaningful educational experiences to international neurosurgeons who will practice and/or teach neurosurgery in their home countries. The program provides funding for a neurosurgeon or neurosurgeon in-training from a developing country (as defined by the World Bank) to study for up to three (3) months at a North American institution. For program details and a list of eligible countries, please see the "International Activities" section of the AANS website.

## NREF Grants and Awards

The Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF) of the AANS annually sponsors **Research Fellowships** and **Young Clinician Investigator Awards**.

The Foundation encourages grant applications in all areas of basic, translational, and patient-oriented clinical neuroscience research which may include, but are not limited to, areas such as: aneurysms; biomaterials; birth defects; bone regeneration; brain tumors; cerebrovascular; epilepsy; hydrocephalus; head/spinal cord injury; pain management; Parkinson's Disease; pediatrics; skull-base; spinal biomechanics; spinal cord disorders; and trauma. Applications are due October 31, 2011.

The NREF is proud to offer co-sponsored research grants including, but not limited to, the following:

- NREF/American Academy of Neurological Surgery (AAcNS) Research Grant
- NREF-AANS/CNS Cerebrovascular Research Grant
- NREF-AANS/CNS Pediatric Section Research Fellowship
- NREF/Spine & Peripheral Nerves Section Research Grant
- NREF/AANS Pinnacle Partners in Neurosurgery Research Grant
- NREF/Section on Tumors Research Fellowship
- Various corporate supported grants

### Post-Residency Clinical Fellowship Grant

This grant provides funding for post-residency clinical fellowships in spine surgery, endovascular neurosurgery, other cerebrovascular-related techniques, general neurosurgery, neurocritical care, neurosurgical oncology, pediatric neurosurgery, peripheral nerve surgery and stereotactic/functional neurosurgery. Applications were due October 7, 2011.

For additional information on the AANS and NREF grant programs, please visit [www.AANS.org](http://www.AANS.org) and select the "Grants and Fellowships" tab, or contact the Development department at (888) 566-AANS (2267) or [nref@aan.org](mailto:nref@aan.org).