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## UCNS Announces New and Recertified Neuro-oncology Diplomates

*Minneapolis, MN, October 5, 2017* - The United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS) is pleased to announce the names of the physicians who passed the 2017 UCNS Neuro-oncology Certification and Recertification Examinations.

Thirty-three physicians passed the Neuro-oncology Certification Examination, demonstrating their expert knowledge in this subspecialty area. These physicians now hold the distinction of being UCNS Diplomates.

A total of 20 physicians passed the Neuro-oncology Recertification Examination and have demonstrated their commitment to life-long learning by meeting the continuing medical education and subspecialty knowledge requirements necessary to maintain their certification. There are currently 240 physician Diplomates certified in Neuro-oncology.

All UCNS certification and recertification examinations are developed by committees of experts in the subspecialty field who are nominated by each **subspecialty's sponsoring organization(s)** and take place at proctored testing centers. The committees work with a psychometrician to ensure all examinations follow accepted psychometric principles and are psychometrically valid.

Congratulations to the following physicians:

### New Diplomates

Ajay P. Abad, MD  
Sushma Bellamkonda, MD  
Ankush Bhatia, MD  
Amy M. Chan, MD  
Ricky Chen, MD

Ugonma N Chukwueke, MD  
Karan S. Dixit, MD  
Anastasia M. Dunn-Pirio, MD  
Deborah A. Forst, MD  
Jhon A. Guerra Moreno, MD

Aya M. Haggiagi, MD  
Carlos Kamiya-Matsuoka, MD  
Simon Khagi, MD  
Denise O. Leung, MD  
Kien-Ninh, I, Ly, MD  
Rachna Malani, MBCHB  
Joe S. Mendez, MD  
Alexandra M. Miller, MD, PhD  
Julie J. Miller, MD, PhD  
Joo Yeon Nam, MD  
Martha R. Neagu, MD, PhD  
Kathryn S. Nevel, MD

Nancy Ann Oberheim Bush, MD, PhD  
Marta Penas-Prado, MD  
Anna F. Piotrowski, MD  
Lauren Schaff, MD  
Sarah Sung, MD  
Yoshie Umemura, MD  
Nancy Wang, MD  
Paula P Warren, MD  
Shiao-Pei Weathers, MD  
Synphen H. Wu, MD, PhD  
Alicia M. Zukas, MD

#### Recertified Diplomates

Robert D. Aiken, MD  
Joachim M. Baehring, MD, Dsc  
Denise M. Damek, MD  
Asha Das, MD  
Jan Drappatz, MD  
Heinrich Elinzano, MD  
Paul G. Fisher, MD  
Jon Glass, MD  
Philip A. Haddad, MD  
Larry R. Junck, MD

Albert Lai, MD, PhD  
Andrew B. Lassman, MD  
Phioanh Nghiemphu, MD  
Edward Pan, MD  
David M. Peereboom, MD  
Scott R. Plotkin, MD, PhD  
Lisa R. Rogers, DO  
Glen HJ Stevens, DO, PhD  
Ivo W. Tremont Lukats, MD  
Patrick Y. Wen, MD

For a complete list of all [UCNS-certified Diplomates](#), [UCNS accredited training programs](#), or information about [Neuro-oncology certification or recertification](#), visit [www.ucns.org](http://www.ucns.org).

#### ABOUT UCNS

The United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties is a 501(c)6 nonprofit organization with a goal of enhancing the quality of patient care by accrediting physician training programs that meet the quality standards set by the UCNS and awarding certification to physicians who demonstrate their knowledge in one or more of the nine UCNS neurologic subspecialty areas. There are currently over 2,700 UCNS-certified physicians and 187 accredited fellowship training programs across nine neurologic subspecialties. For more information, contact: [Brenda Riggott, Executive Director](#).

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