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### Training Programs Achieve UCNS Accreditation

*Minneapolis, MN, December 6, 2017* - The United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS) is pleased to announce the names of eight newly accredited UCNS fellowship training programs. Programs attaining UCNS accreditation status offer the core curriculum established by the subspecialty and meet required quality standards established by UCNS.

Accreditation is a voluntary process of program evaluation and peer review based on UCNS accreditation standards. Fellows who complete a UCNS-accredited program meet the training eligibility requirements to apply for certification in the subspecialty. There are now **195 UCNS-accredited training programs** in the **nine UCNS-recognized neurologic subspecialties**. UCNS congratulates the following programs and their program directors in achieving UCNS accreditation effective December 1, 2017:

Program	Program Director
<b><i>Geriatric Neurology</i></b> University of Kentucky	Gregory Jicha, MD, PhD
<b><i>Headache Medicine</i></b> Texas Children’s Hospital/Baylor College of Medicine Children’s Mercy Hospital West Virginia University Hospital	Irene Patniyot, MD Jennifer Bickel-Young, MD Umer Najib, MD
<b><i>Neurocritical Care</i></b> University of Missouri, Columbia University of California, San Francisco – Fresno	Premkumar Nattanmai, MD Stuart Glassner, DO
<b><i>Neuro-oncology</i></b> Mayo Clinic, Arizona University of Florida	Maciej Mrugala, MD, PhD, MPH Ashley Ghiaseddin, MD

Training programs interested in applying for accreditation will find application and program requirement information for each subspecialty under “Accreditation” at [UCNS.org](http://UCNS.org). Applications received by the June 1, 2018 deadline will be reviewed for accreditation in the fall of 2018.

## 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 2,749 UCNS-certified physicians and 195 accredited fellowship training programs across nine neurologic subspecialty areas.

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