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### UCNS Announces New Headache Medicine Diplomates

*Minneapolis, MN, January 4, 2019* - The United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS) is pleased to announce the names of the physicians who passed the 2018 UCNS Headache Medicine Certification and Recertification Examinations.

Demonstrating their expert knowledge in Headache Medicine, 92 physicians passed the Headache Medicine Initial Certification Examination. These physicians now hold the distinction of being UCNS Diplomates. A total of 42 physicians passed the Headache Medicine Recertification Examination and have demonstrated their commitment to life-long learning by meeting the continuing medical education and subspecialty knowledge requirements. There are currently 569 **physician Diplomates** certified in Headache Medicine.

Congratulations to the following physicians:

#### **New Diplomates**

Iryna Aberkorn, MD  
Antonia Ahern, MD  
Noman Ahmed, MD  
Zubair Ali Ahmed, MD  
Ashhar Ali, DO  
Ahmad Nadim Al-Sadat, MD  
Cynthia Armand, MD  
Ferhad Feroze Bashir, MD  
Allyson Beth Bazarisky, DO  
Thomas Berk, MD  
Mark Burish, MD, PhD  
Meghan Candee, MD, MS  
Madeline Chadhumbe, MD  
Diane Counce, MD  
Anne Csere, DO

Rachel S. Darken, MD, PhD  
Richelle deMayo, MD, CM  
Lex Denysenko, MD  
Michael Doerrler, DO  
Megan Donnelly, DO  
Elizabeth Ekpo, MD  
Michelle Evans, DO  
Jessica Gautreaux, MD  
Sarah Gibbons, DO  
Harold Goforth, MD  
Jihan Grant, MD  
Salil Gupta, MD  
Manoher L. Gurru, MD  
Katherine Hamilton, MD  
Yathish Haralur Sreekantaiah, MD  
Allison Hennigan, MD

Chelsea Hesterman, MD  
Michelle Holick, MD  
Angela Hou, MD  
Samantha Lee Irwin, MB, BCh, BAO, FRCPC  
Hongkui Jing, MD, PhD  
Glynnis Ziemann Jones, MD  
Gina Lyn Jones, DO  
Joshua Kamins, MD  
Jenna Kanter, MD  
Shathabish Shimoga Kariyanna, MD  
Fawad Khan, MD  
William Kingston, MD  
Narayan Kissoon, MD  
Kerry Knievel, DO  
Daniel Krashin, MD  
Regina Krel, MD  
Herbert Krob, MD, MSc  
Ana Marissa Lagman-Bartolome, MD  
Clinton Lauritsen, DO  
Young Ah Lee, MD  
Andrew David Levin, MD  
Seth Lichtenstein, MD  
Yitao Ma, MD  
Shamin Masrour, DO  
Nikolas Mata-Machado MD  
Santiago Mazuera Mejia, MD  
Alla Mesh, MD  
Abby Metzler, MD  
Rebecca Michael, MD  
Jason Shervin Nazar, DO  
Bernadette Nazario Lopez, MD

Barbara Nye, MD  
Chantal O'Brien, MD  
Yulia Orlova, MD  
Seniha Ozudogru, MD  
Anna Pace, MD  
Jennifer M. Padilla Martinez, MD  
Simy Parikh, MD  
Riddhiben Patel, MD  
Roshni Patel, MD  
Dinesh Venkoba Raju, MD, PhD  
Rashmi Rajendra Rao, MD  
Sanjai Rao, DO  
Reena Gogia Rastogi, MD  
Jill Rau, MD, PhD  
Sandhya Ravikumar, MD  
Eric Remster, MD  
Courtney Schusse, MD  
Megan Shanks, MD  
Susan Sharifi, MD  
Roni Sharon, MD  
Saima Siddiqui, MD  
Gloria Patricia Simms, MD  
Stacy Victoria Smith, MD  
Peter Struck, MD  
Shweta Teckchandani, DO  
Stephanie Vertrees, MD  
Jerry Wei, MD  
Mark Whealy, MD  
Cristina Wohlgelegen, MD  
Pengfei Zhang, MD

### **Recertified Diplomates**

Wayne E. Anderson, DO, FAAN, FAHS  
Mitra A. Assadi-Khansari, MD  
Kamel Ben-Othmane, MD  
Pramit Bhasin, MD  
Andrew M. Blumenfeld, MD  
Deborah L. Carver Hodges, MD  
Wade M. Cooper, DO  
Robert P. Cowan, MD  
Rima M. Dafer, MD, MPH  
Debra G. Davis, MD  
Merle L. Diamond, MD  
Kathleen B. Digre, MD  
Caren C. Douenias, MD  
Damon Fellman, MD  
Thomas Freedom, MD  
Gerard M. Gerling, MD  
Brian M. Grosberg, MD

Faizan Hafeez, MD  
Audrey L. Halpern, MD  
Mark Alan Kachadurian, DO  
Eugene K. Kaplan, MD  
Lance Y. Kim, DO  
Brad C. Klein, MD, MBA  
Hubert A. Leonard, MD, PhD  
Charisse D. Litchman, MD  
Michael J. Marmura, MD  
Laszlo L. Mechtler, MD  
Edmund J. Messina, MD  
William J. Mullally, MD  
Natalia Murinova, MD, MHA  
Uri Napchan, MD  
Jeffrey P. Nelson, MD  
George R. Nissan, DO  
Aurora K. Pajeau, MD

Sonja Potrebic, MD, PhD  
Angie L. Rakes, MD  
Deborah E. Reed, MD  
Jeffrey S. Royce, MD, FAHS, FAAFP

Sara E. Sacco, MD  
David B. Sudderth, MD  
David B. Watson, MD

Physicians in the United States and Canada who meet the eligibility requirements may apply for certification in Headache Medicine. The next initial certification examination will take place in 2020. For a complete list of all **Headache Medicine Diplomates, UCNS accredited training programs, and information about Headache Medicine Certification**, 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 2,800 UCNS-certified physicians and 201 accredited fellowship training programs across nine neurologic subspecialties**.

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