



United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties Approves First Membership

The United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS) has approved its first subspecialty membership. The neurological subspecialty area of Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry was approved for membership by the UCNS Board in June 2004.

The Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry application for membership was sponsored by two organizations: the Society for Behavioral and Cognitive Neurology and the American Neuropsychiatric Association.

Membership in the UCNS is the first step in the UCNS accreditation and certification process. The UCNS Accreditation Council will now work with the Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry subspecialty on requirements for fellowship programs. Then programs will be able to apply to become accredited by the UCNS. The UCNS Certification Council will also work with the Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry subspecialty to develop the examination that will be used in certifying individuals in the subspecialty.

The UCNS is an independent, non-profit, professional medical organization sponsored by five parent organizations: the American Academy of Neurology, American Neurological Association, Association of University Professors of Neurology, Child Neurology Society, and Professors of Child Neurology.

Its primary mission is to provide for accreditation and certification with the goal of enhancing the quality of training for physicians in neurological subspecialties and the quality of patient care.

The UCNS is designed to recognize added competence and to assist subspecialties that have matured to the point where accreditation of training programs and certification of graduates is appropriate, yet these subspecialties are not able to seek, or have not grown sufficiently for, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology certification.

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