



United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties Approves Autonomic Disorders Membership

The United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS) has approved its eighth subspecialty membership. The neurological subspecialty area of Autonomic Disorders was approved for membership by the UCNS Board in May 2007.

The Autonomic Disorders application was sponsored by the American Academy of Neurology's Autonomic Section, as well as the American Autonomic Society.

Membership is the first step in the UCNS accreditation and certification process. The UCNS Accreditation Council will now work with the subspecialty on requirements for fellowship programs. Then programs will be able to apply to become accredited by the UCNS. The UCNS Certification Council, via its Examination Committee, will also work with the subspecialty to develop the examination that will be used in certifying individuals. In addition, as a member of the UCNS, the Autonomic Disorders subspecialty will be granted one voting seat on the UCNS Board of Directors.

The UCNS is an independent, non-profit, professional medical organization sponsored by five parent organizations: the AAN, 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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