

**United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS) News Release  
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**UCNS Certifies First Diplomates**

**ST.PAUL, Minn** – The United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS) has completed its first certification of physicians in the subspecialties of Behavioral Neurology & Neuropsychiatry and Headache Medicine.

A total of 61 physicians in Behavioral Neurology & Neuropsychiatry took the certification examination and 59 have received certification, which resulted in a 96-percent pass rate. A total of 106 physicians in Headache Medicine took the certification examination and 105 received certification, which resulted in a 99-percent pass rate.

“This is a significant milestone for the UCNS,” said Chair Leslie A. Morrison, MD. “In just three years of operation, the UCNS has implemented a credible and fair certification process that physicians are eager to take part in. I applaud our new diplomates, as well as those who helped develop the comprehensive, thoughtful examinations.”

For a full list of the new UCNS diplomates, visit the UCNS website at [www.ucns.org/certification/diplomates/](http://www.ucns.org/certification/diplomates/).

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 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.

For more information about the UCNS, visit [www.ucns.org](http://www.ucns.org) or contact Todd Bulson at [tbulson@ucns.org](mailto:tbulson@ucns.org) or 651-695-2813.

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