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**The Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation Announces the Recipients of the 2014-2015 Post-Residency Clinical Fellowship Grant Program**

**ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. (July 24, 2014)** — On behalf of its affiliate, the Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF), the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) is pleased to announce that the NREF has reached agreements with DePuy Synthes Spine and Medtronic who will provide funding in support of the foundation's post-residency, clinical fellowship grant program. The following programs have been awarded fellowship grants for the 2014-2015 academic year: Cleveland Clinic for Spine Health, Duke University, Johns Hopkins University, Rush University Medical Center, Toronto Western Hospital (University Health Network), University of California, San Francisco; University of Miami, University of South Florida/ University of Medical Service Association, Inc., and University of Toronto.

“The NREF is grateful to our corporate sponsors who continue to help the NREF in its mission to ensure that tomorrow's leaders in medicine receive cutting-edge training to expand their knowledge and improve patient care,” stated Regis W. Haid Jr., MD, FAANS, NREF Development Committee chair.

The NREF is responsible for review and approval of grant applications and awards grants based upon established fellowship program criteria and the needs of the requesting hospital and/or academic institution. The NREF Educational Grants Committee (ECG) was established in the fall of 2009 to review and approve fellowship grant applications in an independent, unbiased manner. The committee is comprised of neurosurgeons who do not receive financial or other support from the medical device industry. Individuals serving on the Education Grants Committee are volunteers and do not receive compensation from the NREF for their efforts.

For more information about the post-residency, clinical fellowship funding program and all other NREF grants and awards, please contact Kristen Weber, NREF Chief Development Officer, at 847.378.0540 or [kaw@aans.org](mailto:kaw@aans.org).

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**About the NREF**

The Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF) is a not-for-profit 501 (C)(3) organization created in 1980 by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) to

support research and education efforts that enhance and confirm the critical role neurosurgeons play in improving lives.

The NREF is dedicated to providing education to neurosurgeons at all stages of their careers, as well as funding research into new and existing neurosurgical treatments, in order to identify links between best practices and improved outcomes in patient care. Through voluntary public donations, corporate support, and donations from allied groups, the NREF supports endeavors that impact the lives of those suffering from epilepsy, stroke, brain tumors, spinal disorders, sports-related head injuries, lower back pain and Parkinson's disease. To learn more, visit [www.nref.org](http://www.nref.org).

### **About the AANS**

Founded in 1931 as the Harvey Cushing Society, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) is a scientific and educational association with more than 8,600 members worldwide. The AANS is dedicated to advancing the specialty of neurological surgery in order to provide the highest quality of neurosurgical care to the public. Fellows of the AANS are board-certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgery, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or the Mexican Council of Neurological Surgery, A.C. Neurosurgery is the medical specialty concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders that affect the spinal column, spinal cord, brain, nervous system and peripheral nerves. To learn more, visit [www.aans.org](http://www.aans.org).