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The Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation Announces the Recipients of the 2016-2017 Post-Residency Clinical Fellowship Grant Program

(Rolling Meadows, IL-July 5, 2016) – The Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF) reached agreements with DePuy Synthes Spine, Medtronic, Zimmer Biomet, and Medtech to provide funding to the NREF in support of the Foundation’s Post-Residency Clinical Fellowship grant program.

“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 Ennio A. Chiocca, MD, PhD, FAANS, NREF Education Advisory Committee Chair.

As the premier funder of neurosurgical studies and education, the Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF) focuses on providing fellowship funding in basic neuroscience and neurosurgical programs in North America. Fellowships in neurosurgical oncology and pediatric neurosurgery were awarded for the first time this year.

The NREF encourages institutions to apply for funding for clinical neurosurgical fellowships in spine surgery, endovascular neurosurgery, general neurosurgery, neurocritical care, neurosurgical oncology, other cerebrovascular-related fellowships, pediatric neurosurgery, peripheral nerve surgery and stereotactic/functional neurosurgery.

The following programs have been awarded fellowship grants for the 2016-2017 academic year:

- **Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago**
- **Barrow Neurological Institute of St Joseph’s Hospital & Medical Center**
- **Cedars Sinai Medical Center**
- **Thomas Jefferson University**
- **University of Miami**
- **University of Michigan**
- **University of Virginia**
- **University of Wisconsin**
- **Washington University**

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 Education Advisory Committee was established 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 committee are volunteers and do not receive compensation from the NREF for their efforts.

For more information about the Post-Residency Clinical Fellowship program and all other NREF Grants and Awards, please contact Cathy Powers at (847) 378-0540 or cmp@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.