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NREF Sponsors Symposium for Mid-Career Neurosurgeons

ROLLING MEADOWS, ILL (August 17, 2016) — The **Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation** (NREF) is pleased to announce their sponsorship of a neurocritical care symposium for practicing neurosurgeons, in order to fill practice and knowledge gaps that they may encounter post-training as the state of neurocritical care is evolving.

The symposium will be held on September 12, 2016 in conjunction with the Western Neurosurgical Society's Annual Meeting at the Park Hyatt Aviara Resort in Carlsbad, California. "This program fulfills a recognized educational need for the private practice neurosurgeon," says Frederick A. Boop, MD, FAANS, FACS, AANS Board President. "The AANS and NREF are dedicated to providing education to neurosurgeons at all stages of their careers and serving as our members' principal resource for professional interaction, practice information and education."

The mini-symposium will be held during the regular meeting programming to review the state of current neurocritical care practices for common diagnoses encountered by practicing neurosurgeons, specifically traumatic brain injury and aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage.

The symposium will be directed at commonly encountered problems in the ICU for general neurosurgical practices (DVT/VTE Prophylaxis and Reversal of Antithrombotics; Modern Care of Vasospasm in Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage; and ICU Management Strategies for Traumatic Brain Injury).

"We are delighted to support this initiative with the Western Neurosurgical Society. The results of this pilot program will be utilized by the NREF in the development of future educational events for mid-career surgeons," says NREF Chairman Jon H. Robertson, MD, FAANS. "These educational opportunities will enhance the attendees' ability to help patients facing these debilitating neurosurgical conditions."

Two California neurosurgeons, Geoffrey T. Manley, MD, PhD, FAANS and Michael C. Huang, MD, FAANS, with recognized expertise in neurocritical care will be featured speakers during the session. The symposium organizer, Shelly D. Timmons, MD, PhD, FACS, FAANS, will serve as moderator. According to Dr. Timmons, "The *Neurocritical Care Update* will cover topics all neurosurgeons need in caring for their patients in the ICU, including anticoagulation/thrombotic management, vasospasm, and the state of the art management of TBI."

For more information on attending, please visit the [2016 California Meeting](#) page on the Western Neurosurgical Society website.

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