

Welcome to the NREF Newsletter

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Chair's Message

The generosity of neurosurgeons, neurosurgical societies, institutions, corporations and the public have enabled the NREF to help ensure the future of neurosurgery. Contributions let the NREF accomplish its mission of providing a private, non-governmental source of funding for research training in the neurosciences.

The NREF Board of Directors was pleased to sponsor a first-time neurocritical care symposium for practicing neurosurgeons. The symposium was held on Sept. 12, 2016, in conjunction with the Western Neurosurgical Society's Annual Meeting. Geoffrey T. Manley, MD, PhD, FAANS, and Michael C. Huang, MD, FAANS, both with recognized expertise in neurocritical care, were the featured speakers, and the symposium organizer, Shelly D. Timmons, MD, PhD, FAANS, served as moderator. Future plans are to provide new learning experiences for all levels of a neurosurgeons' career.

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Introducing the Young Neurosurgeons Circle of Giving

The Board of Directors of the NREF is pleased to announce the establishment of the Young Neurosurgeons Circle of Giving, welcoming neurosurgical residents into the culture of philanthropy.

Read more [here](#).

Grant & Fellowship Applications Open

The NREF Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the application process is open for the following 2017-2018 grant programs.

Read more [here](#).

Support the NREF When You Shop

With the holiday shopping season just around the corner, there are simple, no-cost ways to help the NREF raise much-needed funds.

Read more [here](#).

Brain Mapping Course Available Online

Campaign Underway to Fund Collaboration

Make a Donation

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Why I Give

Training neurosurgeons is the most important thing we do in academic neurosurgery. I am proud that we have maintained our emphasis on research in the training of young neurosurgeons. The NREF is one of the best ways to support residents and young faculty members in their research efforts. I have been happy to contribute time and financial support to the NREF.

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This spring, the AANS, in collaboration with the NREF, held the [First International Brain Mapping Course](#).

An international faculty from major brain mapping centers in Europe, North American and Asia presented advances, advantages and practical issues in contemporary preoperative and intraoperative brain mapping applications in brain tumor and functional neurosurgery.

Read more [here](#).

Between NPA & the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)

The NREF has launched a campaign to provide ongoing support for the NeuroPoint Alliance (NPA) joint study with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI). The one-year cooperative project will develop, test and implement an approach to improving outcomes for spine surgery patients.

Read more [here](#).

University of Miami Wins Annual Neurosurgery Charity Softball Tournament

Thirty-four teams of neurosurgeons from top medical institutions around the country competed on June 11 in New York City's Central Park as part of the 13th Annual Neurosurgery Charity Softball Tournament.

Read more [here](#).

NREF Announces Recipients of the 2016-2017 Post-residency Clinical Fellowship Grant Program

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

Read more [here](#).

A New Direction for the NREF

The NREF has a column in *AANS Neurosurgeon*. For updates on NREF activities and accomplishments, you can access our most recent column.

Read more [here](#).

Career Started by Van Wagenen Fellowship

By Lisa Feldman, MD, PhD

My year as a Van Wagenen Fellow in New Zealand was nothing short of exhilarating, and this experience has inspired me to pursue academic neurosurgery with even greater zeal.

Read more [here](#).

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