

NHS NEWS

ISSUE ONE

THE NEUROHOSPITALIST SOCIETY

Your Neurohospitalist Society

Welcome to the first of many newsletters from the newly-formed Neurohospitalist Society (NHS). Many of you were present in Los Angeles in February when we discussed the formation of the new society and your ideas for future goals and directions. Since the meeting, we have received a number of suggestions via email and you have helped our ranks grow by telling your colleagues about the society.

In the upcoming months we will be launching our website, continuing to publish *The Neurohospitalist* journal (now in its 3rd issue), and continuing to plan our first curriculum-based meeting in the Spring of 2012. The neurohospitalist movement continues to grow nationally, and we hope that the NHS will be a focal point for those interested in the specialty.

We want to emphasize once again that this is your society and there is plenty of room for your suggestions and ideas. We anticipate forming subcommittees later this year and we would welcome anyone who is interesting in volunteering their time.

We will plan to all get together once again at the ISC conference in February as well as the AAN, both during the Section meeting and as part of our ongoing Neurohospitalist course offerings which we successful this year and hopefully will be expanded next year. Thanks to everyone for your efforts thus far, and please stay tuned!

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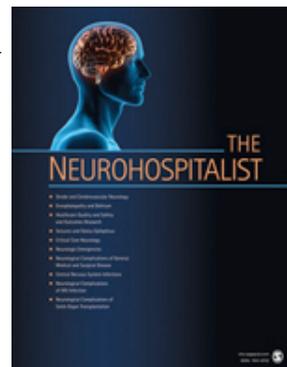
SUBMIT YOUR MANUSCRIPT TO *THE NEUROHOSPITALIST*

2011 has been a successful year for *The Neurohospitalist*. The content has been excellent for a nascent journal and we have been fortunate to be fairly selective, turning away a significant number of submissions. Our editorial board has grown and is composed of highly respected physicians representing community and academic neurohospitalist practices around the United States and internationally.

Our mission is simple: we wish to publish material that improves the quality of care provided to inpatients with neurologic disease. The major niche we aim to fill remains quality, systems, and outcomes research in inpatient neurology – a niche which is the primary focus of no other existing neurology journal. To this end we will publish both

original research and review articles in this arena under the section “Improving Health Care Quality.”

Looking to the future, we hope to bring you articles touching on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ Hospital Acquired Conditions, computerized order entry, inpatient management of headache, considerations for inpatients with Parkinson disease, and an update on common medical conditions including sepsis and acute coronary syndromes. We always welcome your comments, letters, suggestions and feedback; please feel free to contact me anytime. Vanja



WEBSITE TO LAUNCH SOON

Send us your email address!

We will be sending out a notice when the website is up and running. We hope to have a map of programs, a forum and build a great resource together.

PRACTICE PROFILE: EMORY UNIVERSITY, ATLANTA, GA

The Hospital Neurology Program was recently created to provide the best in primary and tertiary care for inpatients across the Emory system, to discover novel ways to improve inpatient neurology care, and to provide superior educational experiences for those interested in practicing neurology in the inpatient setting.

The program currently covers three acute care hospitals in Atlanta: Emory University Hospital (a 500-bed tertiary referral center), Emory University Hospital Midtown (a 500-bed academic community hospital in downtown Atlanta), and Wesley Woods Hospital (a 100-bed geriatric hospital). There are plans to cover the other two hospitals in the Emory system within the next 5 years, moving from our current 3.5 FTE to 15 FTE.

The program has been designed from the ground up to address weaknesses in our current model related to all three facets of our academic mission (clinical care, research, and education). One of the major changes to our plan for delivering inpatient neurology care in the academic setting will be providing 24/7 in-house coverage by attending neurohospitalists. In addition, the administrators of all of our hospitals have agreed to provide financial support for the program moving forward. We feel that this type of partnership between academic neurologists and our hospitals will be transformative for our department and the patients we serve.

Our program is based in the neurology department, with guidance from the medicine hospitalist group. We have a Neurohospitalist Governance Committee that includes representatives from neurology, hospital medicine, and administration of all the hospitals that meets quarterly.

For more information, please contact James G. Greene, MD, PhD, Director of Hospital Neurology.

Calendar

September 21-24, 2011

Neurocritical Care Society
Montreal, Canada

September 25-27, 2011

ANA Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA

November 4, 2011

Meeting of Specialty Hospitalists
Las Vegas, NV

February 1-3 2012

International Stroke Conference
New Orleans, LA

March 25-31 2012

American Academy of Neurology
Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Hospital-Focused Practice

First National Meeting About Specialty Hospitalists Meeting of Key Leaders of the Hospital of the Future

Friday, November 4, 2011

Las Vegas, NV, Mandalay Bay Resort

Don't Miss the First National Meeting for ALL Specialties in Hospital Focused Practice

Many specialties in medicine are adopting a hospital-focused model of practice. These can go by many names including hospitalists, acute care surgeons, laborists, etc, but they all share the common attribute of the hospital serving as their principal or sole site of practice. While most visible in general medicine and pediatrics (medical and pediatric hospitalists), this practice model has been adopted over the last few years, most significantly in neurology, obstetrics, general surgery, psychiatry, cardiology, and gastroenterology.

The growth of this practice model raises a number of issues which will be the subject of this meeting:

- What are the lessons learned from the evolution of medical and pediatric hospitalist practice?
- What are the reasons each specialty is turning to this model, and what is its prevalence?
- Economic issues, including:
 - What are the effects on overall healthcare costs?
 - Is the hospitalist model in any specialty sustainable through collected professional fee revenue alone?
- Staffing models, night coverage, provider career sustainability
- Effects on clinical quality, patient outcomes, and liability (malpractice)
- Projections about the future of hospital medical staffs and related issues (e.g., training and credentialing)
- Interactions between this practice model and healthcare reform (ACOs, P4P, etc)

The faculty will be made up of physician and administrative healthcare leaders, and the meeting format will include didactic presentations, a panel discussion of hospital focused physicians from several specialties, and breakout sessions by specialty. The meeting will be designed to promote networking of attendees.

The meeting is appropriate for practicing physicians and other providers, hospital leaders (CMOs, CEOs), medical practice administrators, payers, and physician staffing and recruiting firms.

For more information contact specialtyhospitalists@hospitalmedicine.org. More details will be available by July 2011.

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