Please Join Us for an Exciting Opportunity for Neuropathology Case Reviews with Neuropathologists

SOUTHERN WORKING ASSOCIATION OF NEUROPATHOLOGISTS (SWAN)
ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 14, 2008

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Meeting Format
The general format is a group discussion of difficult or interesting cases contributed by the participants at the multi-headed microscope or projection screen. Sessions will provide consultation opportunities on problematic cases brought in by the participants.

Target Audience
The meeting is open to any interested member of the medical profession, particularly neurosurgeons, neurologists and trainees; however, neuropathologists and general pathologists, as well as pathology trainees will benefit the most.

The Goals of This Meeting are to:
1. Provide a practical information exchange platform for the neuropathologists and to provide an educational opportunity for the practicing general pathologist on the approach to neuropathological cases.
2. Improve communication among neuropathologists, pathologists, neurosurgeons and neurologists, and to strengthen the team spirit through a better understanding of the function of neuropathology as a specialty in patient care.

Following this activity, the participant should be able to:
1. Describe the neuropathological process based on the clinical, radiological and histopathological features.
2. Evaluate the microscopical features to formulate differential diagnoses and analyze them to arrive at the correct diagnosis.
3. Systematically approach the cases with confidence.

PROGRAM
Shorey Building 4th. Floor
Rooms S4/16 and S4/17

June 14, 2008 Saturday
8:00 Breakfast
8:45 Introductions and disclosures of members and participants
9:00-10:30 Case presentations by Neuropathologists and discussions by the group
10:30-11:00 Coffee break
11:00-12:00 Group discussion and consultation on cases brought by practicing pathologists and neuropathologists
12:00-1:30 Lunch
1:30-3:00 Case presentations by neuropathologists and discussions by the group
3:00-3:30 Coffee break
3:30-5:00 Group discussion and consultation on cases brought by practicing pathologists and neuropathologists
5:00 Adjourn
7:00-9:00 Dinner (to be announced; see “registration fees”)

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Accreditation
The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The UAMS College of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 5.5 AMA PRA Category 1 credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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Registration and Fees
Registration is needed to obtain Continuing Medical Education credit. Participation to all components of the meeting is free. Lunch and dinner plans will be based on the number of participants.

What is SWAN?
Southern Working Association of Neuropathologists (SWAN) was founded in 1992 by Drs. Robert Mrak, Jon Fratkin, Curt Dohan, and John Schweitzer. The purpose was to promote professional and intellectual interactions and comradery among the neuropathologists in the region. The first meeting, held in Memphis, Tennessee, in November of 1993, attracted 8 attendees from three institutions (University of Tennessee at Memphis, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and University of Mississippi Medical Center), who collected around a multi-headed microscope and reviewed 16 interesting and challenging cases brought by the members, breaking for a group lunch and ending the day with a dinner on Beale Street. This informal format has been maintained as the society has grown to include more than 20 members from 9 Academic Medical Centers in 6 Southern states, together with alumni members and guest neuropathologists practicing in venues ranging from Upstate New York to Hawaii. Meetings rotate among members’ institutions, and previous meetings have been held at UT Memphis, UAMS in Little Rock, UMMC in Jackson, Mississippi; UAB in Birmingham, and ETSU in Johnson City, Tennessee. In addition to these Annual Meetings, members have annual dinners, held in conjunction with the national American Association of Neuropathologists (AANP) meetings. This year, in our Little Rock meeting, while keeping the traditional informal case discussion format, in an attempt to stimulate team-spirit and increase understanding and collaboration, we would like to extend an invitation to the pathologists, neurosurgeons and neurologists in our community to join us.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION
Please let us know of your plans, so that we can make the required arrangements.

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June 14, 2008, Saturday, 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM
(Dinner 7:00PM- 9:00 PM)
___ I will attend both the meeting and dinner.
___ I will attend the meeting only.