

**The American Board of Pediatric Neurological Surgery**

Application for Board Certification for Non-ACPNF Fellowship Trained

Pediatric Neurosurgeons via the Alternate Pathway

(Requiring submission of a 5 year case log)

This application is for ABNS or RCPSC-certified neurosurgeons who have not completed an ACPNF accredited pediatric neurosurgery fellowship.

**Requirements:**

1. Current application.
2. Submission of a 5-year case log.
3. Take and pass the ABPNS pediatric written focused practice examination.
4. Once application is approved and case criteria met, the candidate will be invited to:
   1. Create a PowerPoint presentation based on 10 cases selected by the ABPNS exam committee from the most current year of the submitted case log.
   2. Take the ABPNS pediatric focused oral examination, which has 2 components: 1.) First hour: General pediatric neurosurgery, 2.) Second hour: A discussion on 5 of the 10 selected cases.

**Please read carefully and check (left click and then choose “checked”) the appropriate boxes. Application will not be processed until complete.**

**Part I: Contact and Practice Information**

**Name:**

**Office Address:**

**Institution:**

**Street:**

**City: State or Province:**

**Zip Code: Country:**

**Home Address:**

**Preferred Mailing Address: □ Home □ Office**

**Phone:**

**Home/Cell:**

**Fax:**

**E-mail:**

**Fellowship:**

**Institution:**

**Dates of Training:**

**Director:**

**Residency:**

**Institution:**

**Dates of Training:**

**Medical School:**

**Institution:**

**Dates of Training:**

**Date started practice at current Institution:**

**No restrictions**  **Restricted**

**If restrictions, please explain:**

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**Part II: Professional Standing**

1. **Have you received any type of sanction or are you currently**  **Yes**  **No**

**under investigation by a hospital, state licensing agency, or**

**other healthcare organization?**

1. **Have you voluntarily or involuntarily surrendered, retired or**

**relinquished ANY licensure or registration?**  **Yes**  **No**

1. **Have you had or do you currently have successful challenges**  **Yes**  **No**

**to your DEA or state-controlled substance registration?**

1. **Have your privileges at ANY hospital or healthcare facility**  **Yes**  **No**

**been limited, reduced, suspended, diminished, revoked, or not**

**renewed by the action of any hospital or healthcare facility?**

1. **Has your faculty membership at ANY medical center or other**  **Yes**  **No**

**Professional school been removed or subject to disciplinary**

**action?**

**If you answered YES to any of the questions numbered 1 through 5, please explain in the section immediately below:**

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**Licensure Information**

**STATE OR PROVINCE LICENSE NUMBER RESTRICTED OR SUSPENDED**

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**Supporting documentation accompanying this application. Please check off:**

Copy of American Board of Neurological Surgery Certificate in pdf format, if applicable.

Copy of RCPSC certificate in pdf format, if applicable.

Copy of Medical License in pdf format.

Letter of good standing from current hospital, institution.

Copy of Certificate from Residency Training in pdf format.

CME’s listed for immediate past 3 years (at least 20 CME credits AMA PRA category 1 or equivalent in Neurosurgery each year)

Provide a case log with past 5 years of all cases (adults and children). Please note that the case log cannot cover a period that begins more than **66 months** prior to the intended date for sitting for the exam. If the applicant must postpone his or her test date or retake the test it will be at the discretion of the Board as to whether or not the case log must be updated. Please contact Kari Bollerman at [kbollerman@abns.org](mailto:kbollerman@abns.org) for the current case log spreadsheet, means of submitting practice data.

Current CV

**CASE LOG REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION by the ABPNS:**

This category requires submission of a surgical case log for each of the 5 years immediately prior to application.

* The case log submitted must represent all locations of the practice of the applicant at the time certification is requested.
* The case log submission must demonstrate an emphasis in pediatric neurosurgery, defined by:
* A minimum of 65 major pediatric operative cases in each of the five years.
* A minimum of 3 months follow-up for all cases of the most current year (no follow-up is needed for cases from the first 4 years).
* The most recent case being no more than 6 months from the time of application.

Please note that the application **must** be completed and in the hands of the Credentialing Committee by April 1st for review at the June Board meeting or by October 1st for review at the December Board meeting. If the application is approved by the Board, the candidate would become eligible to sit for the pediatric written focused practice examination. If the application is incomplete or received after the deadline date, it will be processed for the subsequent test date, at which time the case log may need to be updated. The application and supporting documentation listed above should be submitted via e-mail to [kbollerman@abns.org](mailto:kbollerman@abns.org).

The cost of the ABPNS pediatric written focused practice examination is $2,000.00, due on the day of the exam, and the cost of the ABPNS pediatric focused oral examination is $2,600.00, due once the applicant is approved to sit for the oral exam. The ABPNS secretary’s office will keep you informed regarding the current fee schedule, and the method and timing of payment.

By signing below, I hereby verify that all information submitted in this application for Certification via the Alternate Pathway by the ABPNS is true, accurate and completed to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby request Certification via the Alternate Pathway by the ABPNS. I understand that Certification will require the submission of an operative case log and the successful completion of a pediatric written/online examination and an oral examination.

Electronically signed by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (type in your name)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_