



Committee on Advanced Subspecialty Training (CAST) Society of Neurological Surgeons

CAST Fellowship Application Now Available!

Colleagues,

After much anticipation it is my privilege to inform you that the SNS Committee on Accreditation of Subspecialty Training (CAST) Fellowship application is now available via the NEW SNS-CAST.org website. In addition to basic CAST information, this web site includes the online application request form for CAST fellowship accreditation.

As many of you are aware, the administrative resources for CAST transitioned from the AANS office in Park Ridge, IL, to the ABNS office in Rochester, MN. Our new CAST administrator is Linda Kvall-Boynton. She has communicated with many of you regarding CAST matters over the last few months. Another element of this transition was the migration of the web platform to the ABNS as well. Betsy Koehnen, the ABNS Administrator, has been working diligently to create a web platform for CAST that is both informational and interactive for the fellowship application process. This platform is now live and may be reached through the SNS home page or directly through the following web address, sns-cast.org.

Please visit this new website and review the information available. In particular if your program has a CAST accredited fellowship let us know if there is something missing or inaccurate as we intend for this be the best possible resource for information regarding CAST.

Programs that are planning to submit an application for CAST accreditation of their subspecialty fellowship should use the application request form on this page. Applications must be submitted by April 6th to be added to the agenda for the spring review cycle. The next CAST meeting is taking place in Boston in conjunction with the AANS meeting on April 25, results of the review(s) will be available following this meeting

Thank you for your patience through this transition. Also, thank you in advance for your assistance and helping us to improve the accuracy and functionality of this new website. Our CAST team is ready and willing to assist you with questions or concerns regarding your existing fellowship program or with the new fellowship accreditation application process. Many of you will receive an additional communication regarding the accreditation renewal or reapplication process in the near future as well. With kind regards,

Charles Branch, Jr.

Secretary/Treasurer

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