Committee on Advanced Subspecialty Training (CAST) announces availability of
Practice Track Individual Certification for NeuroEndovascular Surgery

September 1, 2015 — The Committee on Advanced Subspecialty Training (CAST) announces immediate availability of Practice Track certification of individuals who meet the “grandfather” criteria for NeuroEndovascular Surgery (NES).

In 2002, the Committee on Advanced of Subspecialty Training (CAST), under the direction of the Society of Neurological Surgeons (SNS), was charged with the development and oversight of subspecialty fellowship training within neurosurgery. Since that time, CAST has accredited multiple subspecialty neurosurgical fellowships in ACGME-approved neurosurgical training programs across North America.

Unlike most other subspecialties of Neurological Surgery, NeuroEndovascular Surgery is also delivered by other disciplines, including Radiology and Neurology. After due deliberations and discussions with many of the leaders of these other specialties, CAST is now providing similar accreditation and certification organizational structure and services to non-neurosurgical practitioners of this subspecialty.

A NeuroEndovascular Surgery Advisory Council (NESAC) has been formed, initially made up of leaders from each of the three subspecialties (Neurosurgery, Neurology, and Radiology), with additional committee members derived from the Joint Section of Cerebrovascular Surgery (JCVS), the Society of Neuro-Interventional Surgery (SNIS), and the Society of Vascular Interventional Neurologists (SVIN). This organizational structure, including the JCVS, the SNIS, and the SVIN, will thereafter work within the CAST framework to provide the structure, content, and quality measures defining the training of Neuroendovascular Surgery. The NESAC will serve as the CAST Fellowship Review Committee for this subspecialty and will be responsible for decisions on all submitted applications.

Practice Track Individual Certification for NeuroEndovascular Surgery will enable current practitioners of this subspecialty (who meet the criteria) to obtain individual certification that will serve to provide evidence that their completed fellowship training in this area has met a standard consistent with the highest levels of training across all specialties.

For more information on Practice Track Individual Certification for NeuroEndovascular Surgery – click the following link: Practice Track Certification - NES

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The Committee on Advanced Subspecialty Training (CAST) functions under and is responsible to the Executive Council of The Society of Neurological Surgeons. CAST is responsible for accreditation of subspecialty training fellowships and subspecialty certification of fellows in neurosurgery and for development and updating of subspecialty training requirements.

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