

SNS Statement on Commitment to Physician Well-Being and Resilience

The Society of Neurological Surgeons (SNS) is the American society of leaders in neurosurgical residency education, and is the oldest neurosurgical society in the world. Academic department chairman, residency program directors, and other key individuals comprise the active membership of the Society. The SNS is dedicated to:

1. Improving neurological surgery, including graduate and post-graduate education,
2. Recognizing excellence in patient care, education and research
3. Insuring the highest quality of care for patients with neurological disease and
4. Encouraging and supporting research in neuroscience.

The SNS collaborating with other organizations in Neurological Surgery, including the American Board of Neurological Surgery, the ACGME Residency Review Committee for Neurosurgery, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, plays a pivotal role in determining the content of residency education. The SNS also helps to set the agenda for undergraduate education preparatory to neurosurgical residency and for basic, translational and clinical research in neurosurgery.

The SNS is committed to the well-being and resilience of neurosurgeons and neurosurgical trainees. Commitment to the well-being and resilience of our residents, faculty members, students and other members of the health care team is essential for achieving our goal of improving the safety and quality of neurosurgical care for today's patients and future patients. Our commitment is reflected in educational efforts, research, and policy recommendations done in collaboration with the other neurosurgical organizations noted above.

Specific activities of the SNS that affect clinician well-being and resilience include:

1. Serving as the neurosurgical sponsor of the National Academy of Medicine's Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-being and Resilience,
2. Devoting time to address this topic at our annual meetings,
3. Sharing best practices among neurosurgical program directors,
4. Incorporating physician well-being and resilience into the neurosurgical curriculum, and
5. Serving as the neurosurgical organization that speaks for residency training issues.