An outstanding Tumor Section program is planned for Wednesday, April 10, 2002, at the AANS Annual Meeting in Chicago, 2:45-5:30 p.m. The program has been organized by Bill Broaddus, MD, and includes an hour-long session on the topic of brain tumor invasion. Following this, we will recognize our many award winners for best abstracts submitted to the Tumor Section. These include the Preuss Resident Research Award, the Mahaley Award sponsored by the National Brain Tumor Foundation, the American Brain Tumor Association Young Clinical Investigator Award, and an award for the best Translational Research Grant from the National Brain Tumor Foundation. An open paper session will then follow. Following the Tumor Section program on Wednesday, April 10, we will have a welcome reception for new and prospective members of the Tumor Section from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Mayfair Room of the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. All Tumor Section members are invited. A mandate of the Tumor Section has been to provide educational symposia to the membership. Accordingly, every two years we organize a Tumor Satellite Symposium which takes place at the conclusion of one of the annual meetings in neurosurgery in North America. It is with great pleasure that we announce this year’s Brain Tumor Satellite Symposium to take place at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers April 11-12, 2002. An outstanding program has been organized by Nalin Gupta, MD, PhD. Topics of interest include gene therapy, low grade gliomas, and skull base tumors. The keynote lecturer will be Arturo Alvarez-Buylla, MD, who will speak on neural stem cells. Details of the Brain Tumor Satellite Symposium can be found within the pages of this newsletter. Members of the Tumor Section receive a registration discount to attend the symposium. Another educational activity sponsored by the Tumor Section at the AANS Annual Meeting in Chicago includes an immunotherapy workshop organized by Roberta Glick, MD, which will take place Sunday, April 7, 12-6 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers (Sheraton Ballroom I). In addition, Jeffery Bruce, MD, has once again organized a highly informative course on the subject of principles of neuro-oncology for the general neurosurgical practitioner (details inside). This Practical Clinic will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2002. Several executive members of the Tumor Section will be participating in this course. Joseph Piepmeier, MD, editor of the Journal of Neuro-Oncology, has described an outstanding benefit for members of the Tumor Section by offering a significant discount toward a subscription to the journal. Details of this offer can be found within the pages of this newsletter. This is yet another tangible example of how the Tumor Section continues to work for its membership, and we thank Dr. Piepmeier for facilitating this special offer.
AANS/CNS SECTION SESSION ON TUMORS
Wednesday, April 10, 2:45-5:30 PM

This session will serve as a forum for the presentation of topics on novel biologic therapies for brain tumors, such as the use of modulators of angiogenesis, of neural stem cells, and of oncolytic viruses.

Special Symposium:
CNS Tumor Invasion 2:45-3:45 PM
Farber Award Presentation and Lecture 3:45-4:00 PM
Award Presentations 4-4:30 PM

Scientific Session 4:30-5:30 PM
Moderators: Michael McDermott and Ronald Warnick

848 Oligodendrocyte Lineage Genes as Molecular Markers for Glial Tumors
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853 Symptomatic Rathke’s Cleft Cyst: A 72 Consecutive Series in Three Institutions
Hee-Won Jung, Jeong Eun Kim, Jeong Hoon Kim, Oh Lyong Kim, Sun-Ha Paek, Dong Gyu Kim

029 Update on Tumors for the General Neurosurgeon
Sunday, April 7, 2002, 8:00 AM—12 PM
Director: Jeffrey N. Bruce
Faculty: Osama Al-Mefty, Michael W. McDermott, Mitchel S. Berger, Thomas C. Origitano, Joseph M. Piepmeier, Corey Raffel, James T. Rutka, Raymond Sawaya, Jack P. Rock
Clinic Fee: $450 Material Fee: $0 Total: $450
This clinic will provide the practicing clinician with an up-to-date overview of current management strategies for all types of benign and malignant brain tumors. The seminar includes current research topics but emphasizes practical management issues.

Learning Objectives: After completing this clinic participants should be able to identify the state-of-the-art management of benign and malignant brain tumors (including glial tumors, meningiomas, acoustic neuromas, skull base tumors, pediatric tumors, metastases, craniopharyngiomas, and pineal region tumors), and discuss current concepts in glioma management (including surgical techniques, adjuvant treatments, tumor biology, and practical clinical management decisions), and apply current knowledge about brain tumors to daily clinical practice decision-making.

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The Fifth Biennial Brain Tumor Satellite Symposium is scheduled to take place at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers in Chicago, Ill., April 11–12, 2002, in conjunction with the AANS Annual Meeting.

UPDATE FOR 2002: This outstanding scientific tumor program has been organized to include numerous invited speakers with expertise in brain tumor research and therapy. Specific research topics, which will be formally presented and reviewed, include novel delivery strategies for anti–tumor agents, skull base treatment paradigms, and translational strategies for adult brain tumors. A special lecture on neural stem cells will be given by Arturo Alvarez-Buylla, MD. For any questions concerning this program, please contact Nalin Gupta, the 2002 Scientific Program chairman, at nalin@itsa.ucsf.edu, or contact the AANS at (847) 378–0500.

Continuing Medical Education Credit
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essentials and Standards of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the AANS/CNS Section on Tumors. The Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) accredits AANS to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The AANS designated this educational activity for a maximum of 10 hours in category 1 credit toward the AMA Physician’s Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours that he or she actually spent in the educational activity.

Hotel Information
Rooms for the Brain Tumor Satellite Symposium are still available at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. Call (800) 325-3535 and identify yourself as a part of AANS to get the special rate.

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Continental Breakfast  
**7–8 AM**

**The Management of Low Grade Gliomas**  
**8:00–9:30 AM**  
The Role for Early Surgery—Mitchel S. Berger  
Does Extent of Resection Affect Outcome?—Peter McL. Black  
Review of Current Clinical Data—Joseph M. Piepmeier  
Moderator and Closing Remarks: Raymond Sawaya

**Learning Objectives:** After completing this session, participants should be able to describe the nonsurgical and surgical approaches for the current management of low-grade gliomas. The role for early surgery will be presented and its impact upon long-term outcome in treated patients. Participants should be able to differentiate between the indications for surgery and other treatment such as radiation and chemotherapy at the time of initial diagnosis and at recurrence.

**Break—Exhibits And Poster Viewing**  
**9:30–10 AM**

**Free Papers**  
(Including Best Resident Oral Presentation Award)  
Moderators: Peter B. Dirks and Linda M. Liau

**Learning Objectives:** After completing this session, participants should be able to describe the nonsurgical and surgical approaches for the current management of low-grade gliomas. The role for early surgery will be presented and its impact upon long-term outcome in treated patients. Participants should be able to differentiate between the indications for surgery and other treatment such as radiation and chemotherapy at the time of initial diagnosis and at recurrence.

**Luncheon Seminar—Primer in Current Molecular Techniques**  
**11:45 AM–12:45 PM**

Bioinformatics—Michael D. Taylor  
DNA Arrays—Nalin Gupta  
Mouse Models—Abhijit Guha  
Moderator: E. Antonio Chiocca

**Skull Base Chondrosarcomas and Chordomas**  
**1–2 PM**

Surgical Options—Ossama Al-Mefty  
Radiosurgery—Michael W. McDermott  
Proton Beam—Lilia N. Loredo  
Moderator: William T. Coulldwell

**Learning Objectives:** After completing this session, participants should be able to describe the current management of skull base chondrosarcomas and chordomas. Speakers will present details of treatment of these lesions with an emphasis on surgical techniques, and radiation therapy. Participants should be able to apply these treatment recommendations for their own patients.

**Break—Exhibits And Poster Viewing**  
**2–2:30 PM**

**Free Papers**  
Moderator: Roberta P. Glick

**Adjournment**  
**4 PM**

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**2002 AANS Education and Practice Management Course Schedule**

**Beyond Residency: The Real World**  
October 26, 2002  
Chicago, Illinois

**Innovations in Spinal Fixation: An Advanced Course**  
July 27-28, 2002  
Memphis, Tennessee

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May 10-11, 2002  
Anaheim, California  
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Boston, Massachusetts  
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Chicago, Illinois  
November 15-16, 2002  
Washington, D.C.

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**Managing Your Practice by the Numbers**  
May 12, 2002  
Anaheim, California

**Neurosurgical Review by Case Management:**  
**Oral Board Preparation**  
May 26-28, 2002  
Hartford, Connecticut  
November 10-12, 2002  
Houston, Texas

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**Editor’s Corner**

**Gene H. Barnett, MD**

In this issue James Rutka, MD, PhD, chairman of the AANS/CNS Section on Tumors, reviews the Tumor Section activities at the upcoming meeting of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), as well as other educational activities of the section including the Brain Tumor Satellite Symposium that follows the AANS meeting. The schedule for the symposium can be found on page 3.

The winners of the awards presented by the Tumor Section at the fall Congress of Neurological Surgeons meeting, and those to be awarded this spring are reviewed in an article by Michael McDermott, MD.

Also, we include announcements of a special offer to Tumor Section members from Kluwer Academic Publishers, as well as a new radiosurgery trial offered by the American College of Surgeons Oncology Group.

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At the upcoming AANS Annual Meeting in Chicago the Farber Award will be presented in addition to the Mahaley, Preuss, and Young Investigator awards.

The Farber Award winner this year is Ab Guha, MD, professor of surgery (Neurosurgery), Western Hospital, University of Toronto and co-director and scientist: Arthur & Sonia Labatts Brain Tumor Center, Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto. Dr. Guha was selected as the most promising young neurosurgical scientist achieving promising results early in his career. The topic of his presentation is “Impact of Novel Animal Brain Tumor Models on Human Disease.”

The Mahaley Award winner is Joung H. Lee, MD, who heads the Section of Skull Base Surgery of the Department of Neurosurgery at the Cleveland Clinic. He will speak about “Meningiothelial Meningiomas: The Predominant Subtype in Skull Base and Spinal Meningiomas.”

The National Brain Tumor Foundation Translational Research Award winner is Randy L. Jensen, MD, PhD, who will present “Treatment of Human Meningiomas With Calcium Channel Antagonists.”

The Preuss Award winner is Jorge A. Gonzalez-Martinez, MD, who will present “Outcome of Awake Craniotomy and Functional Mapping Surgery of Eloquent Brain Lesions.”

The Young Investigator Award winner is Howard L. Weiner, MD, who will present “Retrovirus-Sonic Hedgehog Infection of Murine Embryonic Cerebellar Granule Cells Leads to Tumor Formation.”

Web Page
The Awards Committee would like to thank Frederick Lang, MD, for bringing the Web pages on awards and grants up to date (www.neurosurgery.org/tumor/awards.html). Descriptions of each award within the AANS/CNS Section on Tumors can be found as well as deadlines, instructions for submission, award amounts and past winners. Thanks also to James T. Rutka, MD, and Raymond Sawaya, MD, for their review of all materials during the update process.

Awards Process
At each semi-annual meeting of the AANS and CNS, the Mahaley, Preuss, and Young Investigator awards are presented. These awards are determined by the abstract with the highest average score (weighted average of 10 reviewers) as judged through a peer review process. The completed manuscript is submitted to the section chair. A single individual can only win each award once.

The NBTF Translational Research Grant is reviewed separately by a scientific advisory panel from the NBTF. The panel notifies the chair of the Tumor Section who the recipient will be.

For the Farber Award, a subcommittee composed of Dr. Rutka,
The American College of Surgeons Oncology Group (ACOSOG) has activated study Z0300, “a phase III randomized trial of the role of whole brain radiation therapy in addition to radiosurgery in the management of patients with one to three cerebral metastases.” Z0300 is the first study opened by the group’s Brain and Central Nervous System Organ Site Committee.

Participating patients will receive either radiosurgery (RS) alone (Arm 1) or RS combined with whole brain radiation therapy (WBRT) (Arm 2). The primary objective of the study is to ascertain if one treatment, compared to the other, is associated with better overall survival. Secondary objectives will compare time to local failure, quality of life, duration of functional independence, long-term neurocognitive status, and post-treatment toxicity.

The study provides an opportunity to gain critical comparative data about therapeutic options for patients with cerebral metastases arising from an extra-cerebral primary tumor. The ACOSOG has set an accrual goal of 96 patients per year for five years, with a total accrual of 480 patients.

Anthony Asher, MD, the director of the Brain Tumor Program at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C., is the study chair for ACOSOG Z0300. Dr. Asher also serves as the Brain and CNS Organ Site Committee Chair for the ACOSOG.

The trial will be open to all ACOSOG members. Interested surgeons and oncologists need to become ACOSOG members before participating in the study. Membership applications and other information about participating in ACOSOG trials can be found on the group’s Web site at www.acosog.org. There is no application fee. Questions about the membership process can be directed to Angela Venetta, ACOSOG membership coordinator, at (919) 668-8549 or via e-mail to venet001@surgerytrials.duke.edu.

Physicians participating in the Z0300 trial will also need to attend a study-specific education course (SSEC) prior to enrolling patients in the trial. The first SSEC for Z0300 was held Saturday, March 2, at the ACOSOG Coordinating Center at Duke University. The SSEC will also be offered on Friday, April 5 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, one day before the American Association of Neurological Surgeons Annual Meeting.

The ACOSOG is funded by the National Cancer Institute to conduct prospective, randomized, clinical trials evaluating surgical therapies in the management of patients with malignant tumors.

For more information about Z0300 or other ACOSOG trials, please contact Meggan Monroe, ACOSOG public relations coordinator, at (919) 668-8156 or via e-mail to monro015@surgerytrials.duke.edu.
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