



Neurocritical Care Society Personal Statement

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A continuous member of NCS since 2007, I have the honor of being the first fellowship-trained DO neurointensivist, the founding Medical Director of two academic Neuro ICUs, and the first DO to receive the FNCS designation. Since 2016, our program has required continuous ENLS certification for all inpatient neurology attendings and Neuro ICU APPs to ensure optimal care.

I joined the NCS Development (Fundraising) Committee in 2012, ascending to Co-Chair in 2015, and Chair 2017-2019. During that time, revenue improved from approximately \$320,000 to \$900,000. Serving the NCS Annual Program Committee since 2014, I have worked to shape our programming, served as a reviewer for travel grants and abstracts, and a poster professor on multiple occasions. Appointed to the NCS Funding Taskforce, we worked to create the NCS Foundation. I also was a member of the previous iteration of the taskforce in 2016-2017, whose concept of a "Preventing Brain Injury Campaign" sparked the Curing Coma Campaign.

In 2016, as the treasurer of the American Society of Neuroimaging (ASN), I collaborated with NCS leadership to present the first-ever 2-day NCS TCD workshop that provided 109 attendees with the case volume needed to sit for the certification exam. We then offered the ASN Neurosonology Certification Examination at the NCS meetings in 2018 and 2019.

I have served as a speaker at the NCS TCD workshop for the past seven years. Bringing NCS and ASN together, I helped coordinate the ASN Annual Meeting to precede the NCS with a neuroimaging collaboration day in between where we will have hands-on sessions for POCUS and TCD and a cutting neuroimaging symposium. I am an active *Neurocritical Care ON CALL* Editorial Board member and contributor serving as the senior author on the POCUS chapter. I spearheaded the move to provide CME for *ON CALL* which has helped increase our sales. Moreover, I am a member of the *Currents* Editorial Board and have a recurring segment: *The Business of Neurocritical Care* which informs the NCS audience about documentation, billing, wRVUs, and contracts. I am honored to have received the NCS Presidential Citation in 2014, 2017, 2018, and 2020. I have also been a reviewer for the journal and received a Top Reviewer Award in 2020. Currently I am a member of the FNCS Review Committee.

NCS has a firm position amongst neurointensivist. If elected, I would espouse greater collaboration between NCS and other professional societies to create educational synergies aimed at increasing membership from non-neurointensivists, increasing sales of educational products, and further improving the position of NCS internationally. Next, I would recommend monetization of the NCS Career Center to allow recruiting firms, hospitals, locums companies, telehealth companies, etc. to list positions (as currently done by the AAN) which would create a new revenue stream. Lastly, I would recommend the creation of incentivized membership plans of longer duration allowing members to maximize regulated or surplus CME funds while reducing the administrative burden associated with securing annual membership renewals.

It would be an honor to earn your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Hakimi DO".

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