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Dear Dr. Colleagues:

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I am writing to introduce you and your students to the Neurological Surgery Residency Program at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, Massachusetts.

I began as the new Chair of Neurological Surgery here in 2016 after serving for 13 years on the faculty in the Department of Neurological Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School. I also serve as the program director for the Residency Program in Neurological Surgery at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, which was just approved this year.

UMass Memorial Healthcare (UMMHC) is the primary clinical partner of the University of Massachusetts Medical School. It is the largest health care system in Central and Western Massachusetts. UMMHC is a not-for-profit, 781 bed health care network providing all levels of care, from primary to quaternary. Through this relationship, our staff teaches tomorrow's physicians, nurses and other health care professionals. We also participate in research efforts that bring our patients the very latest diagnostic and treatment options. Students from the University of Massachusetts Medical School and other medical schools rotate through neurological surgery clerkships here, and we will now begin training residents in neurological surgery as well.

Our residency program in neurological surgery is approved to accept one resident each year. It is a seven year program that includes training in all of the key subspecialties within neurological surgery, including spine/peripheral nerve, cerebrovascular (both open and endovascular), epilepsy, functional neurosurgery, neurosurgical oncology, pediatric neurosurgery and trauma. In addition, two years of the program are devoted to research, focused clinical training in an area of the resident's choice, or pursuit of a postgraduate degree (e.g. MPH, MBA, MHA, PhD, etc.).

Medical students planning a career in Neurological Surgery who are looking for rigorous clinical training, a patient-centered and inter-professional approach to clinical care and opportunities to prepare for a career in academic medicine may find a good match here. More information may be found on our website at: <https://www.umassmed.edu/neurosurgery/residency/>

Anyone interested in learning more should feel free to contact me at the following email address: mark.johnson3@umassmemorial.org.

Best regards,


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