Brandon P. Lucke-Wold, MD, Selected as 2024-25 Van Wagenen Fellow

March 1, 2023 (Rolling Meadows, Ill.) – The William P. Van Wagenen Fellowship Selection Committee has announced Brandon P. Lucke-Wold, MD, as the recipient of the 2024-25 William P. Van Wagenen Fellowship.

Dr. Lucke-Wold, a resident in neurosurgery at the University of Florida in Gainesville, will spend his fellowship year at the Fujita Health University in Japan, under the supervision and mentorship of Professor Yoko Kato. He will pursue the research topic “Promotion of Aneurysm Healing: Biodegradable Coils with Chemokine Release.”

“The Van Wagenen Fellowship offers a once in a lifetime opportunity to foster international connections, establish global research across continents, and to learn unique surgical skill sets and perspectives,” Dr. Lucke-Wold said. “I am honored to have been chosen for this Fellowship and am confident that it will be a key catalyst as I launch my career.”

Shekar N. Kurpad, MD, PhD, FAANS, Chair, Van Wagenen Selection Committee and 2001 recipient of the William P. Van Wagenen Fellowship says, “On behalf of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and the Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF), we congratulate Dr. Lucke-Wold and welcome him to this select group of neurosurgeons who’ve been awarded this unique and prestigious fellowship.”

The Van Wagenen Fellowship offers post-residency study in a foreign country for a period of 12 months. The William P. Van Wagenen Fellowship was established by the estate of Dr. Van Wagenen, who was one of the founders and the first President of the Harvey Cushing Society, now the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS). The Van Wagenen Fellowship provides freedom in scientific development without the restrictive limitations usually imposed by many research grants and fellowships.

For more information on the Van Wagenen Fellowship or other Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF) grant programs, contact NREF at 847.378.0500 or info@nref.org.

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the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders that affect the spinal column, spinal cord, brain, nervous system and peripheral nerves.

For more information, visit www.AANS.org.

About the NREF
The Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization created in 1980 by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) to support research and education efforts that enhance and confirm the critical role neurosurgeons play in improving lives.

The NREF is dedicated to providing education to neurosurgeons at all stages of their careers, as well as funding research into new and existing neurosurgical treatments, in order to identify links between best practices and improved outcomes in patient care. Through voluntary public donations, corporate support, and donations from allied groups, the NREF supports endeavors that impact the lives of those suffering from epilepsy, stroke, brain tumors, spinal disorders, sports-related head injuries, lower back pain and Parkinson’s disease.

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