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Neurosurgical Oncology Cranial Fellowship

For the 2027–2028 fellowship cycle, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS)/Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) Joint Tumor Section, in collaboration with the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP), will implement a formal match process for all CAST-accredited neurosurgical oncology fellowship programs. The Neurosurgical Oncology Fellowship Match will open for registration on February 11, 2026.

Applicants who have already submitted materials to our program will still be interviewed on October 6, 2025. Any applicants still wishing to apply should submit their applications using the [Embark Application](#) portal. We plan to offer an additional interview date in the winter to accommodate applicants given the new application cycle timeline. Based on agreements amongst all CAST-accredited fellowships and the AANS/CNS Joint Tumor Section, final fellowship offers will be extended exclusively through the match with results announced on May 13, 2026.

Cranial Fellowship Application Timeline

Application Portal currently is open

Invitations to Interview Sent: Rolling basis

Interview Dates: October 6, 2025 (For applications prior to match announcement)

- Additional interview date to be announced

Registration for the Match opens: February 11, 2026

Match Day: May 13, 2026

Neurosurgical Spine Oncology Fellowship

Applications are now being accepted for the 2028–2029 Spine Neurosurgical Oncology Fellowship. The deadline to apply is August 1, 2026. Positions are filled annually. Use our [Embark Application](#) to apply for Spine Oncology Fellowship.

An application consists of a comprehensive CV and three recent letters of recommendation. The letters should be addressed to Dr. W. Christopher Newman, MD, MPH. One of the letters must be from the applicant's current program director. The applicants also should submit a statement of intent.

Spine Fellowship Application Timeline

Application Deadline: August 1, 2026

Invitations to Interview Sent: Rolling basis

Interview Date: Rolling basis

Fellowship Decisions: Rolling basis

Eligibility

The neurosurgical fellowship is available to candidates who have completed the core residency training in neurosurgery and who are in excellent standing at their institution. We do not allow enfolded fellowships. We encourage applications from trainees who are interested in developing an academic career in neuro-oncology. Applicants must be eligible for a New York State medical license and must obtain the license prior to beginning the fellowship. To obtain a New York State medical license, candidates are required to have had three years of residency training in the United States or Canada. Foreign applicants must have passed the ECFMG or FMGEMS, as well as the FLEX exams.

Length of Program

One year for the clinical track.

If accepted to do research, the fellow is encouraged to spend 2 years of research time in a laboratory of their choice at MSK.

Apply to the Neurosurgical Oncology Fellowship:

<https://mskcc.embark.com/apply/neurosurgery>

Questions regarding applying can be directed to:

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