

Welcome to the Center for Neurologic Study (CNS). CNS is a nonprofit medical research organization that encourages the involvement of patients and their families in the quest to overcome neurologic diseases. The center focuses on experimental treatments, as well as patient/family support and education.

Millions of Americans suffer from diseases affecting their brain, spinal cord, nerves, and muscles. These illnesses not only shorten the life span of their victims, but also deprive them of social contacts and activities. Medical research has shown that social support and meaningful activity are enormously important to attitude and health for the sick and well alike.

Patient Care: CNS seeks to develop a sense of community among persons affected by chronic neurologic disorders. It is our belief that the hopes of patients can best be realized by working with organizations such as CNS.

To broaden public awareness, CNS sponsors periodic lectures covering such topics as *Financial Management in a Time of Need* and *Quality of Life for Patients with Neuro-*



muscular Disease, as well as a patient support group. These programs bring patients, families, doctors, and scientists together on a regular basis. As a result, interested persons keep abreast of scientific and medical advances and health professionals interact with patients in an informal setting.

A website (www.cnsonline.org) provides online access to information for patients. This provides up-to-date information on patient care, treatment trials, and other items of interest to persons with neurologic diseases.

Clinical Research: Until modern times, medicine was

powerless to cure disease. Gradually, many life-threatening maladies have been controlled but humankind is still burdened with a large number of chronic neurologic diseases. Many of these are incurable, but there is often a clue to their cause and cure. Accordingly, experimental treatment offers genuine hope.

From its inception in 1979, CNS has been at the forefront of neurologic treatment. Studies undertaken at CNS were among the first to demonstrate the usefulness of interferon in the treatment of neurologic diseases. Working with biotech companies, CNS has tested cutting edge therapies, such as peptide vaccines for treatment of MS.

Numerous patents have been issued to researchers. In cooperation with the biotech industry, CNS is working to commercialize these discoveries for the purpose of improving the lives of patients with stroke, neuropathy and other illnesses.

Laboratory Research: CNS is at the forefront of human factors research. State-of-the-art techniques are employed to study higher mental functions, balance and ambulation, both in healthy subjects, as well as in patients with neurologic diseases such as multiple sclerosis. CNS also collaborates with neighboring academic institutions to perform basic research such as investigating the cause of ALS.

The most unique aspect of CNS is the time spent with each patient. The patient is the highest priority and the doctors will make sure that the patient fully understands his/her condition and the treatment options.

CNS is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of our patients, but we cannot do it without your help. Attached you will find a form with information on how you can support our mission of helping those persons struggling with neurologic diseases. Whether it is through a tax-deductible donation or by participating in the center's program for generating income, your support is greatly appreciated.

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