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(But wait....Charlotte is shaping up to be even better!)
The CNS John M. “Jack” Pellock Resident Seminar on Epilepsy, now in its 3rd year, continued to build on a winning formula, giving the 60 PGY5 residents gathered a rich mixture of didactic lectures from leading figures in the field, and small-group interactive case study sections. The latter, in particular, drew rave reviews from residents for the rare opportunity it afforded them to experience and learn first-hand how other programs approach a variety of clinical scenarios.

Drs. Phillip Pearl, from Boston Children’s Hospital, Renée Shellhaas, from the University of Michigan, and Elaine Wirrell, from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester continued at the helm, with expert help from veteran faculty members Drs. Peter and Carol Camfield, William Gaillard, and Heather Olsen, and first-time instructors Drs. Nicholas Abend, Ajay Gupta, and Annapurna Poduri.

Three key objectives drive the seminar: 1) to provide a core understanding of current approaches to epilepsy for 5th year residents drawn from all training programs across the US and Canada; 2) to offer the next generation of child neurologists a rare but essential opportunity to meet peers from around the country and, perhaps, launch the kind of lifelong, career-enhancing friendships and collaborations central to the Child Neurology Society’s mission and continued success; and 3) to cultivate an ethos of “dual citizenship” typified by Jack Pellock, expanding and enriching the breadth and depth of their professional acumen and strengthening the reach and effectiveness of their advocacy on behalf of their patients through active participation and cross-fertilization in multiple professional associations, including the Child Neurology Society and the American Epilepsy Society. To that end, the CNS, AES, and the Child Neurology Foundation launched a three-year pilot program in 2017, funded by Upsher-Smith, that selects and recognizes two residents from each Pellock Seminar cohort as “Pellock Fellows”. This year’s Pellock Fellows, Drs. Cliff Calley from Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, and Catherine Salussolia from Boston Children’s Hospital, will receive both CNS and AES membership dues and annual meeting fee waivers in 2019, and are eligible to follow up their participation in the Pellock Seminar with active participation in a leadership development program at the 2019 AES Annual Meeting.

Program training directors and coordinators, and all PGY4 residents who will begin their PGY5 year in July are encouraged to look for eConnections and CNS website announcements in early April outlining deadlines and requirements for participating in the 4th Annual CNS John M. “Jack” Pellock Resident Seminar on Epilepsy in Charlotte, October 22-23.