

Behavioral Neurology Subspecialty Survey Summary

1. How important is the United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS) Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry (BN&NP) certification to you? (N=122)

8.2% Extremely Important 19.7% Slightly Important
15.6% Very Important 22.1% Not at all Important
34.4% Somewhat Important

2. Individuals certified in BN&NP should be more highly reimbursed for performing clinical Neurobehavioral Status Examinations than non-certified providers. (N=122)

28.7% Strongly Agree 12.3% Somewhat Disagree
35.2% Somewhat Agree 10.7% Strongly Disagree
13.1% No Preference

3. Certification in BN&NP as a subspecialty by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN) is more desirable than UCNS certification. (N=121)

28.9% Strongly Agree 4.1% Somewhat Disagree
30.6% Somewhat Agree 2.5% Strongly Disagree
33.9% No Preference

4. If behavioral neurology were to be certified through the ABPN, which certification would you prefer? (Mark only one) (N=123)

32.5% Behavioral neurology only
15.4% Behavioral neurology combined with geriatric neurology
37.4% Behavioral neurology combined with neuropsychiatry
14.6% No preference

5. Do you consider the Behavioral Neurology Section to be your 'primary' AAN section membership? (N=121)

75.2% Yes 24.8% No

6. If you haven't already taken the BN&NP certification exam, which certifying exam would you most likely take? (N=104)

31.7% Behavioral neurology & neuropsychiatry
50.0% I do not plan to take a certifying exam
5.8% Geriatric neurology 2.5% Other (please specify):¹

7. If behavioral neurology had to partner with one other constituency in order to achieve broader recognition as a subspecialty accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), which group should this be? (Mark only one) (N=120)

24.2% Geriatric neurology 19.2% Neither – it should be accredited on its own
50.8% Neuropsychiatry 5.8% Other (please specify):²

8. Have you completed a PhD and/or fellowship training in one or more subspecialties of neurology? (N=119)

79.0% Yes (go to question 9) 21.0% No (skip to question 10)

9. In what area(s) was your PhD and/or fellowship training (Mark all that apply)* (N=94)

12.8% PhD (please specify)	0.0% Multiple sclerosis fellowship
64.9% Behavioral neurology fellowship	3.2% Neuroimaging fellowship
2.1% Cerebrovascular fellowship	1.1% Neuro-ophthalmology fellowship
13.8% Dementia fellowship	0.0% Neurocritical care fellowship

0.0% General neurology fellowship
5.3% Geriatric neurology fellowship
3.2% Movement disorders fellowship
16.0% Neurophysiology (EMG, EEG) fellowship
2.1% Sleep medicine fellowship
19.1% Other (please specify):³

10. Have you taken the certification exam in Behavioral Neurology & Neuropsychiatry (BN&NP) offered by the United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS)? (N=123)

17.1% Yes – go to question 10a
23.6% No, but plan to take it – skip to question 11
59.3% No, do not plan to take it – skip to question 10b

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10a. What was your motivation to take the examination? (Mark all that apply)* (N=21)

90.5% Believe it is important to be certified in my primary subspecialty
42.9% Open career opportunities
28.6% Required to be (co-)director of a fellowship program
85.7% Recognition of my expertise by other professionals and institutions
52.4% Recognition of my expertise by patients
14.3% Reimbursement rate increase
19.0% To improve care of patients
33.3% To improve development of clinical/research programs
19.0% Other (please specify):⁴

10b. If you have not taken the BN&NP certification exam and do not plan to do so, what are your reasons? (Mark all that apply)* (N=70)

24.3% Cost outweighs benefit
64.3% It affords me no tangible benefits in my professional activities
45.7% It is not meaningful to me professionally
15.7% Other (please specify):⁵

11. How important is it to you to be certified in a neurological subspecialty? (N=123)

12.2% Extremely Important
15.4% Very Important
33.3% Somewhat Important
18.7% Slightly Important
20.3% Not at all Important

12. Select the type of practice that best describes yours: (Mark only one) (N=123)

12.2% Solo private practice
6.5% Neurology private group
4.9% Multispecialty private group
47.2% University based group
0.0% Staff-model HMO
14.6% Government hospital or clinic
8.9% Other public or private hospital or clinic setting
5.7% I do not have a clinical practice