The Exciting World of Neurology

Neurology is a great specialty with a logical approach to a spectrum of interesting diseases.

Neurologists excel at interviewing patients and obtaining details and nuances of information much like the best mystery detectives. After formulating a list of possible diagnoses in our minds based on the patient interview, we approach the neurological exam like master craftsmen. There’s really no secret to the exam, it’s a matter of being alert to asymmetry or other basic clues and then applying the findings to the patients’ complaints to solve the puzzle.

Neurology is straightforward and makes sense. It’s fun because you can figure it out and feel confident.

When clarification or diagnostic support is needed, there are several procedures and technological studies that can be performed and interpreted, such as MRI, EEG, EMG/NCV, lumbar puncture, Doppler and sleep studies.

Treatments for neurological diseases are rapidly evolving and are state-of-the-art. In the last 20 years, new and effective treatments have been proven for stroke, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, migraines, seizures, primary brain tumors and many other neurological diseases.

It has been thrilling to be on the forefront of these new advances. There are almost as many career options in Neurology as there are students with different interests. Neurologists are much in demand and will be especially needed as the baby boomers age. Physicians who practice Neurology can look forward to an exciting future of continued new discoveries and the enjoyment that comes with being an expert in a field that has so much to offer so many people.

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