Committee on Advanced Subspecialty Training (CAST)
Society of Neurological Surgeons

Practice Track Application: Frequently Asked Questions

NEUROCRITICAL CARE

1. **What documents do I need to complete my application?**

   CAST must have the following documents completed and received:
   - Application completely filled out
   - Chair/CMO Support Form from the Chair of Neurosurgery and/or CMO
   - Current CV and Bibliography
   - Copies of Board Certifications, Subspecialty Certification and certificates of Fellowship completion (if any).

2. **What does my Chair/CMO Support Form need to reflect?**

   The Chair/CMO Support Form needs to reflect the applicant’s career record in NeuroCritical Care. The successful candidate must have unrestricted privileges in Neurocritical care at his/her institution, be able to provide Neurocritical Care services without reliance on another intensivist and be able to direct a Neurocritical care unit.

3. **Do I need to be ABMS Board Certified?**

   YES! All applicants must be certified by an ABMS Board in their primary specialty, and must be tracking in any MOC (Maintenance of Certification) requirements needed to maintain that certification.

4. **How long does the review process take?**

   The review process usually takes 3-4 months, and the process will be usually be finalized at the CNS and AANS meeting each year. Applicants will be notified by email thereafter.