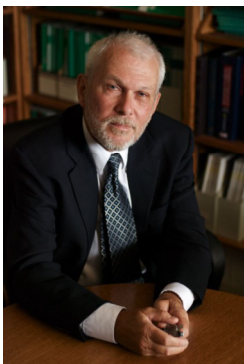


# Accreditation News

## Letter from the Accreditation Council Chair



David C. Anderson,  
MD, FAAN

Greetings from the Accreditation Council. This issue marks a transition for us as I complete my term as an Accreditation Council member and hand the role of Chair to my colleague, David Good, MD, FAAN. Dr. Good is a professor and the chair of neurology at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and has served on the Accreditation Council since 2007.

2011 is an important year for accreditation. The Council has undertaken many initiatives, including piloting flexible fellowships, reviewing faculty certification criteria, updating the common program requirements, implementing new policies, and researching what a site visit should look like in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

I have enjoyed my service on the Accreditation Council and watching UCNS and its programs grow as the organization carves a path for excellence in subspecialty accreditation and certification.

Best wishes,



David C. Anderson, MD, FAAN

## Apply for UCNS Accreditation by June 1

The deadlines for fellowship programs seeking accreditation have changed. UCNS is now accepting applications until June 1, 2011. Programs approved following this deadline may be accredited as of July 1, 2012. The next deadline for program applications will be December 1, 2011.

## Program Changes

If you are planning changes in faculty, curriculum, or resources in your UCNS-accredited fellowship, please contact the Accreditation Council. The program change procedure and template letter are available on your subspecialty accreditation page at [www.ucns.org](http://www.ucns.org).

## Program Director Highlight



Paul B. Rizzoli, MD

**Paul B. Rizzoli, MD** is the program director of the UCNS accredited Headache Medicine program at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Rizzoli is also the director of the John R. Graham Headache Center.

### Why did you choose to practice medicine and go into the field of neurology?

I come from a family of physicians and never really considered doing anything else. In grade school, I was pictured in the local newspaper using a tuning fork, and I still carry one today; I apparently have always been drawn to the neurosciences.

### Where did you train and now currently practice?

Following three years of training in internal medicine, I entered the Longwood Neurology Training Program in Boston, a unique experience combining duties at the Brigham and Women's, Beth Israel and Boston Children's Hospitals. After graduation I entered private practice locally. Some years later I joined the staff at Faulkner Hospital, site of one of the original headache clinics in the country started by Dr. John R. Graham. When, in 1999, the Faulkner and Brigham and Women's Hospitals merged, the decision was made to update and modernize headache services here.

### Why did you decide to seek UCNS accreditation for your program?

From the outset, and in memory of Graham's expertise in headache management and of the love and loyalty expressed by his patients, clinical and academic training was considered a primary mission of the John R. Graham Headache Center at Faulkner Hospital as a means to achieve our goal of improving the quality of headache management. Thus we eagerly sought UCNS accreditation and were among the first group of programs to receive this status. We have since witnessed an explosion of interest in training in headache and have benefitted from the vitality and vigor that a training program provides to a department. It has been a duty and a responsibility but also an honor to participate in the training of headache physicians who have proved to be a source of enrichment of our program and of our daily activities.

### How has UCNS accreditation impacted your program?

Being a UCNS accredited training program has fostered scholarship, research, collegiality, patient care advances and innovation, not to mention endless questions, discussion and debate, and thus has truly proved to be the cornerstone of our clinic's philosophy and daily life.

