

# Section of Neurology, Doctors of BC Annual General Meeting April 22, 2020 Agenda

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Topic: Section of Neurology Meeting

Time: Apr 22, 2020 06:00 PM Vancouver

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## Agenda

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| 6:00 pm | 1. Registration  |
| 6:05 pm | 3. Meeting Starts, introductions, acknowledge Video/Teleconference Attendees, welcome new members, remembering past members                              |
| 6:10 pm | 4. Accept Minutes from last AGM, April 12, 2019  |
| 6:15 pm | 5. Dr. Sam Bugis – Doctors of BC   |
| 6:35 pm | 6. Treasurer's report – see appendix A   |
| 6:40 pm | 7. Business Arising:   |
|         | a. <b>Annual dues</b> - \$450/yr. Please support your section and support the Society of Specialists as well as this group lobbies hard for specialists. |
|         | b. <b>Membership numbers</b> 2019/2020 – 90/113 Paid dues,   |

Have sent reminders to unpaid members

- c. **Botox fee code:** Discussion with Sian and David, elected to not pursue this item again at this time

d. **APP Grid scale neurology:**

Service Contract range for Neurology is \$272,591-\$340,324

Salary Contract range for Neurology is \$243,386 - \$304,754

JBF Filed a submission for fall of 2019, no decision yet

e. **Labour Market Adjustment funding and complex care fees**

We did use one of our Disparity raises to move the 00457 into general available amount. The 00457 has now been moved into general available amount, ~\$2,100,000 allocated for neurology

f. **New/ Revised Fees Status - See Appendix B**

7:00 pm

8. New Business:

- a. **Dr. Torin Glass** is representing Neurology on SBC council and Representative Assembly
- b. **Physician Master Agreement (PMA)** for 2019 – Disparity Arbitration Report – see Appendix C
- c. **Funding priorities for neurology and how best to allocate Disparity new monies (2019-2020) and in near future (see Appendix D as well)**
  - Neuromuscular DMD treatment fee
  - Allied Health Report fee (Dr. Diggle)
  - Pediatric Neurology Developmental Assessment fee (Dr. Glass)
  - Acute Deterioration fee (Dr. Hrebicek)
  - We have \$360,000 in 2019/20 Disparity award

Suggestion:

Budget \$100,000 to DMT for PNS fee code

Budget \$ 25,000 to Allied Health report fee code

Budget \$ 35,000 to Pediatric Neurology Dev Assess Fee

Budget \$200,000 to acute deterioration fee

d. **Other fee proposals? Just make General fee Increases?**

8:30 pm      9. Section Neurology Executive – John Falconer president 2019/2020

- a. Continue to submit & monitor fee proposals  
(albeit disappointingly slow)
- b. Continued Section presentation on APP
- e. Dr. Falconer will be Representative assembly member for neurology
- f. Field enquiries and correspondence on behalf section, neurologists interested in BC, sectional complaints, neurology in SSC
- g. Built and maintained BCneurologists.ca website
- h. Section paid membership ~90/113 in past year
- i. Over last few years:
  - CMPA saved \$2,500/yr
  - APP increased \$15,000/yr
  - Disparity arbitration \$15,000/yr/Neurology FTE
- i. Based on workload last year and expected workload coming year, requesting \$35,000 annual president's stipend.
- j. Asking for executive volunteers, election of exec

**10. New business from the floor.**

Appendix A – Financials Section of Neurology April 22, 2020

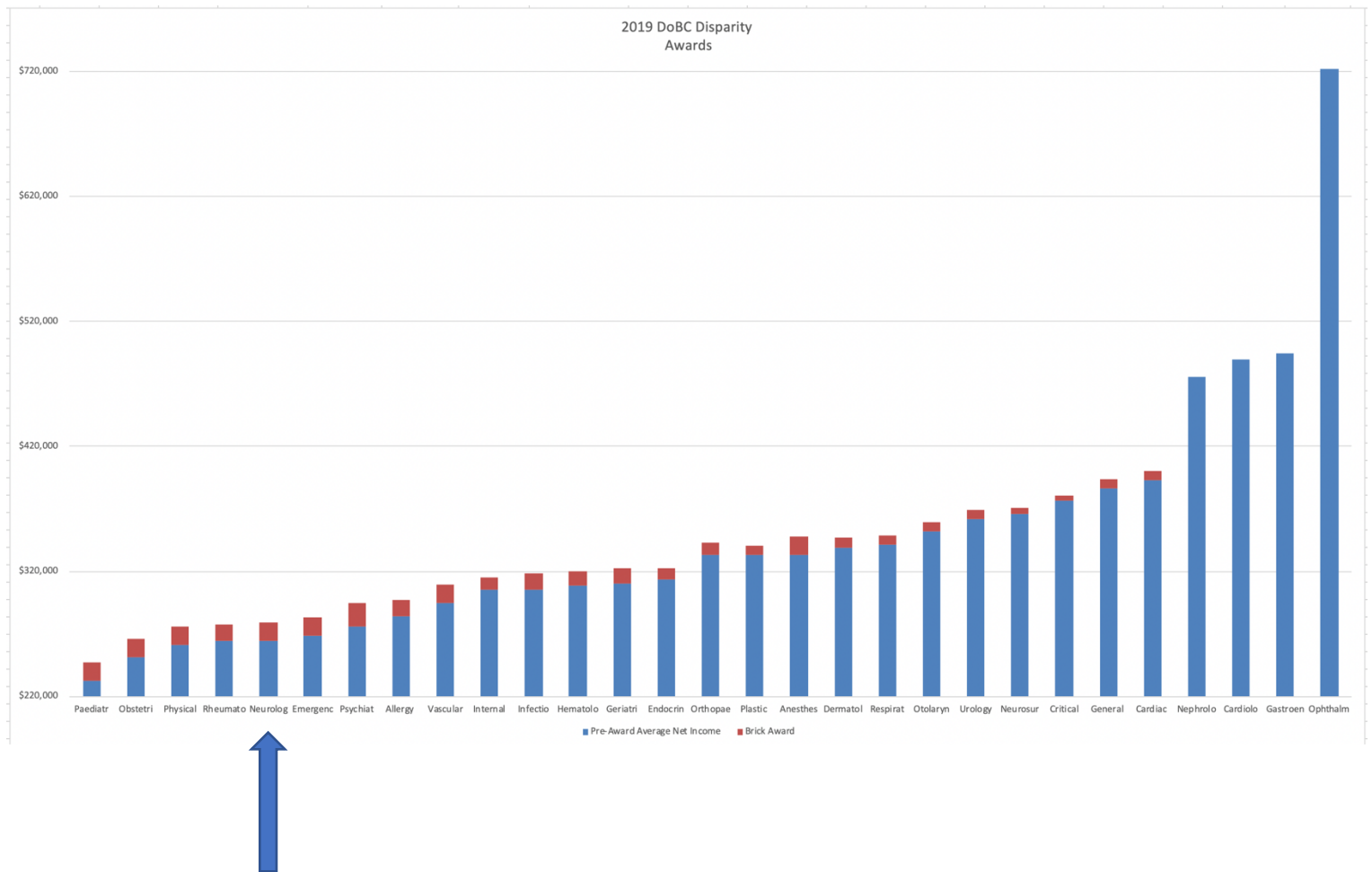
<b>Section of Neurology 2019 - Income and Expenses</b>						
Account Balance January 1, 2019				\$ 14,388.64		
<u>Income:</u>						
Membeship Dues			\$ 36,850.00			
Interest			\$ 987.33			
AGM Dinner Contributions			\$ 325.00	\$ 38,162.33		
<u>Expenses</u>						
AGM Dinner April 12, 2019			\$ (1,332.43)			
President Travel Disparity meeting			\$ (666.66)			
Treasurer Stipend			\$ (2,000.00)			
Forefronts Neurology Contribution			\$ (2,727.86)	\$ (6,726.95)		
Balance December 31, 2019				\$ 45,824.02		

## Neurology Section New monies 2017 - 2022

Table: Cost of Proposals Submitted by Neurology; to be funded from 3 sources

Funding Sources:							
	Surplus Funding from R&R	2019/20 GFI	2017/18 Disparity PMA 2015	2018/19 Disparity PMA 2015	2019/20 Disparity PMA 2019	2020/21 Disparity PMA 2019	2021/22 Disparity PMA 2019
\$ Amount Available:	\$1,052,126	\$182,933	\$520,788	\$781,182	\$361,333	\$612,742	\$612,742
COST of Proposals:							
Neurology Proposals:							
(2) 00407/477 fee increased from \$53.66 to \$59.60 to 67.77 to 72.24	NA	\$182,933	NA	\$158,895			
(3) 00480 Increase the maximum from 20 to 40 per month, per neurologist. Still with the maximum of 2 per any single patients per year per neurologist.	\$125,585	NA	NA	NA			
(4) 00487 to be increased from 24 to 40 per month	\$35,721	NA	NA	NA			
(5) 00488 increased from 12 to 24	\$77,593	NA	NA	\$0			
(6) 00457 LMA Fee to be moved to MSP			\$510,124				
(7) New Code Virtual Consult (\$119.95)	\$647,730	NA	NA	NA			
(8) Parkinsons Code - with MD Fellowship (00491)	NA	NA	NA	\$282,960			
(9) Parkinsons Code - without MD Fellowship (00492)	NA	NA	NA	\$157,200			
TOTAL COST	\$238,899	\$182,933	\$510,124	\$599,055			
(\$s Remaining) AWARD - COST allowing for virtual consult	\$165,497	\$0	\$10,664	\$182,127	\$361,333	\$612,742	\$612,742
Running net balance	\$165,497	\$165,497	\$176,161	(\$5,966)	\$361,333	\$974,075	\$1,586,817
Note:							

## Appendix C – Arbitration Report – full document included



**In the Matter of an Adjudication**

Under Appendix F, Section 1.6  
of the  
2019 Physician Master Agreement  
Between  
Doctors of BC  
And  
Ministry of Health  
Government of British Columbia  
And  
Medical Services Commission

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**Decision**  
**April 8, 2020**

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**Robert L Brick, PMP, MBA**  
**Adjudicator**

Appendix D –GFI Money used as:

NEUROLOGY: 2019/20 GFI Proposal							
Code	Description	Owner	Base Payments	Base Fee	Proposed Fee	% Change	Cost
00405	Visit - Emergency - Neurology	02	\$1,964	\$81.88	\$81.88	0.00%	\$0
00406	Directive care - Neurology	02	\$271,135	\$67.77	\$72.24	6.59%	\$17,877
00407	Visit - Office - Neurology	02	\$1,860,863	\$66.23	\$70.60	6.59%	\$122,695
00408	Visit - Hospital - Neurology	02	\$557,263	\$67.36	\$71.80	6.59%	\$36,743
00409	Visit - Home - Neurology	02	\$82	\$41.02	\$41.02	0.00%	\$0
00410	Consultation - Neurology	02	\$20,265,603	\$179.27	\$179.27	0.00%	\$0
00411	Consultation - Neurology - limited	02	\$1,002,830	\$87.21	\$87.21	0.00%	\$0
00413	Electroencephalogram - interpretation - technical fee	02	\$130,286	\$78.63	\$78.63	0.00%	\$0
00415	Electroencephalogram and interpretation	02	\$1,408,930	\$127.80	\$127.80	0.00%	\$0
00416	Electroencephalogram - interpretation	02	\$80,456	\$49.18	\$49.18	0.00%	\$0
00417	Electrocorticography	02	\$458	\$229.48	\$229.48	0.00%	\$0
00418	Activating Agent by electroencephalographer	02	\$0	\$22.50	\$22.50	0.00%	\$0
00419	Electroclinical detailed interpretation of seizures	02	\$26,322	\$405.04	\$405.04	0.00%	\$0
00420	Short study of electroclinical interpretation of seizures	02	\$5,214	\$208.56	\$208.56	0.00%	\$0
00421	Electrocorticography with functional mapping in awake c	02	\$0	\$494.52	\$494.52	0.00%	\$0
00424	Botulinum Toxin Injections	02	\$548,286	\$118.82	\$118.82	0.00%	\$0
00426	Electroencephalogram - sleep only	02	\$287,273	\$157.85	\$157.85	0.00%	\$0
00427	Electroencephalogram - sleep only - professional fee	02	\$44,946	\$42.56	\$42.56	0.00%	\$0
00428	Electroencephalogram - sleep only - technical fee	02	\$121,781	\$115.31	\$115.31	0.00%	\$0
P 00441	ACVS Consultation - Neurology	02	\$1,199,464	\$201.37	\$201.37	0.00%	\$0
P 00442	Neurological clinical monitoring and treatment follow-up	02	\$651,461	\$100.19	\$100.19	0.00%	\$0
P 00443	Neurological clinical monitoring follow-up and treatment	02	\$101,163	\$100.19	\$100.19	0.00%	\$0
P 00444	ACVS follow-up relapse intervention	02	\$133,162	\$80.14	\$80.14	0.00%	\$0
P 00457	Complex Care - Extended Visit - per 15 minutes or major	02	\$534,339	\$36.88	\$36.88	0.00%	\$0
00470	Telehealth Consultation - Neurology	02	\$134,235	\$179.27	\$179.27	0.00%	\$0
00471	Telehealth Repeat or limited consultation - Neurology	02	\$10,818	\$87.21	\$87.21	0.00%	\$0
00476	Telehealth directive care - Neurology	02	\$22,639	\$67.77	\$72.24	6.59%	\$1,493
00477	Telehealth subsequent office visit - Neurology	02	\$14,104	\$66.23	\$70.60	6.59%	\$930
00478	Telehealth subsequent hospital visit - Neurology	02	\$202	\$67.36	\$71.80	6.59%	\$13
P 00480	DMT management for active inflammatory disease of the	02	\$378,338	\$152.77	\$152.77	0.00%	\$0
00485	Face to face assessment for acute deterioration in status	02	\$55,066	\$201.37	\$201.37	0.00%	\$0
00486	Face to face assessment for acute deterioration in status	02	\$22,158	\$100.19	\$100.19	0.00%	\$0
P 00487	Detailed cognitive assessment by Behavioral Neurologist	02	\$45,212	\$50.92	\$50.92	0.00%	\$0
P 00488	Detailed cognitive assessment - extra	02	\$181,386	\$50.92	\$50.92	0.00%	\$0
00900	Electrodiagnosis, extensive examination	02	\$3,852,118	\$121.85	\$121.85	0.00%	\$0
00901	Electrodiagnosis, limited examination	02	\$96,852	\$81.49	\$81.49	0.00%	\$0
00902	Electrodiagnosis, short examination	02	\$4,740	\$40.61	\$40.61	0.00%	\$0
00905	Facial Palsy, Nerve conduction	02	\$0	\$6.35	\$6.35	0.00%	\$0
00906	Nerve conduction, Facial Palsy, maximum	02	\$0	\$44.15	\$44.15	0.00%	\$0
00914	Sphenoidal Electrodes Insertion	02	\$0	\$43.61	\$43.61	0.00%	\$0
00915	Sodium Amytal, Carotid Injection	02	\$0	\$98.01	\$98.01	0.00%	\$0
00923	Electrodiagnostic Testing	02	\$671,356	\$20.39	\$20.39	0.00%	\$0
00926	Orbital Electrodes, Insertion	02	\$0	\$147.86	\$147.86	0.00%	\$0
00985	Brain auditing evoked response	02	\$3,164	\$48.66	\$48.66	0.00%	\$0
00986	Somatosensory evoked response - upper	02	\$4,060	\$37.08	\$37.08	0.00%	\$0
00987	Somatosensory evoked response - upper and lower	02	\$2,114	\$64.10	\$64.10	0.00%	\$0
P 40441	Telestroke Consultation - Neurology	02	\$276,898	\$201.37	\$201.37	0.00%	\$0
P 40442	Telestroke follow-up neurological clinical monitoring and	02	\$11,117	\$100.19	\$100.19	0.00%	\$0
P 40443	Telestroke follow-up neurological clinical monitoring and	02	\$3,905	\$100.19	\$100.19	0.00%	\$0
P 40444	Telestroke follow-up ACVS relapse intervention - Neuro	02	\$2,563	\$80.14	\$80.14	0.00%	\$0