

What is “The Section of Neurology?”

DoBC: Our provincial medical association is the Doctor of BC: DoBC (Formerly the BCMA -BC Medical Association). The DoBC is the legal negotiation entity for all doctors in BC in relation to the Government of BC. Most doctors in BC are individual members of the DoBC. Benefits of DoBC membership include negotiating or fees with the government, offering cost-effective disability, life, travel insurance, support for dealing with non-fee for service contracts, various “deals” for cell phones and holidays, support in dealing with Health Authorities, as well as general advocacy for BC doctors.

Sections: The various doctors in BC are organized into about 35 sections. This includes Family Practice, Obstetrics, Paediatrics, General Surgery, Dermatology, Neurology, etc. The sections are responsible for all matters related to each section, e.g., fee codes, interactions between sections, support of individual section members, etc.

There are two satellite organizations in BC:

The consultant Specialists of BC (cSBC) and The BC Family Doctors (BCFD)

We encourage everyone to simultaneously join the consultant Specialists of BC, who advocate and support ALL specialists in BC. They deal with issues unique and common to specialists and have been very successful in advocating for specialist-only fee codes and improvements in specialists care supports including translation services and advancement of referral services.

The Section of Neurology: This is the group which deals with matters pertaining to all neurologists in BC. We advocate for our members, assist with recruitment, maintain a website (BCNeurologists.ca), establish fee codes and billing amounts for these, provide education to neurologists on these matters, deal with questions from government and elsewhere regarding neurologists, the Privileging Dictionary as pertains to neurologists, and advocating on behalf of neurology in BC.

Section of Neurology executive and members: All neurologists in BC are invited to be members. The members elect or ratify the executive members, which includes:

President: Dr. Torin Glass

Vice-president and cSBC Representative: Dr. Lee Lau

Treasurers: Dr. Galina Vorobeychik and Dr. Dex Arnold (Representative Assembly Representative)

Secretary: Dr. Melissa Mackenzie

Economics Representatives: Dr. Ana Luiza Sayao and Dr. Clark Funnell

Members at large: Dr. Kara Nedd, Dr. Nadim Jiwa, Dr. Anish Kanungo, Dr. Preet Chahal, Dr. Gurwant Singh, Dr. Kieran Tuck and Dr. Diana Kim

Section of BC - recent accomplishments:

1. Dictionary - the development and maintenance of the Privileging dictionary. You all see this when you renew privileges every year. The dictionary was mandated by the College, and we developed the entries for neurologists and maintain their evolution.

2. College of Physicians and surgeons of BC, re: Consultation definition - what represents a “Consultation” vs. repeat consult, vs. continuing care? The specialist implicit referral changes initiated recently were completed in consultation with cSBC and DoBC with support from our section.

3. We have successfully achieved for BC neurologists, over and above routine fee increases everyone gets:

- a. Labor Market Adjustment award \$1,300,000 (per year added to neurology fees)
- b. Recruitment and Retention award \$1,700,000 (per year added to neurology fees)
- c. Disparity sectional award \$2,888,787 (per year added to neurology fees)

4. Disparity amongst Specialists - there is a long-standing desire to reduce the income disparity between the different specialties within BC. We have worked very hard to advocate for neurology and have been successfully awarded over \$5,888,787 to correct disparity for our members. This has resulted in an increase of neurology incomes averaging \$50,000 per year over compared to five years ago, over, and above general fee increases all doctors have been getting.

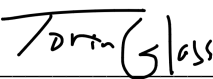
5. Alternative Paid Practice within Neurology - APP salaries are placed on a “grid” amongst all groups. Over the last five years we have raised the neurologists from (240,000-314,000) \$298,000 to \$373,000 per year. This amounts to a 15% increase.

6. Neurology fee code development and support - we have established new fee codes to support certain under-recognized areas within neurology, including MS, Cognitive, Movement Disorders, Auto-immune complex therapies, Pediatric neurology, innovation in virtual care, etc.

7. Development and maintenance of our provincial website: BCNeurologists.ca

8. Your membership of \$600 per year has resulted in each of you getting many thousands of dollars per year you would not have had without all the work the section has done on your behalf.

Kind regards,



Dr. Torin Glass (He/Him)

Section of Neurology President

