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INTEGRA FOUNDATION MAKES GRANT TO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS (AANS)/CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS (CNS) SECTION ON TUMORS

The Integra Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Integra LifeSciences Corporation, has awarded a multi-year grant, \$2,000 for each of three years totaling \$6,000, in support of a new award called **The Integra Foundation Award.** Beginning in 2005, the award will be presented at both the AANS and CNS meetings recognizing a high ranking abstract focused on basic science or clinical research of benign brain and peripheral nerve tumors Residents, attending, attending or basic scientists who are members of the section are eligible to receive an award. The monetary award is \$1,000. The award is given annually and once to an individual.

The first Integra Foundation Award winner has been selected for the upcoming 2005 AANS meeting in New Orleans. The winner is Dr. Bruce E. Pollock, from the Mayo Clinic, for his paper entitled, "A prospective study comparing patient outcomes after recurrent schwannoma resection and stereotactic radiosurgery." Dr. Pollock is a staff neurosurgeon at Mayo Clinic in the Department of Neurosurgery.

The *Integra Foundation* is dedicated to advancing innovative medical and healthcare research and education, primarily in the areas of neurosurgery, reconstructive and general surgery, that lead to improved outcome and quality of life for patients and their communities. It is funded by Integra LifeSciences Corporation, a world leader in developing and marketing high quality surgical instruments, as well as innovative devices and bio-products, for use in neurosurgery, reconstructive and general surgery and soft tissue repair.

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