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## Dr. Nelson Oyesiku to Receive Congress of Neurological Surgeons' Distinguished Service Award

October 4, 2021, Schaumburg, Illinois — The [Congress of Neurological Surgeons \(CNS\)](http://www.cns.org) is proud to announce that Dr. Nelson M. Oyesiku, Chair of the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, has been selected to receive the organization's prestigious Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Oyesiku will be presented with the award in October at the [2021 CNS Annual Meeting](#) in Austin, Texas.

The Distinguished Service Award — one of the highest honors in neurosurgery— recognizes an individual for exceptional accomplishments and leadership within CNS and the profession at large. The recipient is selected by a committee comprising the three most-recent CNS Past Presidents, who weigh a candidate's service to CNS, enduring contributions to the organization's educational mission, and mentorship of early career neurosurgeons, among other criteria.

“Dr. Oyesiku is a world-renowned neurosurgeon and international expert in pituitary surgery who has served the Congress of Neurological Surgeons with incredible distinction over many decades, including as President of CNS,” said Dr. Steven N. Kalkanis, Past President of CNS. “He continues to build on his remarkable legacy as a successful, innovative and pioneering Editor-in-Chief of our signature publication, *Neurosurgery*. Under his leadership, the journal has dramatically expanded in scope while increasing its reputation and impact. We are thrilled to honor Dr. Oyesiku with this well-deserved award.”

In addition to his work as Chair of the Department of Neurological Surgery, Dr. Oyesiku is a Professor of Medicine (Endocrinology) at UNC-Chapel Hill. He was previously a Professor of Neurological Surgery and Medicine at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was also the inaugural Daniel Louis Barrow Chair in Neurosurgery and co-director of the Emory Pituitary Center, among other roles. Over the course of his career, Dr. Oyesiku developed one of the nation's largest practices devoted to the care of patients with pituitary tumors and has performed over 3,000 pituitary tumor operations. He has held leadership positions in several state, regional, national and international neurosurgical organizations, including President of CNS, and is currently President-Elect of the World Federation of Neurological Surgeons.



A prolific scholar whose research focuses on the molecular pathogenesis of pituitary adenomas and tumor receptor imaging and targeting for therapy, Dr. Oyesiku has authored more than 180 scientific articles and book chapters. He is Editor-in-Chief of the leading journals *Neurosurgery*, *Operative Neurosurgery* and *Neurosurgery Open*. He earned his M.D. from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria; M.Sc. in Occupational Medicine from the University of London, U.K.; and Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Emory University.

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