I. PURPOSE

The Neurosurgery Section is organized for the purpose of providing professional services to the public in accordance with the highest standards of patient care. This section will direct and supervise the professional activities of its members who attend patients at SGMC.

II. ORGANIZATION

A. All rules and regulations of this section will conform to the Bylaws of the Medical Staff and the rules and regulations of the Department of Surgery.

B. The section will operate as a subdivision of the Department of Surgery and provide an organizational relationship between its members and the Department of Surgery.

C. The staff positions will be divided as follows:
   1. Active
   2. Courtesy

III. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for membership in the Neurosurgery Section will require the individual member to show adequate training and experience in this field and/or Board eligibility or Board Certification.

   Board Certification Status: Effective May 21, 2000, new MD, DO, DPM, and DMD/DDS (Oral Surgeons only) applicants to the medical and affiliate staff must be board certified or board admissible. Effective June 27, 2005, all MD, DO, DPM, and DMD/DDS (Oral Surgeons Only) applicants who completed their residency program after January 1, 1990 must be board certified or board admissible by the appropriate Board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties or by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery or by the American Board of Podiatric Surgery pertinent to their field of expertise and request for privileges. Effective August 30, 2006, the American Osteopathic Association Boards (AOA) are considered equivalent to the American Board of Medical Specialties (AMBS) Boards for the purposes of credentialing and are accepted for membership and privileges. In the case of new applicants who are graduates from residency/fellowship programs and are board admissible, board certifications must be achieved within 5 years of completion of their residency/fellowship. Failure to achieve certification within the 5-year grace period will result in automatic termination of medical staff membership and clinical privileges at reappointment anniversary.

   Board Recertification: Effective January 1, 2006, all new applicants who have completed residency in the year 2005 or after must comply with the re-certification requirements of their Board in their primary area of practice.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

Appointments to the Neurosurgery Section will conform to the Bylaws of the Medical Staff and the rules and regulations of the Department of Surgery.

V. OFFICERS

Officers of the Neurosurgery Section will be elected annually by members of the active staff of the section according to the rules and regulations of the Medical Staff Bylaws.

The officers shall consist of a Chair (and a vice-Chair if the section deems it necessary).
VI. PRIVILEGES

In order to be promoted to the active staff, each individual must meet the following requirements:

A. Demonstrate adequate use of the hospital.
B. Fulfill medical staff responsibilities including committee assignments and E.D. coverage.

VIII. MEETINGS

The section shall meet no less than twice per year. The Chair may call other meetings for the purpose of transacting any pressing business as necessary.

IX. EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT COVERAGE

A. If needed Emergency Department will be covered by all staff members who perform elective cases without exception.
B. Partners in the same practice group may cover for the scheduled physician on the ED call.

X. ANNUAL MEDICAL STAFF DUES

All medical staff members are required to pay annual medical staff and department dues (with the exception of Emeritus Status and Community Staff status members). Please note there is no refund of medical staff dues.