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**RE:** Establishment of a Division of Neurooncology  
Proposal from UEMS Section of Neurology

UEMS Section of Neurology suggests establishing a Division of Neurooncology within the Section of Neurology. This division should be equally open for neurosurgery, neuroradiology, radiotherapy and general oncology.

## Rationale:

Neurooncology has developed in Europe in the past decades. In the US neurooncology has been established as a subspecialty of neurology.

Neurooncology is a multidisciplinary specialty, which has equal interests and competencies for the all the fields (sections) mentioned above.

The practical issues of neurooncology are primary brain tumours, the effects of cancer of the nervous system (e.g. metastases to brain and spinal cord), remote effects (such as paraneoplastic neurological disease) and of particular and growing interest as a dose limiting factor such as neurotoxicity.

Neurooncology has representations in the big European neurological societies, European Federation of Neurological Societies (EFNS) and European Neurological Society (ENS), both have scientific panels. The chairman of the scientific panel of EFNS, Prof Soffietti, has endorsed and encouraged the move for the development of a division. The European Association of Neurooncology (EANO) also has sent a letter of support for this move to UEMS Section of Neurology.



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## Participants:

Neurooncology is an interdisciplinary field. In practical terms diagnosis of a neurooncologic condition is often made by neurology, neuroradiology and radiology, surgical interventions by neurosurgeons and treatment is often performed by radiotherapists, neurologists and general oncologists. None of the involved fields can claim superiority and can claim to act independent of the other fields. The structure of a division located in neurology, should offer all mentioned fields to participate and the chairmanship should rotate.

## Functional organisation:

The functional organisation of the subdivision should increase the interdisciplinary field of neurooncology within Europe. This would address several needs:

1. Establishment of neurooncology boards within Europe
2. Improving the knowledge, interdisciplinary work and quality for patients
3. Create better health strategies for neurooncological patients
4. Develop educational instruments for subspecialisation and CPD

The division should be integrated into UEMS Section of Neurology. A similar model with equal access from different sections has been established for neuropaediatrics for neurology and paediatrics.

We hope that this proposal and the suggested structures will be of interest for UEMS. UEMS Section of Neurology will be glad to have this move endorsed and work actively on the implementation of neurooncology.

With best regards

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