



Spotlight On Joseph Sirven, MD, Phoenix, AZ

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What do you enjoy the most about serving on an ABPN committee?

I love working with other neurologists in the field to help figure out what is safe with regards to the practice of clinical neurology. Knowing that what is decided will impact many patients' lives brings an incredible sense of enjoyment.

What do you hope to accomplish while serving on the ABPN committee?

My hope is that from a professional standpoint, other neurologists who respond to questions and articles presented in their CC journey, see and interact with important clinical neurological updates or reviews so that we all learn together.



From a personal perspective, I always learn so much in researching new articles that I believe need to be included in CC to push the field forward by disseminating important studies and papers.

What should people know about ABPN committees and how committee work relates to the Board?

I think that people should know that all members of ABPN committees are committed to neurological education. As such, I have not met an ABPN committee member that is working on the committee to stump other neurologists or to serve as some type of impediment.

In fact, all ABPN committee members I have met stress how much they understand the predicament of busy clinicians and they want to respect the time and intelligence of neurologists.

Why is the patient perspective important to you and how does that connect to your work on the committee?

The patient perspective is the guiding North Star for all work we do on the committee. When choosing articles and creating assessments, I always ask myself is this information important for my family and friends' neurologists to know in order to best care for me and my family. It is the guiding mission of all my work.

Did you have a mentor that affected your career journey?

I have been blessed to have many incredible mentors throughout my career. They have included such incredible people like Drs. Terry Cascino, Greg Cascino, Michael Sperling, Jackie French, Richard Caselli, and countless others. I have tried to take from them the best way to care for patients and do so in a manner that is safe, effective and compassionate.

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