



## **Integra Foundation Awards Grant to Support Pediatric Neurosurgery Resident Education**

PLAINSBORO, N.J., Dec. 2, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Integra Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Integra LifeSciences Corporation (Nasdaq:IART), announced today that it has awarded a \$12,000 grant to the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS)/Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) Joint Section for Pediatric Neurosurgery, in support of the section's annual meeting, which is taking place at the Boston Marriott Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts, December 1-4, 2009. The grant will assist 25 pediatric neurosurgery residents in attending the event.

"We're very pleased that our grant makes it possible for residents to attend this important meeting and get exposure to some of the newest research and information in their field," said Gianna Sabella, Executive Director, Integra Foundation.

This year's annual meeting will include scientific presentations and posters covering the latest on pediatric neurosurgical topics from North America and around the world, point/counterpoint forums on controversial topics, The Raimondi Lecture - Professor Charles Stiles, PhD discussing the groundbreaking science of tumors and transcription factors, and a half day Neurofibromatosis Symposium, which will feature topics including Genetics/Diagnosis, Radiology, Spine and Neurosurgical Management, and New Therapies for Tumors in NF1.

### About the Integra Foundation

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 for use in orthopedics, neurosurgery and general surgery. [www.integra-foundation.org](http://www.integra-foundation.org)

### About the AANS/CNS Joint Section on Pediatric Neurosurgery

The AANS/CNS Joint Section for Pediatric Neurosurgery is dedicated to the advancement of the subspecialty of pediatric neurosurgery. It serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information about pediatric neurosurgery, a resource for conducting special studies and proposing solutions to problems in pediatric neurosurgery, and assists the AANS and CNS in the advancement of education, research and patient care in pediatric neurosurgery.

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