



**Atlantic NeuroSurgical Specialists**

Adult and Pediatric Brain, Spine and Neurovascular Surgery

## **Dr. Ronald Benitez Honored by New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network**

*Physician Champion Nominee to be recognized at 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Circle of Life Celebration*

Morristown, NJ, April 2, 2008 - Dr. Ronald Benitez of Atlantic NeuroSurgical Specialists (ANS) will be honored by the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network (NJ Sharing Network) as a Physician Champion Nominee at the organization's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Circle of Life Celebration. The gala takes place on April 4 at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, NJ.



The annual gala, held during April's National Donate Life Month, honors various members of the medical community who help make the process of organ and tissue donation possible and facilitate transplants. "With over 4,200 New Jersey patients waiting for organ transplants and nearly 100,000 waiting nationally, this event serves to recognize our medical partners for their support of our lifesaving work, and also raises the awareness of what the critical need is for more organ and tissue donors," said Joseph Roth, president and chief executive officer of NJ Sharing Network. Dr. Benitez was nominated for his supportive role in an organ donation at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

"It is indeed humbling to be recognized by NJ Sharing Network for my role," said Dr. Benitez. "Those most deserving of recognition are the individuals who donate vital organs so that others may have an improved quality of life."

Dr. Benitez is one of a handful of neurosurgeons in the country who has built a surgical and endovascular practice. His specialties include the treatment of cerebrovascular diseases such as stroke using new and innovative techniques. Dr. Benitez is one of the few doctors in New Jersey trained to use the Merci® Retrieval System and the Penumbra System™ for the treatment of strokes.

Dr. Benitez is a native of Chatham, NJ and has been affiliated with ANS for 4 years. Prior to ANS, Dr. Benitez was affiliated with Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, PA.

**Established in 1958 by Dr. Henry Liss, MD, ANS is the largest neurosurgical practice in New Jersey. With offices in Morristown, Paramus, and Denville, NJ, ANS is affiliated with Morristown Memorial Hospital (Goryeb Children's Medical Center) in Morristown, NJ, Overlook Hospital (Atlantic Neuroscience Institute) in Summit, NJ, and Saint Clare's Hospital in Denville, NJ.**

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