

TANS Observership SOP [28.November.2023]

This SOP [Standard Operating Procedure] will be included in the TANS bye-laws and may be modified as and when necessary, with the approval of TANS Executive Council.

TANS Observerships will start from 01.Jan.2024.

TANS life members are requested to offer Observerships in their institutions to their fellow TANS life members for the purpose of increasing excellence in Neurosurgery in Tamil Nadu.

TANS life members wanting to visit these centres as Observers should send their application to the TANS Secretary.

Based on the response to the above request, TANS will arrange one-month Observership for TANS life members. The Observers will be assigned to volunteering institutions based on their preference and availability in the preferred institution, acceptance by the Observership Director of the Observer, and the selection of the institutions and Observers will be done by the TANS Executive Council via online discussions every three months, starting December 2023.

A commemorative certificate will be issued to the Observership Director and the Observer at the next TANS annual conference.

In course of time, with the approval of TANS EC, Observerships in Endocrinology, ENT, Medical oncology, Orthopedics, Plastic surgery, Radiation oncology, Surgical oncology and other specialities allied to Neurosurgery may also be provided, under the aegis of TANS.

In course of time, with the approval of TANS EC, Observerships may be extended to institutions outside Tamil Nadu, under the aegis of TANS.

In course of time, with the approval of TANS EC, Fellowships, which are of longer duration than Observerships, may be arranged by TANS with or without funding by TANS.

TANS Secretary will coordinate all the above activities, as guided by the TANS EC.

All communication must be only by email to TANS Secretary at TANSasn@gmail.com

Information to be provided to TANS Secretary by volunteering institution:

1. Name of institution, and name of TANS life member offering the Observership with contact email id and phone number.
2. Letter from life member with approval from the institution for offering the observership.

3. Number and type of Neurosurgeries and procedures done every month in the last 3 months, and a list of the different types of Neurosurgeries and procedures performed in their institution in the previous financial year, and whether they have a Neurosurgery post-graduate training program [DrNB or MCh].
4. Observership in General Neurosurgery or specific sub-speciality of Neurosurgery.
5. Will the life member be allowed to scrub in and assist in surgeries and procedures.
6. Details of payment to be made to the institution and any other payments for the 1-month observership period.
7. Accommodation facilities nearby and approximate cost.
8. Observership Director to motivate the Observers to publish and/ or present their work done during the Observership at the next TANS annual conference.
9. Logbook of Observer to be signed by Observership Director at the end of the Observership.
10. Observership Director has to give feedback on the Observers after the Observership, with suggestions on how to improve the Observership program to the TANS Secretary.

Information to be provided to TANS Secretary by the life member applying for the Observership:

1. Observers must submit their application with their name, work address, contact email id and phone number, and attested copies of their TANS life member certificate, active Tamil Nadu Medical Council (TNMC) Neurosurgery qualification certificate, medical indemnity insurance certificate valid for the period of Observership, and any other documents requested.
 2. Observers must follow all the rules and regulations of the volunteering institution.
 3. Observers must make all payments, if any, directly to the volunteering institution. No money will be paid by, to, or through TANS.
 4. Observers must make all arrangements and payments on their own for travel, accommodation, food, etc.
 5. Observers should try to publish and/ or present their work done during the Observership at the next TANS annual conference.
 6. Feedback and log book should be given by the Observer at the end of the Observership to the TANS Secretary.
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