

# Pediatric Neurosurgery Fellows UAB/Children's of Alabama 1995-2021

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## Snapshot

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- Academic – 18 (82%); Private – 4 (18%)
- 22 Fellows/22 ABPNS Board Certified/Eligible (1995-2019)
- Division Chiefs – 9
- OR Case Volume Range 800-950 covering all facets of pediatric nsrgy (35% VPS)
- Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> (ir10c) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (ih10c) among all pediatric neurosurgery fellowship programs in fellow academic productivity (Ajmera et al, JNS Peds, 2019)
- Residencies Represented
  - U Alberta, Baylor, Columbia, Duke, Johns Hopkins, Minnesota, NYU, Ohio State, UPenn, Penn State, Pittsburgh, SUNY, UCSF, Utah, WashU, Western Ontario, Uwisconsin, OHSU
- Global Neurosurgery Option
  - Vietnam, Ghana, Red Cross Hospital (Cape Town, South Africa)

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- Section Chief, Pediatric Neurosurgery
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- Residency: University of Pittsburgh
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  - Spina Bifida
  - Brain Tumors
  - Chiari Malformation
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  - Peripheral Nerve
  - Endoscopic Surgery
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  - Chiari Malformation
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  - Hydrocephalus
  - Peripheral Nerve
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## Matthew D. Smyth, MD

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  - Craniofacial
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## Scott W. Soleau, MD

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## Cuong J. “CJ” Bui, MD

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- Fellowship Year: 2006-2007
- Chairman of Neurosurgery
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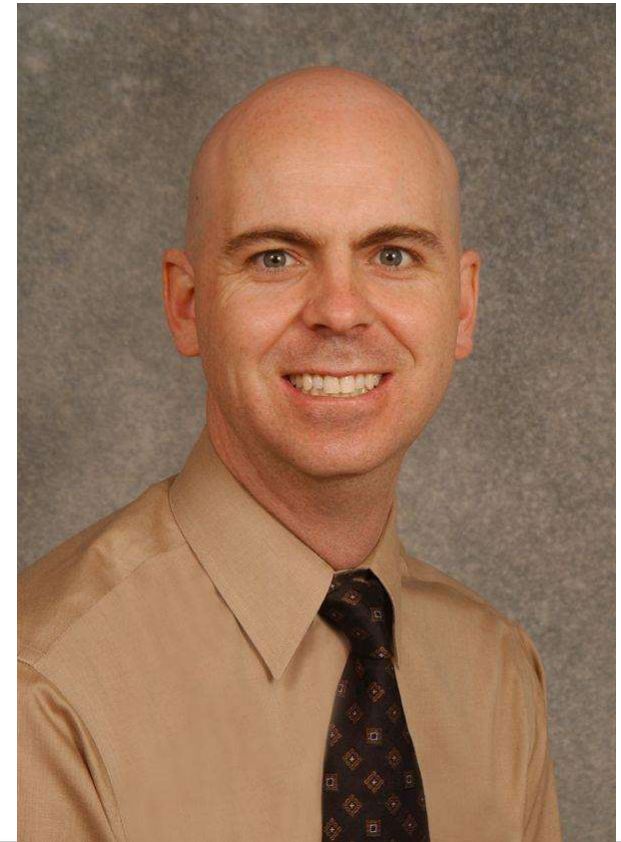
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## Todd C. Hankinson, MD

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## Joshua J. Chern, MD, PhD

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  - Brain Tumors
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## Jonathan A. Pindrik, MD

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- Areas of Interest
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  - Peripheral Nerve
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## Casey Madura, MD, MPH

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