



## **Backgrounder**

### **North American Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (NANETS)**

The North American Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (NANETS) is a 501(C)3 nonprofit professional medical society working to raise awareness of neuroendocrine tumor (NET) disease across the continent through the education of medical professionals. NANETS was founded by Lawrence Kvols, MD, and James Yao, MD, on February 21, 2007.

NANETS' vision is that every medical professional in North America will know about NET disease and be able to detect the disease early in patients, as that is the best way to combat this rare disease. Every NET patient deserves the opportunity to work with a multidisciplinary team of medical professionals that can best manage their illness. As a part of that vision, NANETS' mission is to improve neuroendocrine tumor disease diagnosis, treatment and management through increased research and educational opportunities. This organization serves medical professionals of the NET community through professional medical education conferences, consensus meetings, NET Guidelines and annual research grant awards.

NANETS is the only organization of its kind in North America and continues to expand its reach. To date, the organization has over 400 medical professional dues paying members that range from doctors, allied health care professionals, fellows, residents and students. As a result of its diverse member base, NANETS is able to connect experts in the field of NETs with young medical professionals for mentorship and guidance. This devotion to nurturing the next generation of NET research is further emphasized by the NANETS' annual request for grant applications.

NANETS has provided 16 grant awards to young medical professionals to date. In 2018, the organization will give out a record four research grants to applicants in the first five years of their faculty appointment. 2018 grants include the Basic/Translational Science Investigator Award, NANETS Clinical Investigator Scholarship, NANETS Theragnostics Investigator Grant and NANETS Young Investigator award.

Over 500 medical professionals attend NANETS' annual Multidisciplinary NET Disease Symposium and hundreds more attend the numerous one-day, comprehensive Regional NET Education Conferences that take place across the continent each year. These educational opportunities allow NANETS to bring the latest in cutting-edge research to medical professionals across North America.