

The Intracranial Hemorrhage Anticoagulation Reversal (ICHAR) Initiative

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the CSNS create an educational product utilizing the current American Stroke Association and 2016 Neurocritical Care Guidelines (on CSNS Website currently) on intracranial hemorrhage anticoagulation reversal that local neurosurgeons can use to persuade local pharmacy and therapeutic committees and referring hospitals to carry anticoagulation reversal medications for intracranial hemorrhages, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the educational product is vetted through the AANS/CNS Cerebrovascular Section.

Development of a Handbook of Neurosurgical Socio-Economics and Leadership

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the CSNS produce a document entitled “Handbook of Neurosurgical Socio-Economics and Leadership” (or a document with another similar title) that would be a guide to any neurosurgeon seeking to learn about the basics of the “business of neurosurgery” – including but not limited to billing, contracting, practice plans, board certification, relationships with hospitals, relationships with insurance plans, relationships with industry, medical legal issues and leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this document be made available to all neurosurgeons either printed as a book or published on the internet (in a “Wiki” form) or both as determined by the Executive Committee of the CSNS (EC-CSNS); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this document be maintained and updated periodically as needed by the CSNS; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the EC-CSNS appoint an Editor for this document who would also have a non-voting seat on the EC-CSNS (pending Bylaws change) and who would be responsible for producing and maintaining this document with assistance from the various committees of the CSNS.

Understanding Neurosurgical Contracts

Author: Brian Anderson, M.D., MHA; Justin Singer, M.D.; Sherry Taylor, M.D., Ph.D.; representing the Medical Directors Section

BE IT RESOLVED, that the CSNS seeks to better understand the relevant employment strategies now common in neurosurgical practices (i.e. wRVU, collections, flat salary, billing, production bonus); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that entities of the CSNS generate a white paper providing explanation, clarification, and relevant resources regarding the various employment structures likely to be encountered during the contract negotiation process.

Financial Note: None

AANS/CNS Nominations

Author: Membership and State Societies Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the CSNS request that the AANS and CNS make available criteria for their executive offices which include restrictions and requirements of each office for which nominations are being asked; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CSNS request that the AANS and CNS make available a list of eligible individuals for those offices WHICH HAVE SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES

Standardization of Demographic Questions for CSNS Surveys

Author: Jeremy Phelps, Darlene Lobel, Clemens Schirmer, on behalf of the Medical Practices Committee

BE IT RESOLVED, that the CSNS develop a standardized set of demographic questions to be utilized in all surveys prepared for and distributed to the general body of neurosurgeons on behalf of the CSNS.

Fiscal Note: None

State Legal Issues Updates

Author: Bowen Jiang, MD and Omar Zalatimo, MD FAANS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the quad chairs forward legislative updates from their quad to be posted on the CSNS website for members (similar to the quality projects tab).

Fiscal Note: none

An assessment of why (and why not) neurosurgeons contribute to the NeurosurgeryPAC

Author: Hooman Azmi, Cara Sedney, Lola Chambless, Jeremy Phelps, Darlene Lobel, Mike Steinmetz, Josh Rosenow, Ann Stroink, Mark Spatola

BE IT RESOLVED, that the CSNS request that the AANS develop a survey that assesses why individual neurosurgeons chose to donate or not to donate to the Neurosurgery PAC

Contemporary Differentiation Among Neurosurgical Practice Settings

Author: Tyler Schmidt, Luis Tumialan, Justin Singer and Clemens M. Schirmer and on behalf of the CNS caucus

BE IT RESOLVED, that the CSNS study the optimal way to define and stratify practice settings which accurately reflect contemporary practice patterns, in a simple and easily understandable, uncomplicated manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CSNS produce a white paper or similar publication describing a suitable classification scheme and share at least an executive summary with the parent organizations and make it available to other interested parties.

Fiscal note: none

Provide Reviewer Feedback in Resident and Young Investigator Awards in Neurosurgery

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the CSNS request that the AANS and CNS improve transparency in granting by providing reviewer feedback to applicants for NREF grants by grant reviewers.

Fiscal Note: none

Increasing Neurosurgical Resident Education in Malpractice During Training

Author: Krishanthan Vigneswaran, MD (Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA); Sharon Webb, MD (Southeastern Neurosurgical and Spine Institute, Greenville, SC)

BE IT RESOLVED the CSNS generate a white paper with the help of legal counsel that serves as a reference of residents who may be facing legal questions during their training and can have a resource to turn to for questions regarding legal terminology, the legal process (ie. discovery, deposition, being named, etc.); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the CSNS ask the CNS and AANS to consider adding a resident medico-legal seminar to their annual meeting to highlight the basic tenants of malpractice law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the CSNS recommend the addition of formal medical malpractice education to residency curricula.

Understanding Neurosurgeon Billing Practices in Neurocritical Care

Author: Maya Babu MD, MBA; Emily P. Sieg, MS, MD; Shelly D. Timmons MD, PhD

BE IT RESOLVED, that the CSNS survey neurosurgeons performing neurocritical care as to workflow, documentation practices, shared responsibilities with APPs and learners, clinical coverage practices for neurocritical care units, and billing and coding practices for critical care services.