

## Background

- The Council of State Neurological Surgeons (CSNS) annually selects residents for the prestigious CSNS Socioeconomic Fellowship.
- Fellowship is intended to provide education to residents interested in socioeconomic (SE) factors pertaining to neurosurgeons and neurosurgery patients.
- After completion of the fellowship, fellows are to gain skills in appropriately integrating SE factors into neurosurgical practice and healthcare systems.

## Aim

To gain further understanding of the socioeconomic factors pertinent to the neurosurgery practice and participate in producing programs and resolutions to impact neurosurgical policy.

## Methods

- Three fellows are selected from 4 quadrants in the United States (US) and have bimonthly zoom meetings providing education by subject experts.
- Each fellow is assigned to a specific sub-committee by the CSNS leadership and is responsible for producing resolutions pertinent to the neurosurgery field.
- The CSNS meets at the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) Annual Meetings biannually to discuss resolutions.

## Results

While serving on the Medical Legal Committee (MLC) of the CSNS, an educational video was produced discussing appropriate steps for responding to a litigation claim against an individual neurosurgeon. Also, instruction was provided in how to adequately prepare for a deposition. Moreover, the beginning of a resolution was created in order to respond to the potential negative effects the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act's Information Blocking Rule may have on the neurosurgeon-patient relationship. A resolution was created to perform surveys and education to neurosurgical residents regarding personal finance and reimbursement practices in the United States



## Summary

- The CSNS Socioeconomic Fellowship provides invaluable SE education and opportunities for neurosurgery resident fellows.
- During the beginning of the fellowship, an educational video was produced regarding medical malpractice and a resolution in response to the Information Blocking Rule of the 21<sup>st</sup> Cures Act was initiated.
- Continued involvement in the CSNS Fellowship through the remainder of 2023 will provide additional opportunities to engage in SE and policy related projects.