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Subject: Nomination of Joseph S. Cheng, MD, to the AMA CPT Editorial Panel

Dear Dr. Madara:

The undersigned organizations are pleased to support Joseph S. Cheng, MD, for a position on the AMA CPT Editorial Panel. Nominated by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), Dr. Cheng would be an excellent addition to the panel.

Dr. Cheng has served as the Chair of the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine since 2017. He has been an active contributor and supporter of the CPT process in his role as a CPT advisor since 2008, and has an outstanding record of working well with specialty society physicians and staff to improve CPT coding for all users. He has participated in many multi-specialty CPT Workgroups and his advice on coding is often sought by AMA CPT staff, physicians, manufacturers and payors. He understands the importance of both transparency and confidentiality in the CPT process. Dr. Cheng is always respectful and a true credit to the medical profession.

We are confident that Dr. Cheng would be thoughtful and thorough in the performance of the duties of a panel member. He is dedicated to evidence based medicine and to clear and concise coding. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to support the AANS/CNS nomination of Dr. Cheng.

Sincerely

American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery
American Academy of Pain Medicine
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Radiology
American College of Surgeons
American Roentgen Ray Society
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
American Society of General Surgeons
American Society of Neuroradiology
American Society of Plastic Surgeons
International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery
North American Neuromodulation Society
Radiological Society of North America
Society of Interventional Radiology
Society of Thoracic Surgeons
Spine Intervention Society