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***Council of State Neurological Surgeons Resident
Socioeconomic Fellowship***



Introduction: The Council of State Neurological Surgeons (CSNS) annually selects residents for the prestigious CSNS Socioeconomic Fellowship. This 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.

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 21st Century Cures Act's Information Blocking Rule may have on the neurosurgeon-patient relationship.

Conclusions: 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 21st 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.