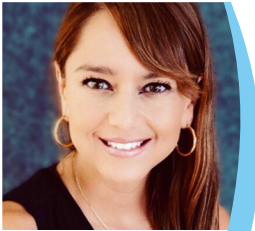


Surgeons Across the Country Speak Out Against Medicare Payment Cuts



Paula Ferrada,
MD, FACS

*Emergency and Trauma Surgeon,
Richmond, VA*

“Physicians throughout the country are calling for Washington to hear our pleas and protect America’s health care system. Congress must do what’s right and...prevent these cuts from taking effect.”

[Richmond Times-Dispatch](#)



John A. Wilson,
MD, FACS, AANS

*Vice-Chair of Neurosurgery, Wake
Forest Baptist Health, President of the
American Association of Neurological
Surgeons, Winston-Salem, NC*

“We are in the middle of the crisis, and we can’t protect [patients] if Washington decides to cut health care funding at one of the most critical moments in our nation’s history.”

[Winston-Salem Journal](#)



Ann Stroink,
MD, FACS, AANS

*Neurosurgeon, Central Illinois Neuro
Health Science, Bloomington, IL*

“This was an ill-informed and dangerous policy for patients even before the pandemic started, but could be even more detrimental as our healthcare system continues to weaken under COVID-19.”

[Becker’s Spine Review](#)

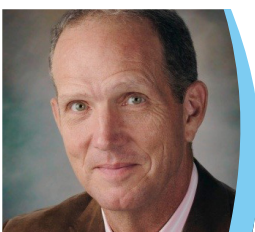


Ara Feinstein,
MD, FACS

*Trauma Surgeon, Banner University
Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ*

“Congress has the ability to protect us from these cuts. Simply put, the middle of a pandemic is not the time to make cuts that will reduce patient access to quality care.”

[Arizona Republic](#)



John Calhoun,
MD, FACS, STS

*Cardiothoracic Surgeon, University
of Texas Health Science Center, San
Antonio, TX*

“Reducing Medicare reimbursements to surgeons will force them to lower the number of Medicare-funded procedures they perform simply to continue to pay their employees.”

[San Antonio Express-News](#)



David B. Hoyt,
MD, FACS

Executive Director of the American College of Surgeons, Chicago, IL

“This is not the time to make any cuts to Medicare as the country deals with the worst health care crisis in a generation. Our doctors and health care workers have been there for the American people during this pandemic. Now doctors need Congress to help them.”

[CNN](#)



Misty D. Humphries,
MD, MAS, RPVI, FACS

Vascular Surgeon, Associate Professor, Department of Surgery at UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA

“CMS proposed these cuts before COVID-19 hit, and they were bad policy then. Going ahead with them now, when surgeons and other doctors are struggling to provide care in the midst of a pandemic, constitutes public health malpractice.”

[Fresno Bee](#)

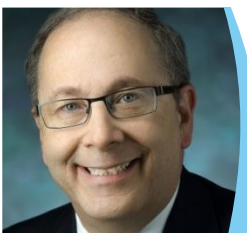


Matthew Sideman,
MD, FACS, SVS

Vascular Surgery Specialist, university of Texas, Chair of the Society for Vascular Surgery Policy and Advocacy Council, San Antonio, TX

“Cutting reimbursement now will only make healthcare harder to access, particularly for our most vulnerable population, the elderly. The solution is clear: Congress must pass legislation that will waive the budget-neutrality requirement that is at the heart of these devastating cuts.”

[Becker's ASC Review](#)



David Glasser,
MD, FACS, AAO

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, Johns Hopkins University, Secretary for Federal Affairs, American Academy of Ophthalmology, Columbia, MD

“The AAO opposes CMS’ proposal on the grounds that it ‘will likely force ophthalmologists to take fewer Medicare patients leading to longer wait times and reduced access to care for older Americans,’ the organization said in a press release.”

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Nancy Lobby,
DO, ACOS

Private Practice Urologist Wellington, FL

“The financial strain on the health care system from the pandemic is well-documented and—quite frankly—it has put me at risk of having to shut down my practice. And what is even more troubling is that I’m not the only one.”

[Palm Beach Post](#)