Thank you, 2019 NeurosurgeryPAC contributor!

Your support was vital to ensure that neurosurgery had the resources needed to have a voice in many crucial debates in Washington, D.C. this year. These issues included, but are not limited to: prior authorization reform, graduate medical education funding, medical liability reform, and surprise medical bills. I hope you will continue to support this vital tool in our advocacy arsenal.

Please see this 2019 Annual Report for a more detailed look at NeurosurgeryPAC activities.

Thank you,

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NeurosurgeryPAC Board Chair
WHAT IS NEUROSURGERY PAC?

CREATED IN 2005, Neurosurgery PAC is the political action committee of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. Neurosurgery PAC's mission is simple: solicit voluntary contributions from neurosurgeons to support candidates for federal office who support neurosurgeons.

Neurosurgery PAC does this by making direct campaign contributions to candidates for the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives who are supportive of the issues important to neurosurgery. Neurosurgery PAC is nonpartisan and does not base its decisions on party affiliation but instead focuses on the voting records and campaign pledges of the candidates.
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<td><strong>PROTECT PATIENTS’ TIMELY ACCESS TO CARE</strong></td>
<td>by reforming utilization review practices, such as prior authorization, step-therapy and Medicare’s appropriate use criteria program for advanced diagnostic imaging.</td>
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<td><strong>FIX THE BROKEN MEDICAL LIABILITY SYSTEM</strong></td>
<td>by adopting proven reforms that are in place in California and Texas.</td>
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<td><strong>IMPROVE THE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM</strong></td>
<td>including maintaining existing insurance market reforms and advancing solutions that will lower costs and expand choice, including out-of-network options, with appropriate patient protections for unanticipated medical bills.</td>
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<td><strong>SUPPORT QUALITY RESIDENT TRAINING AND EDUCATION</strong></td>
<td>by increasing the number of Medicare-funded residency positions and preserving the ability of surgeons to maximize education and training opportunities within the profession’s current regulatory structures.</td>
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<td><strong>ALLEViate THE BURDENS OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS</strong></td>
<td>including promoting interoperability, reducing unnecessary data entry and improving the functionality of EHR systems to enhance, not hinder, the delivery of medical care.</td>
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<td><strong>CONTINUE PROGRESS WITH MEDICAL INNOVATION</strong></td>
<td>by implementing the 21st Century Cures Act and provide additional funding for medical research.</td>
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<td><strong>END THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC</strong></td>
<td>by implementing the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment or Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act).</td>
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<td><strong>CHAMPION FAIR REIMBURSEMENT</strong></td>
<td>by maintaining a viable fee-for-service option in Medicare and by empowering patients and physicians to privately contract fee arrangements. Additionally, Medicare must maintain the 10- and 90-day global surgery payment package and minimize the burdens associated with the global surgery code data collection initiative.</td>
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MEMBER GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

**MEMBER GIVING HIGHLIGHTS**

- Total Raised in 2019: $229,922
- Money disbursed in 2019: $194,000

**LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER**

- Leadership Committee Member (PAC Board, AANS, CNS, CSNS, & WC): 87%
- PAC Board: 97%
- AANS Executive Committee: 94%
- CNS Executive Committee: 81%
- CSNS Executive Committee: 93%
- Washington Committee: 73%

**NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

- People who contributed $1,000 or more: 95 individuals
- Average Contribution: $1,008

**BREAKDOWN OF GIVING BY PARTY**

- **54 CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE**
  - Democrat: 37%
  - Republican: 63%

Breakdown of giving by party:

- **DEM**: 37%
- **GOP**: 63%
MEMBER GIVING HIGHLIGHTS

PERCENTAGE GIVING BY STATE

![Percentage Breakdown: 0-2%, 3-5%, 6-8%, 9-11%, 12% +]

WINNERS OF LEIBROCK STATE LEADERSHIP AWARD

TOP STATES BY MONEY RAISED IN CONTRIBUTIONS:

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TOP STATES BY PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATION:

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# COMPETITIVE COMPARISONS

**NEUROSURGERY PAC COMPARED TO OTHER PHYSICIAN PACS**

Coverage Dates: 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019

## NEUROSURGERY PAC

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## American College of Surgeons

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COMPETITIVE COMPARISONS

NEUROSURGERYPAC COMPARED TO OTHER PHYSICIAN PACS

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

- NeurosurgeryPAC
- American Society of Anesthesiologists
- American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons
- American College of Surgeons
- American Academy of Neurology
- National Association of Spine Specialists
- Society For Vascular Surgery

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**

- NeurosurgeryPAC
- American Society of Anesthesiologists
- American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons
- American College of Surgeons
- American Academy of Neurology
- National Association of Spine Specialists
- Society For Vascular Surgery
Neurosurgical resident, Laura Stone McGuire, MD, meets with Rep. Danny K. Davis, MD (D-III) while she is in town for the Alliance of Specialty Medicine’s legislative conference.

Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.) with AANS President-elect, John A. Wilson, MD. Dr. Wilson introduced Rep. Kelly at a legislative conference in Washington, DC.

Rep. Ami Bera, MD, (D-Calif.) with AANS/CNS Washington Committee member, Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, at neurosurgery-sponsored legislative conference in Washington, DC.

Rep. Trent Kelly (R-Miss.) with NeurosurgeryPAC Board member, Jason D. Stacy, MD. Dr. Stacy was in Washington to attend the Alliance of Specialty Medicine’s legislative conference.

NeurosurgeryPAC Board member, Ganesh Rao, MD, on route back home from Washington, DC, with Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-Texas).
NEUROSURGEONS IN ACTION
TAKING NEUROSURGERY'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.V.) and AANS/CNS Washington Committee chair, Ann R. Stroink, MD, at a breakfast fundraiser.

Sen. Rick Scott (R-Fla.) and NeurosurgeryPAC Board member, Stephen S. Scibelli, MD, at a National Republican Senatorial Committee event.

NeurosurgeryPAC staff and Rep. Raul Ruiz, MD (D-Calif.) at a PAC event.

NeurosurgeryPAC Board member, Kenneth S. Blumenfeld, MD, with Rep. Raul Ruiz, MD, (D-Calif.), at a NeurosurgeryPAC-sponsored campaign event.

Senate Pro Tempore, Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) with Stephen S. Scibelli, MD, at a National Republican Senatorial Committee event.
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