

TO: NERVES

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SUBJECT: CSNS Report to NERVES

The only CSNS in-person meeting this year was held on February 28, 2020 in Washington DC. We discussed many topics from patient safety to reimbursement but they quickly took backseat to the COVID-19 outbreak. One topic pertinent to NERVES was a desire to conduct a COVID-19 economic analysis survey to gauge the financial impact to neurosurgery practices to which I enthusiastically offered NERVES assistance. It was discussed doing the survey in late summer or fall of 2020, once a true picture of the financial impact of the outbreak could be realized. An operational survey had previously been undertaken which was distributed to AANS members. The survey gathered data on the impact of COVID-19 to the surgical volumes and to physician compensation. Katie Orrico and the CSNS wanted more data around the effects to the practices from a collection, operational cost and government assistance standpoint. Since we have not seen the virus subside, and we are still coping with the operational and financial impact of COVID-19 we have not pushed forward with this survey request to date, but will likely try to do so in the spring or summer of 2021.

Normally the CSNS Executive Committee meets at the AANS and CNS Annual Meetings, but those meetings along with all in-person meetings over the spring, summer and fall were cancelled, as was the summer in-person CSNS meeting, so a virtual meeting was held on July 30, 2020. Since the large annual meetings of both parent organizations were cancelled, we had a virtual Plenary Session and subsequent Executive Committee meeting on September 11-12, 2020.

It has been an unusual year as we all know, and that has definitely held true for the CSNS.