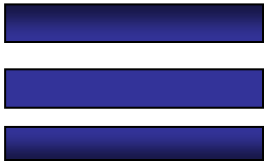


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## **Neurosurgeons Release 2015 Legislative Agenda**

*IPAB and SGR Repeal Remain at the Top of Organized Neurosurgery's Priority List*

Washington, DC – Today, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) released its [2015 legislative agenda](#), which includes health policy action items that neurosurgeons plan to take up in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Neurosurgery's agenda includes:

### ***Reforming the Reform***

- Abolish the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB)
- Expand Support for Quality Resident Training and Education
- Continue Progress with Medical Innovation
- Alleviate the Medical Liability Crisis
- Provide Funding to Preserve and Enhance Access to Trauma and Emergency Care

### ***Modernizing Medicare***

- Move Medicare to a Defined Contribution System
- Champion an Improved Medicare Physician Payment System
- Restructure and Streamline Quality Improvement Programs

“As we move into the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, the AANS and CNS will continue to press Congress to take action on our top issues to ensure that our patients have timely access to high-quality neurosurgical care,” said John A. Wilson, MD, a neurosurgeon from Winston-Salem, NC and chairman of the AANS/CNS Washington Committee.

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*The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), founded in 1931, and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), founded in 1951, are the two largest scientific and educational associations for neurosurgical professionals in the world. These groups represent over 8,000 neurosurgeons worldwide. Neurological surgery is the medical specialty concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders that affect the entire nervous system, including the spinal column, spinal cord, brain and peripheral nerves. For more information, please visit [www.aans.org](http://www.aans.org) or [www.cns.org](http://www.cns.org), read our blog [www.neurosurgeryblog.org](http://www.neurosurgeryblog.org), follow us on [Twitter](#) or connect with us on [Facebook](#).*