2020-2021

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Government Affairs and Economic Policy Committee

*Description:* The Government and Economic Policy Committee monitors legislative and regulatory events that affect the practice of cytopathology and communicates this to the Executive Board and the membership of the Society. This allows the Society and its members to respond to issues influencing the cytopathology profession.

2020-2021 *Initiatives*

- Monitor proposed and enacted changes in legislation and regulatory affairs that affect the practice of cytopathology.
- Encourage collaboration with the CAP and other societies in advocating for the cytopathology profession.
- Ensure continuing membership as a medical specialty society within the AMA by meeting the requirements of the AMA.
- Update the membership on the AMA issues (may use the YouTube platform for this)
- Update the membership on the new CPT codes and the "Evaluation and Management" codes pertaining to pathology and the new updates
- Monitor and respond to requests/questions regarding payment and economic issues affecting ASC members (via the ASC listserv or The ASC Bulletin/JASC).
- Submit articles to *The ASC Bulletin* and/or JASC on updates in legislative and coding/reimbursement changes and/or tips on the most common coding/billing errors and how to avoid them.
- Investigate CLIA regulations and applicability following the recent ASCCP and ACS guidelines and possibly recommend deregulation if needed
- Collaborate with the Clinical Practice Committee to recommend changes in QA practices
- Create an online session/YouTube on updates from the government, AMA or CPT (billing, etc.)

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