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RE:1A-30 Spinal Surgery

Dear Ms. Rollins:

Thank you for seeking input from the NC Pediatric Society regarding 1A-30 Spinal Surgery. Our Board reached out to several specialists in the week provided, but most were unable to respond in the allotted time-frame. We urge the PAG and other interested parties to review the attached POSNA position statement and literature review.

We have received input that pediatric orthopaedic surgeons who perform spinal surgery procedures often encounter patients that require spinal fusions. Spinal fusion procedures are commonly performed for spinal deformity including scoliosis and kyphosis when operative criteria are met. Decompressions are done less commonly in the pediatric population however are required on occasion for cases of kyphosis or high grade spondylolisthesis.

Further, indications for surgical treatment for spondylolisthesis include patients with significant pain and disability not responsive to a comprehensive conservative treatment program, patients (including asymptomatic patients) who show progression of the slip, and those with greater than a 50% slip.

We hope this information is useful to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Hudgins".

Elizabeth Hudgins  
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