

February 15, 2016

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Dear Dr. Madara:

The undersigned CPT Advisory Committee national medical specialty societies are pleased to endorse the American College of Surgeons' (ACS) nomination of Linda Barney, MD, FACS for one of the open four-year seats on the CPT Editorial Panel.

Dr. Barney was the ACS Alternate Advisor to CPT from 2006-2008 and has been the ACS Advisor since 2008. Dr. Barney has been an active and effective member on many CPT Workgroups (WG), including most recently the Complex Care Coordination WG and the Moderate Sedation WG. She was also instrumental in developing the newly revised CPT coding change proposal form. Over her many years as an Advisor, she has actively participated in CPT workgroup conference calls, responded to CPT staff queries, attended educational events, and drafted or reviewed CPT Assistant articles.

As a specialty Advisor that interacts with almost every medical specialty in some capacity in acute and elective settings, urban and rural settings, inpatient and outpatient settings, from birth to death, Dr. Barney has a valuable perspective to contribute to the CPT Panel and CPT process. She attends all Panel meetings and has worked collaboratively with both surgical and non-surgical societies to ensure that coding change proposals are accurate and take into consideration the viewpoints of all relevant groups. She has maintained objectivity and professionalism at all Panel meetings and thoughtfully forms her opinions based on thorough research and careful preparation.

If appointed to the CPT Editorial Panel, we are confident that Dr. Barney will participate fully in all aspects of the CPT process in an exceedingly thoughtful, clear, and un-biased manner. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to endorse Dr. Barney for a four-year seat on the CPT Editorial Panel.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy
American Academy of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Association for Thoracic Surgery
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Phlebology
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society
American Pediatric Surgical Association
American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
American Society for Surgery of the Hand

American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
American Society of General Surgeons
American Society of Plastic Surgeons
American Urological Association
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
International College of Surgeons- United States Section
International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery
Society for Interventional Radiology
Society for Vascular Surgery
Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons