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ASIPP'S ROLE IN AMA RUC

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- None to report

AMA RELATIVE VALUE UPDATE COMMITTEE (RUC)

- The **RVS Update Committee (RUC)** is a volunteer group of 32 physicians and other health care professionals who advise Medicare on how to value a physician's work
- When Medicare transitioned to a physician payment system based on the **resource-based relative value scale (RBRVS)** in 1992, the AMA anticipated the effects of this change and formulated a multispecialty committee. This committee, known as the AMA/Specialty Society RVS Update Committee (RUC), “provides medicine a voice” in shaping Medicare relative values
- The **RUC is a multispecialty committee** focused on describing the resources required to provide physician services which the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) considers in developing Relative Value Units (RVUs)
- The **RUC provides recommendations**, however CMS makes all final decisions about Medicare payments

AMA RUC COMPOSITION

- The RUC represents all of medicine
 - 22 of 32 members appointed by national medical specialty societies Four seats that rotate on a two-year basis, with two reserved for an internal medicine subspecialty, one for a primary care representative and one for any other specialty
- Additional Seats
 - RUC chair, the co-chair of the RUC Healthcare Professionals Advisory Committee Review Board, and representatives from the AMA, American Osteopathic Association, the Chair of the Practice Expense Review Committee and CPT Editorial Panel
- The AMA Board of Trustees selects the RUC chair and the AMA representative to the RUC.
- Specialty societies nominate RUC individual members, who the AMA must also approve.

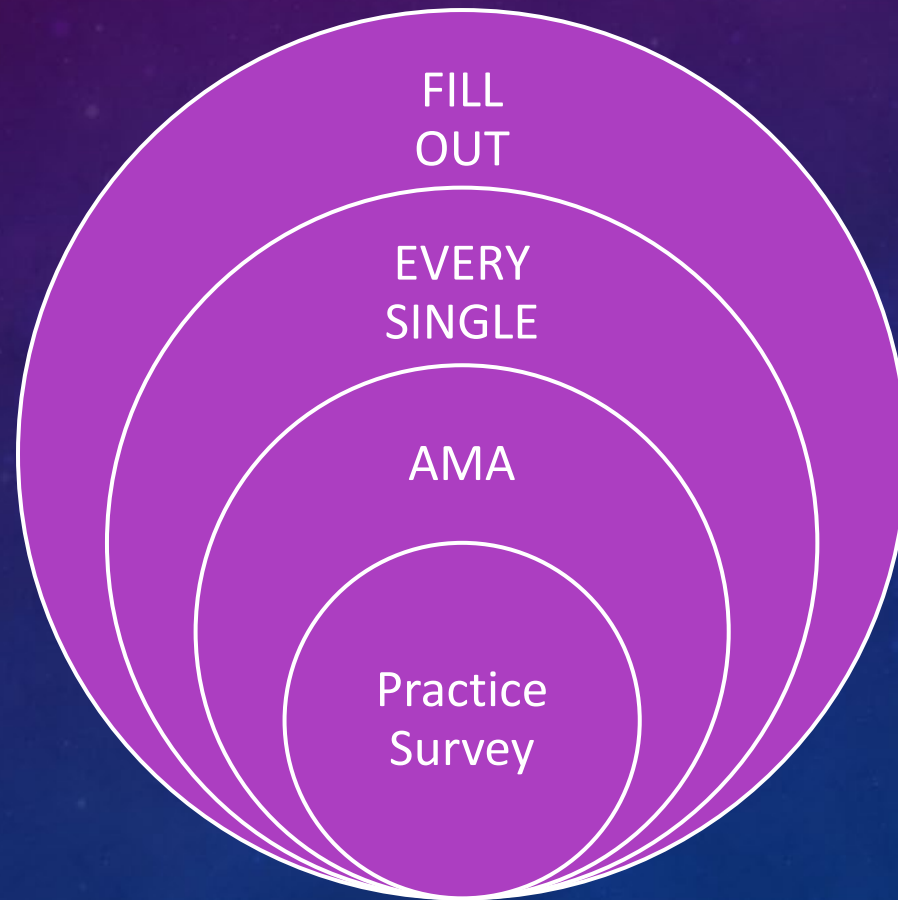
AMA RUC INTERVENTIONAL PAIN STAKEHOLDERS

AMA RUC Voting Members	AMA RUC Advisors
AA of Neurology AA of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation AA of Neurological Surgeons AS of Anesthesiologists	ASIPP AA of Pain Medicine Congress of Neurological Surgeons North American Neuromodulation Society North American Spine Society Spine Intervention Society

HOW THE AMA RUC DETERMINES RELATIVE VALUE



YOUR ROLE IN AMA RUC



QUESTIONS?

- Thank you