



AGENDA

Advocacy & Health Policy/CPT Task Force
Wednesday, September 24, 2025 4-6pm PT/7-9pm ET

Chair: Scott Roth, MD

Co-Chairs: Kevin Wasco, MD, Kevin Reavis, MD, Jarvis Walters, MD

Committee Staff: Julie Miller

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
- II. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes – Spring 2025
- III. Review Committee Goals
 - a. Keep the general membership and executive committee informed and educated of current and pending legislative action
 - b. Maintain SAGES involvement, participation, and representation in national and state legislative functions involving health care related issues
 - c. Continue to participate and pursue appropriate CPT coding for our membership with representation and communication with the RUC
 - d. Enlighten and educate the press, employers, and legislative bodies about MIS options for patients
 - e. Enlighten and educate patients and the public of their minimally invasive options if they are to undergo surgery.
- IV. Surgical Coalition Report - Ross
- V. CPT Report
 - a. General update from Drs. Roth to include:
 1. Update from this year's meeting
 2. Diaphragmatic hernia code
- VI. RUC Report
 - a. ESD and ESG Update. ESD reviewer comments expected September 9, pre-facilitation meeting on Sept 16, meeting in Chicago 9-24
 - b. Appendectomy code update
- VII. AMA Report
 - a. HOD Report – Paresh, Kevin and Kellie
 - b. Medicare Payment Update-CMS and proposed 2.5% cut to procedural RVU values
- VIII. Hot Topics/Position Statements
 - a. SAGES signed on to the following
 1. <https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center/ama-press-releases/ama-statement-advisory-committee-immunization-practices>
 2. <https://www.sages.org/sages-signs-on-to-acip-letter-to-hhs-secretary/>
 3. ACS letter re: funding for neglected surgical conditions
 4. AMA WISer prior auth program



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IX. Advocacy Communications/New Project Ideas

- a. FDA position on PFAs in medical devices (more details below)

https://www.medicaldesignandoutsourcing.com/fda-issues-its-position-on-pfas-in-medical-devices/?spMailingID=166264&puid=4156400&E=4156400&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=166264

Attachments:

Spring 2025 Minutes

Committee Disclosures

Committee Members should have reviewed the disclosures for those on this committee (included in the agenda packet). Dr. Walters will ensure all contributions are balanced during this committee meeting. If you have any new or changed disclosures, please login to your member account on [sages.org](https://www.sages.org). Once there, all committee members will have a link to disclose.