

AMA/Specialty Society RVS Update Committee
June 22, 1996
Swissotel
Chicago, IL

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Doctor Rodkey called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. The following RUC members attended:

Grant V. Rodkey, MD, Chair	David L. McCaffree, MD
Paul E. Collicott, MD*	Clay Molstad, MD*
James Fanale, MD	James Moorefield, MD
Robert Florin, MD	Alan Morris, MD
William Gee, MD	L. Charles Novak, MD
Tracy R. Gordy, MD	William Rich, MD
Kay K. Hanley, MD	Ronald A. Shellow, MD*
W. Benson Harer, MD	Bruce Sigsbee, MD
James E. Hayes, MD	Sheldon B. Taubman, MD*
Emily Hill, PA-C	John Tudor, Jr., MD
David F. Hitzeman, DO	Charles Vanchiere, MD
James G. Hoehn, MD	Eugene Wiener, MD
Charles F. Koopmann, Jr., MD	William L. Winters, MD
J. Leonard Lichtenfeld, MD	Richard W. Whitten, MD*
John E. Mayer, Jr., MD*	

(* Indicates alternate member)

Grant Bagley, MD, from the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) also attended.

II. Comments on Proposed Rule

The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the RBRVS five-year review was published May 3, 1996, and disseminated to all RUC participants. They were invited to suggest potential RUC comments, and, at this meeting, the RUC considered revisions to and adoption of the proposed comments and developed a comment letter to HCFA. A copy of the final letter is attached to these minutes.

III. Nominating Subcommittee Report

A report from the Nominating Subcommittee concerning the September 1996 rotating seat election process had been disseminated. At the meeting, the RUC adopted the subcommittee's recommendations pertaining to societies eligible for nomination. The RUC amended the recommendation concerning election of the internal medicine subspecialty seat to clarify that the specialties of Endocrinology and Infectious Disease are also eligible for the seat and to indicate the reason that Cardiology is not eligible for the rotating seat is that it has a permanent seat. A motion was made that the "other rotating seat" should be open to internal medical subspecialties, but the motion failed, meaning that only the rotating seat that is reserved for a subspecialty of internal medicine is open to internal medicine subspecialties. The revised report is attached.