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SpineLine Announces Second ’20 Under 40’ Honorees

CHICAGO – During the 34th Annual Meeting of the North American Spine Society (NASS), SpineLine recognized its second “20 Under 40” list. SpineLine is NASS’ membership publication and features articles on medical, ethical and policy topics in the fields of spine and health care.

“We had such an impressive group of nominees this year,” said Jonathan Grauer, MD, SpineLine’s medical editor. “It is very exciting for the future of spine care when you see the exceptional work these NASS members have already accomplished.”

In their “20 Under 40” nominations, applicants described factors that led them to spine care and named mentors who helped along the way. Nominees also shared what they are most proud of in their career so far, their philosophy of care and how they give back to their communities.

Here are the 2019 “20 Under 40” honorees selected by the SpineLine Editorial Board:

- Akhil Chhatre, MD (physiatrist, Baltimore, MD)
- Christopher R. Cook, DO (orthopedic surgeon, Bowling Green, KY)
- Andrew Fabiano, MD (neurosurgeon, Buffalo, NY)
- Norah A. Foster, MD (orthopedic surgeon, Durham, NC)
- David Gendelberg, MD (orthopedic surgeon, Seattle, WA)
- Matthew Goodwin, MD (orthopedic surgeon, St. Louis, MO)
- Kush K. Goyal, MD (physiatrist, Cleveland, OH)
- Jeffrey L. Gum, MD (orthopedic surgeon, Louisville, KY)
- Isaac O. Karikari, MD (neurosurgeon, Raleigh, NC)
- Jonathan S. Kirschner, MD (physiatrist, New York, NY)
- Karthik Madhavan, MD (neurosurgeon, Miami, FL)
- Ankit Mehta, MD (neurosurgeon, Chicago, IL)
- Richard Menger, MD (neurosurgeon, Mobile, AL)
- Brian Neuman, MD (orthopedic surgeon, Baltimore, MD)
- Martin Quirno, MD (orthopedic surgeon, New York, NY)
SpineLine will accept nominations for the 2020 class of “20 Under 40” from January 1 through March 1, 2020. Winners will be profiled in SpineLine and recognized at the 2020 Annual Meeting in San Diego.

More than 3,000 spine professionals will meet at the NASS 34th Annual Meeting in Chicago, September 25-28, 2019 at McCormick Place to share the latest information, innovative techniques and procedures, best practices and new technologies in the spine field. NASS is a multidisciplinary medical organization dedicated to fostering the highest quality, evidenced-based and ethical spine care by promoting education, research and advocacy. NASS is comprised of more than 8,500 members from several disciplines, including orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, physiatry, neurology, radiology, anesthesiology, research and physical therapy. For more information, visit www.spine.org, NASS Facebook and NASS Twitter.

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