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SpineLine Announces Third ‘20 Under 40’ Class

CHICAGO – During the 35th Annual Meeting of the North American Spine Society (NASS), SpineLine announced its third class of “20 Under 40” honorees. SpineLine is NASS’ membership publication featuring content on medical, ethical and policy topics in the fields of spine and health care.

“It’s exciting and encouraging to see such a diverse group of winners this year,” said F. Todd Wetzel, MD, SpineLine’s Editor in Chief. “We had a tremendous group of nominees and it shows the field of spine care is in great hands with all this young talent.”

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 thus far, their philosophy of care and how they contribute to their communities.

To view profiles on all 20 winners, visit here.

Here are the 2020 “20 Under 40” honorees as selected by the SpineLine editorial board:

- Owoicho Adogwa, MD, Neurosurgeon, Dallas, TX
- David Cheng, MD, Physiatrist, Los Angeles, CA
- Brian Coleman, DC, Chiropractor, West Haven, CT
- Nicolas Dea, MD, Neurosurgeon, Vancouver, Canada
- Peter Derman, MD, Orthopedic surgeon, Plano, TX
- Bassel Diebo, MD, Orthopedic surgeon, Brooklyn, NY
- Heidi Hullinger, MD, Orthopedic surgeon, Summit, NJ
- Lloydine Jacobs, MD, Orthopedic surgeon, Linden, NJ
- Deeptee Jain, MD, Orthopedic surgeon, St. Louis, MO
- Daniel Kang, MD, Orthopedic surgeon, Tacoma, WA
- David Kaye, MD, Orthopedic surgeon, Philadelphia, PA
- Elizabeth Lord, MD, Orthopedic surgeon, Santa Monica, CA
- Emily Putney, DO, Orthopedic surgeon, Port St. Lucie, FL
- Tina Raman, MD, Orthopedic surgeon, New York, NY
- Danielle Sarno, MD, Physiatrist, Chestnut Hill, MA
- Venita Simpson, MD, Neurosurgeon, Portsmouth, VA
- Khoi Than, MD, Neurosurgeon, Durham, NC
SpineLine will accept nominations for the 2021 class of “20 Under 40” from January 1 through March 1, 2021. Winners will be profiled in SpineLine and recognized at the 2021 Annual Meeting in Boston.

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, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn channels.