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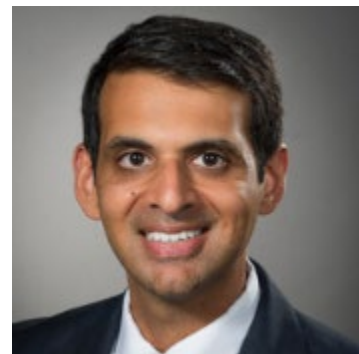


THANK YOU DEPUY SYNTHES!

Our heartfelt thanks goes to DePuy Synthes, The Orthopaedics Company of Johnson & Johnson. AANA will be holding the next installment of courses for **Future Scope: Introduction to Arthroscopy and Orthopaedics** in Rosemont, Illinois this October and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida this November. The course introduces underrepresented medical students to the fundamentals of orthopaedic practice, professional opportunities within the field and insights into an orthopaedic career. This course would not be made possible without support from DePuy Synthes, and the AANA Education Foundation expresses its heartfelt appreciation and gratitude!

AANA Health Policy Fellow Highlight: Ravi S. Vaswani, M.D.

In the dynamic world of health care, few endeavors are as impactful as those that bridge the gap between cutting-edge medical practices and public policy. One individual who is empowering change in this area is Ravi S. Vaswani, M.D., who was selected as the 2022-2024 AANA Health Policy Fellow. Dr. Vaswani is poised to catalyze change and elevate the standards of arthroscopic care.



As an Orthopaedic Surgeon who has a passion for both patient care and policy reform, Dr. Vaswani has dedicated his career to improving the lives of those suffering from joint-related ailments. With a stellar track record in arthroscopic procedures and a deep commitment to advocating for change, Dr. Vaswani proved to be the perfect candidate for this prestigious fellowship.

“I was very excited to learn that I was selected as the AANA Health Policy Fellow,” Dr. Vaswani recalls. “I see this fellowship as a building block to incorporating health policy and advocacy in my career. It has given me the opportunity to learn from leaders as well as a roadmap on how to be an advocate for Orthopaedic Surgeons and improve the health policy environment to deliver better care for our patients.”

Dr. Vaswani’s interest in the health policy arena dates to his time in medical school, where he learned how health policy and advocacy have a major impact on patient care. But it was during his sports medicine fellowship where he decided to take an actionable next step.

“As a Sports Medicine Fellow, I learned about the AANA Health Policy Fellowship and saw it as a great opportunity to advocate for our profession and our patients, educate myself on advocacy and become involved in health policy research,” Dr. Vaswani remarks.

During his time as the AANA Health Policy Fellow, Dr. Vaswani has had the opportunity to attend several important conferences and meetings, particularly the annual Coding, Coverage and Reimbursement Committee meetings hosted by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS). These meetings have served as a catalyst for making important changes and updates to Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)[®] codes, which help Orthopaedic Surgeons streamline reporting to increase their overall accuracy and efficiency. These experiences helped give Dr. Vaswani a better understanding of the issues that currently face the regulatory environment surrounding arthroscopy and sports medicine.

Thanks to generous contributions from AANA Education Foundation donors, Orthopaedic Surgeons like Dr. Vaswani can continue to make important and impactful changes to the health care policy arena.

“The AANA Health Policy Fellowship is a critical program to help educate early career Orthopaedic Surgeons on the importance of advocacy and health policy,” Dr. Vaswani says. “Most residency and fellowship programs do not incorporate enough education on health policy and how it impacts orthopaedic surgery. Excellent patient care is our utmost priority, and as practicing physicians we must advocate for our clinical practice to ensure we have the resources and support to best care for our patients.”

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AANA Traveling Fellowship Program – *Applications Are Now Open!*

The AANA Education Foundation is proud to help fund the AANA Traveling Fellowship Program with generous donations from individuals and corporations like you. This important program affords selected Orthopaedic Surgeons a unique and invaluable opportunity to forge new relationships, learn the latest arthroscopy techniques and cherish memories for years to come. Applications for the 2024 journey are now open! The program will culminate at AANA24 in Boston. [Learn more](#).

AANA Health Policy Fellowship – *Applications Open Spring 2024*

In keeping with AANA's mission to promote advocacy, the Health Policy Fellowship was created to develop and engage early career Orthopaedic Surgeons in the national discussion on health care. The selected Health Policy Fellow will choose a research topic and present the results of this project to the membership upon completion of their fellowship at a future AANA Annual Meeting. The AANA Education Foundation is proud to support fellowships such as this one. [Learn more](#).