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## **Neurologists join the Indiana Physician Coalition**

*New statewide advocacy group continues to grow*

**INDIANAPOLIS** – The Indiana Physician Coalition is pleased to announce the Indiana Neurological Society (INS) has joined its alliance of health care groups advocating for Hoosier patients. Since its launch in 2020, the coalition has grown to include 13 statewide medical associations and specialty societies.

INS joins the coalition that represents the vast majority of nearly 17,000 practicing physicians and 2,000 medical students who are working to educate the public about how physician-led care protects patients from harm, increases access to quality care and helps control health care spending.

“We’re proud to join our fellow colleagues in the Indiana Physician Coalition to advocate for physician-led care,” said INS President James Fleck, MD, of the Department of Neurology at the Indiana University School of Medicine. “As neurologists, we particularly understand the need for health care teams to work together and collaborate in the delivery of care for our patients, and we also feel that physicians should continue leading those teams given our education and training, which has appropriately prepared us for such a role.”

According to the American Academy of Neurology, a neurologist is a physician with specialized training to diagnose, treat and manage disorders of the brain and nervous system.

After obtaining a four-year medical degree, physicians who specialize in neurology complete a one-year internship in internal medicine or two years of pediatrics for child neurologists, followed by a minimum three years of residency training in neurology. Many neurologists then go on to complete one or two additional years of training through a fellowship in a wide variety of subspecialties.

### **Hoosiers trust Indiana physicians**

In Sept. 2020, the Indiana Physician Coalition completed a public opinion survey of residents around the state. The results found that more than 3 out of 4 Hoosiers over the age of 40 believed that physicians should have primary responsibility for leading and coordinating their health care.

Other findings of the survey include:

- **83%** of Hoosiers believe physicians and nurse practitioners need to work in a coordinated manner to ensure that patients get the care they need.
- **76%** of Hoosiers believe in the event of a medical complication or emergency, a physician's education and training are necessary to ensure patient safety.
- **73%** of Hoosiers believe nurse practitioners treating patients with one or more chronic diseases should be overseen by physicians.

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**About Indiana Physician Coalition:**

*Indiana Physician Coalition is a statewide alliance of medical associations and specialty societies that advocates for physician-led health care to protect patients from harm, increase access to quality care and control health care spending. Visit us on the web at [INphysicians.org](http://INphysicians.org) and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).*

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