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Dear ASPS Leadership,

Several of our members were recently present at the Northwest Society of Plastic Surgeons annual meeting in February 2022. During that meeting, there was extensive discussion regarding the ASPS proposed breast implant checklist. Following that discussion several members of our society, as well as NWSPS, were unable to support the current ASPS breast implant checklist on the following basis:

- The initiative lacks input from significant stakeholders including ASAPS as well as some of the largest breast implant advocacy groups.
- The timeline for fulsome consideration and feedback on such an important document appears unnecessarily rushed.
- We are not convinced that introducing this document at the federal level will circumvent future such initiatives at the state level and we would like to see work done at the state level to create a single checklist acceptable at all levels of government.
- We believe the language in the current document lacks scientific rigor and once ensconced will be difficult to retract.

The WSPS membership takes the following position with respect to moving forward with a breast implant informed consent checklist:

- We support the concept of a scientifically accurate and informative patient checklist being integral to the breast implant informed consent process.
- We believe it is imperative that this checklist be the product of a collaborative process arising from consultation between stakeholders to include breast implant advocacy groups and representatives of both national plastic surgery societies, ASPS and ASAPS.
- WSPS commits to support a document produced by this process.

The WSPS looks forward to working cooperatively with both ASPS and ASAPS moving forward with this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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