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Robert Stone, M.D. Chairman, Credentials Committee AMI Medical Arts Hospital 6161 Harry Hines Boulevard Dallas, TX 75235

Dear Doctor Stone:

This will acknowledge your June 9 letter, requesting generally accepted criteria for a Spine Fellowship which would support the granting of privileges in spine surgery by your institution. It would be the firm position of this Association that the awarding of privileges in spine surgery should be limited to individuals who have completed their residency in an approved program in neurological surgery or orthpedic surgery, in the United States or Canada. Accordingly, this Association could not approve of the credentialing process you suggest.

I wonder if you would be king enough to provide me more information about the Fellowship program in question. We were not aware that a situation of this nature exists.

I hope this information will be of help to you. Thank you in advance for your further consideration.

Yours very truly,

Carl H. Hauber, CAE Executive Director

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