Appendix

Manuscript Submission Structure

*Choosing Wisely: Next Steps in Improving Healthcare Value—Implications of Health Policy on Clinical Decision-Making* submissions should follow this format:

- **General guidance**: 1500 or fewer words; up to 1 Table; 15 or fewer references; and specified subheadings (clinical scenario, terminology, background and history, policy in clinical practice, commentary and recommendations, what should I tell my patient, and conclusions).

- **Clinical scenario**: Authors should start by providing a frequently encountered scenario demonstrating a policy, regulation, or piece of legislation in action (preference will be given to scenarios with a directly correlating healthcare value).

- **Terminology and acronyms**: Policy terminology and acronyms can be daunting. Authors are encouraged to provide a list of key policy terms used in the manuscript accompanied by simple and straightforward definitions. Terms should be placed in a Table.

- **Background and history**: Submissions should include information on context, historical background, and rationale for why a particular policy was established, including what issue the regulation or legislation was designed to solve or improve in healthcare value.

- **Policy in clinical practice**: Authors should describe “Pros and Cons” of how the policy impacts patients and clinicians and may consider including effects on cost, reimbursement, healthcare systems, quality, and value (all may not be applicable).

- **Commentary and recommendations**: Focused suggestions on areas in which the policy could be modified, with an emphasis on potential changes that would enhance value and efficiency or reduce provider burden and burnout, should be included.

- **What should I tell my patient?**: Submissions should include clear recommendations for patient communication when applicable.
• **Conclusions:** A brief summary linking policy recommendations to the opening clinical scenario should conclude the submission.