

Dr. [REDACTED]

Thank you very much. CTC Motion #4. [“That the OMA recognize that across the board fee increases to the Schedule of Fees perpetuate existing fee inequities, and that fee increases must be allocated in a more equitable fashion.”] Dr. Gaid, would you like to speak to your motion?

Dr. Gaid:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Similar to the discussion we’ve just been having. What this motion does is simply acknowledge in motion form comments which have been made just now and comments which have been made previously but never previously acted on, which recognize that if we have a flawed product with fee inequities, perpetually implementing across the board percentage increases simply perpetuates those inequities. In fact, such increases magnify the absolute dollar value of the inequities. Over time such across the board measures create a situation where you simply cannot afford to correct fee inequities. No wonder relativity exercises whether it’s RBRVS (Resource-Based Relative Value Schedule) or others, generate such acrimony within the profession. In some ways year after year across the board increases have plagued us and we have no one to blame but ourselves for the implementation problems which any relativity exercise now faces. I’d suggest that the surest way to guarantee increasingly bitter splitting within the medical profession in the future is to continue the process of future across the board increases. It’s for this reason that we’re seeking the Council’s acknowledgement that a more equitable process is needed.

Dr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you. Dr. [REDACTED], do you feel the need to speak to this? No? Members of Council, are you—Dr. [REDACTED], did you wish to talk to this motion?

Dr. [REDACTED]:

Yes I do. I wish to support this motion. Certainly—

Dr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you.

Dr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you. Okay. [laughter]

Dr. [REDACTED]

Members of Council, are you ready for the question? All those in favour of the motion? Opposed? The motion is carried. [Central Tariff Committee Motion #4: **“That the OMA recognize that across the board fee increases to the Schedule of Fees perpetuate existing fee inequities, and that fee increases must be allocated in a more equitable fashion.” CARRIED**]