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Ms. Maria Ellis
Executive Secretary, Medicare Evidence Development and
Coverage Advisory Committee
Office of Clinical Standards and Quality
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Mail Stop: 3-02-01
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244

Re: AdvaMed Nomination for Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC)

Dear Ms. Ellis:

I am writing on behalf of the Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed) in response to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' request for nominations for members of the Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC). AdvaMed would like to nominate the following individual for membership on the MEDCAC:

- **Dr. Mark A. Turco, Vice President & Chief Medical Officer, Aortic and Peripheral Vascular, Medtronic**

Dr. Turco joined Medtronic's Aortic and Peripheral Vascular franchises in February 2015 at the close of Medtronic's acquisition of Covidien. He works in Medtronic's Aortic, Peripheral, and EndoVenous businesses. In this role, Dr. Turco provides medical oversight and guidance, vision, and strategy to inform complex decisions that encompass patient needs, evolving healthcare systems, and value-based models—both domestically and internationally. As a vascular expert, his role allows for oversight into the endovascular vascular spaces for aortic, peripheral arterial, and venous disease business units.

Prior to joining Medtronic, beginning in 2011, Dr. Turco served as the Chief Medical Officer for Covidien, Vascular Therapies. There, he was responsible for Covidien's Clinical Affairs, Health Economics & Reimbursement, as well as Professional Affairs and Clinical Education for the Vascular business unit. In this role, he oversaw the neuro and vascular business units.

Prior to executive roles in these two medical firms, Dr. Turco spent approximately 20 years in clinical practice and academic medicine as an interventional cardiologist. He has led research endeavors across

the translational and clinical spectrum, investigating a wide range of diseases. Dr. Turco practiced as an interventional cardiologist in the Washington, D.C. area for 11 years, serving as Director of the Cardiovascular Research Center at Washington Adventist Hospital and maintaining an active patient care practice. He is well-published in the field of cardiology, economics, healthcare reform, and appropriate use.

During his clinical years, he has served as a national principal investigator for several large randomized trials in the vascular space and has expertise in clinical trial design and data analysis. He was a strong patient advocate specifically focusing efforts on quality, outcomes, and patient safety.

Dr. Turco is a Philadelphia native who received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He received his medical degree and internal medicine training at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and his cardiology training at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Dr. Turco's areas of expertise include: clinical and translational medicine, interventional cardiology, vascular disease, health care economics, clinical trial design and data analysis, and population health.

AdvaMed submits Dr. Turco for your consideration as an at-large, voting representative of the MEDCAC. He is also willing to serve as an industry representative on the MEDCAC.

Attached please find Dr. Turco's curriculum vitae, including all of the information specifically requested by CMS in the August 5, 2016, *Federal Register* notice. AdvaMed submits this nomination for your consideration based on his exceptional credentials, professional background, and ability to make a significant and valuable contribution as a MEDCAC Panel member. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald May", with a stylized, cursive script.

Donald L. May
Executive Vice President
Payment & Health Care Delivery Policy

Attachments: *CV of Mark A. Turco, MD*