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RESOLUTION: C-3

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SUBJECT:	Principles Regarding International Health
TYPE:	Resolution of Principles

WHEREAS the privacy of patient information of individuals in the U.S. are protected through The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act [1]; and

WHEREAS these privacy protections are limited or not applicable in the international setting [2]; and

WHEREAS AMSA has a longstanding commitment to global health;and

WHEREAS in order to promote AMSA's organizational aspiration of "global health equity," it is important to extend similar, if not equal, patients' rights to those outside of the U.S.; and

WHEREAS in order to promote AMSA's organizational aspiration of "professional integrity, development, and student well-being," it is important for physicians-in-training to continue to employ appropriate ethical standards for confidentiality and informed consent regardless of the country or environment of practice,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Principles Regarding International Health (pgs. 96-98) be AMENDED BY ADDITION to state:

PRINCIPLES REGARDING INTERNATIONAL HEALTH
The American Medical Student Association:
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29. DISCOURAGES the inappropriate use of international patient health information including, but not limited to photographs, videos, multimedia, identifying information, and research data, in the context of lectures, presentations, publications, social media, narrative, etc. without appropriate informed consent from the patient. STRONGLY URGES individual institutions to adopt specific policies to restrict inappropriate usage of such patient health information.

30.STRONGLY ENCOURAGES individual AMSA members participating in global health experiences to refrain from using patient photographs, videos, or private health information in any type of social media, presentation, or other form of publication unless appropriate informed consent has been obtained from any involved parties

FISCAL NOTE: None

Citations:

[1] U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. Health Information Privacy. http://www.hhs.gov. Accessed 15 Jan 2013.

[2] U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.Secretary's Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections: Appendix H. http://www.hhs.gov. Accessed 15 Jan 2013.