

2017 House of Delegates Resolutions Report

The following resolutions were voted on and adopted as recommended by Reference Committee A:

No.	Resolution	Vote Aye to...
A1	CB: Chapter Charter	A charter shall be granted to the petitioning chapter upon approval and ratification by the BOT at any point during the year.
A2	CB: Membership and Chapter Charter Alteration	The BOT reserves the right to alter the membership status of any individual by at-least two-thirds vote
A3	PPP: Amendment to Principles of Food and Nutrition	In regard to water fluoridation: SUPPORTS community water fluoridation URGES public health departments to provide safe, optimally-fluoridated water to community members OPPOSES non-evidence-based information about community water fluoridation
A4	PPP: Principles Regarding Pediatric Obesity	SUPPORTS the development of local school wellness policies and programs to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity. SUPPORTS increasing the amount of protected time that students can spend being physically active.
A5	PPP: Principles Regarding the FDA's Prohibition on Men Who Have Sex With Men From Donating Blood and Sperm Products	RECOGNIZES FDA's Donor Deferral policy of 2015 is discriminatory against MSM who tested HIV negative RECOGNIZES level of behavioral risk, regardless of sexual identity or orientation should be used as primary determinant of donor eligibility.
A7	PPP: Principles Regarding Violence and Hate Crimes	In regard to police brutality and violence SUPPORTS increased advocacy and research efforts into the effects of police brutality and fear of the police on public health outcomes; SUPPORTS education in how to provide trauma-informed care and to teach this approach to students, trainees, and providers; COMMITTS to healing communities ravaged by discriminatory criminal justice practices through engaging public health systems and using our power as constituents and leaders to insist on racial justice.
A9	PPP: Principles Regarding Persons With Disabilities	STRONGLY URGES the healthcare provider to freely provide for auxiliary aids and language access services such as qualified interpreters to assist with communications barriers for all patients, including but not limited to patients who are deaf or hard of hearing. ENCOURAGES health-care providers, at minimum, to gain an understanding of people with disabilities and their perspectives (i.e. nondisability, nonpathological) on their impairment.
A10	PPP: Principles Regarding Resident And Student Work Hours	Regarding duty hour reporting: BELIEVES that duty hour reporting mechanisms that rely on reports from residents associated with their programs who may be coerced by their residencies to not report duty hour violations for fear of retribution by the ACGME are inadequate to ensure accurate reporting b. SUPPORTS the development of an independent process for evaluating duty hours that bypasses reports from the program and goes directly from the residents to the ACGME c. SUPPORTS a policy of on-site visits to residency programs and resident surveys to collect as much

		information as possible and to allow continuous quality improvement in resident education
A11	PPP: Principles Regarding Preventive Medicine and Public Health	ENCOURAGES medical schools to support the formation of preventive medicine interest groups to generate and Maintain interest in preventive medicine, and to inform students of the existence of Preventive Medicine training programs as an option for residency. URGES the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation and accredited schools of medicine to encourage all U.S. medical schools to establish electives in preventive medicine.
A12	PPP: Principles Regarding Service in Underserved Areas and Service Obligations	SUPPORTS the concept that each physician should volunteer for a minimum of two years in an area of geographic or specialty need ENCOURAGES community based partnership that incentivized students to provide later service in underserved communities through financial support while in medical school. SUPPORTS the National Health Service Corps in its efforts to deal with the problem of placing medical resources and personnel in medically underserved urban areas and medically underserved rural areas.
A15	PPP: Principles Regarding Medicaid	OPPOSES Medicaid eligibility restrictions including but not limited to: enrollment caps, proof of citizenship status, drug testing, or other administrative barriers to eligibility
A16	PPP: Principles Regarding HIV and HIV-related Illness	Methods of preventing HIV transmission include pre-exposure- and post-exposure prophylaxis and treatment.
A18	PPP: Principles Regarding Minority Representation and Affirmative Action	SUPPORTS the increased representation of minority students in medical schools
A19-A26	Petition for Chapter Status	Authorize chapters at the respective petitioned schools.

The following resolutions were voted on and adopted as recommended by Reference Committee B:

No.	Resolution	Vote Aye to...
B1	PPP: Principles Regarding Campaign Finance, Elections, Political Action, And Activism	SUPPORTS voter and civic engagement in health care settings and STRONGLY OPPOSES any form of intimidation or threats against students or physicians who wish to speak out or engage in activism
B2	PPP: Principles Regarding Graduate Medical Education Evaluation	<p>In regard to evaluation of residents: SUPPORTS the ACGME requirement that faculty must evaluate resident performance in a timely manner during each rotation or similar educational assignment, and document this evaluation at completion of the assignment. BELIEVES that the program should provide a copy of the evaluation to each resident upon its completion, with space at the end for the resident to sign and date to acknowledge receipt of the evaluation. The evaluation must not be placed in the resident's file until they have seen it. BELIEVES that residents should be provided with their own copy of each evaluation simultaneous with the placement of the evaluation in their file. SUPPORTS the ACGME requirement that evaluations of resident performance must be accessible for review by the resident, in accordance with institutional policy, but believes this could be strengthened by making it a requirement that the institutional policy publicizes residents' rights to routinely see their evaluations along with a simple process for doing so. BELIEVES that programs must provide each resident whose performance is deemed substandard a written remediation plan with specific goals for improvement and plan to achieve those goals in a reasonable time period</p> <p>In regard to evaluation of the program: BELIEVES that the program must clearly publicize to all residents at least annually the procedure for submitting a concern or a complaint with the ACGME about any aspect of the Common Program Requirements within their own program.</p>
B3	PPP: Principles Regarding Medical Education – Curriculum Content	<p>In regard to Violence: STRESSES: the physician's unique position of and, thus, responsibility for recognition and initial intervention in cases of child, intimate partner, elder, and/or domestic abuse.</p>
B4	PPP: Principles Regarding Medical Education – Curriculum Design	SUPPORTS the development of federal and state grants and contracts with medical schools to meet the costs of curriculum development projects to improve the teaching of medical students on subjects of public health or other emerging national concern or global concern that are relevant to medicine and healthcare.
B5	PPP: Principles Regarding Medical Education Mission Statements and Leadership	<p>SUPPORTS the inclusion of and accountability for causes that reflect a focus on formally teaching and cultivating leadership competencies in medical education: As an essential component to developing the professional identity of physicians at all levels of training and across all specialties; As a means to promote effective interprofessional collaboration among healthcare professionals and teams; To recognize that leadership competencies are integral to the delivery of high quality healthcare</p>
B7	PPP: Principles Regarding Vivisection In Medical Education	Regarding mandatory participation in animal laboratories: Deletion of clause D (1993).

B9	PPP: Principles Regarding Physician Impairment	URGES the establishment of appropriate programs in medical schools according to AAMC's development of chemical impairment policies guidelines, and BELIEVES that students have a critical role in their development and subsequent functioning
B10	PPP: Principles Regarding Physician Competence	SUPPORTS the maintenance of physician licensure and certification boards, including but not limited to each respective state medical licensing board, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the American Board of Physician Specialties (ABPS), and the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), for the purpose of uncovering individuals practicing medicine without proper licensure or identifying the certification status of individuals practicing medicine. ENCOURAGES hospitals, health-care professionals, and patients to use the physician licensure and certification boards responsibly and in the best interest of the community
B11	PPP: Principles Regarding Premedical Education	SUPPORTS the exposure of premedical students to course work in humanistic and evidence-based studies including, but not limited to, psychology, sociology, philosophy, ethics, and statistics.
B13	PPP: Principles Regarding Health Equity	Reject as written.
B14	PPP: Principles Regarding Human Trafficking	ENCOURAGES legislation in which victims of human trafficking can request the court vacate their criminal convictions and expunge their arrests for non-violent crimes committed as a direct result of the person having been a victim of trafficking.
B15	PPP: Principles Regarding Indigenous Health	ENCOURAGES promoting the rights of indigenous peoples in line with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples RECOGNIZES the unmet health needs of Indigenous People are severe and the health status of this population is far below that of the general population—creating a concern for both public health and human rights. ENCOURAGES medical professionals to provide the quantity and quality of health services which will permit the health status of Indigenous Peoples to be raised to the highest possible level and to encourage the maximum participation of these populations in the planning and management of those services.
B17	PPP: Principles Regarding Reproductive Rights, Family Planning, And Sex Education	STRONGLY URGES that sex education include discussion on rape culture and sexual assault.
B18	PPP: Principles Regarding Reproductive Rights, Family Planning, And Sex Education	OPPOSES any law that would require fetal remains from a miscarriage or abortion to be buried or cremated.
B19-25	Petition for Chapter Status	Authorize chapters at the respective petitioned schools.

The following resolutions were voted on and adopted as amended by House of Delegates:

A6	PPP: Principles Regarding Decriminalization of HIV/AIDS	SUPPORTS efforts regarding dismantling criminal prosecution of individuals for HIV-specific offenses, as such legislation contributes to stigma towards persons living with HIV. URGES review of federal and state laws that criminalize HIV-related offenses.
A8	PPP: Principles Regarding Illegal Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco	In regard to medical marijuana: RECOGNIZES that there is support for the medical use of marijuana and advocates that usage be based on high quality, patient-centered, evidence-based research. RECOGNIZES the need for further studies into the use of medical marijuana and related compounds. BELIEVES the Food and Drug Administration should change marijuana's classification for the purpose of facilitating clinical research; this process should also ensure that funding be available for such research.
A13	PPP: Principles Regarding the Environment – Environmental Justice	BELIEVES that all persons have the right to fair and meaningful involvement in the development of such policies, regardless of identities OPPOSES efforts to disproportionately burden members of society with pollution or other environmental hazards based on identities
A14	PPP: Principles Regarding Terrorism	SUPPORTS research which aims to design more resilient, intelligent database systems to be implemented into healthcare networks with the use of stronger encryption algorithms; the advancement of security research in the field of healthcare technology, which are not limited to: electronic health records (HER)/personal health information (PHI), telemedicine/telehealth, wireless controlled medical/surgical equipment, human augmentation technology
A17	PPP: Principles Regarding Sexuality	SUPPORTS all those who do not identify within the gender binary to use bathroom facilities that most closely align with their gender identity.
B6	PPP: Principles Regarding Medical Education	SUPPORTS adoption of a free medical school model in which medical school tuition would be waived for all students, and SUPPORTS that graduate medical education financial support would be reserved for trainees completing primary care residency programs (including family medicine, medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, and OB/GYN)
B8	PPP: Principles Regarding Professionalism and Professional Responsibility	URGES health care providers to use only software that has been vetted and approved by their institution on the electronic devices they use for patient care
B12	PPP: Principles Regarding Health Disparities	Replacement of cultural “competence” with “humility” throughout Principles Regarding Health Disparities. STRONGLY OPPOSES any efforts to weaken the Offices of Minority Health and/or Offices of Diversity and Inclusion. RECOGNIZES the importance of a universal single payer health care system in eliminating health disparities COMMITTS to the work of dismantling structural racism embedded in all levels of the healthcare system. ENCOURAGES the development of adequate screening, maintenance, and emergency health care facilities in jails, prisons, and rehabilitation centers SUPPORTS efforts of correctional facilities to use the least restrictive restraints necessary

B16	PPP: Principles Regarding Health Equity	<p>CONDEMNNS cruel, inhumane, and degrading conditions including but not limited to overcrowding, violence, and sexual abuse;</p> <p>OPPOSES solitary confinement, torture, and the expansion of “supermax” prisons;</p> <p>ACKNOWLEDGES the lack of access to adequate medical, reproductive, and mental health care in prison systems, and</p> <p>ENCOURAGES the expansion of these services at every level of the criminal justice system;</p> <p>SUPPORTS efforts of correctional facilities to use the least restrictive restraints necessary</p>
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