WHEREAS the American Medical Student Association recognizes the physician role in violence as a public health issue

WHEREAS the issue of violence is evident in multiple patient populations and across various types of relationships

WHEREAS the LCME requires medical curriculum to include instruction in the diagnosis, prevention, appropriate reporting, and treatment of the medical consequences of common societal problems (1).

WHEREAS the specific requirements from the LCME for curriculum on violence and abuse were excluded in 2015,

WHEREAS the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine urges the inclusion of curriculum on intimate partner, and other domestic violence (2)

WHEREAS the Associate of American Medical Colleges supports the inclusion of topics of child, elder, and intimate partner abuse and violence in undergraduate medical education (3, 4)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Principles on Medical Education Curriculum Content (p. 13) be AMENDED to state:

In regard to Preventive and Community Medicine in the curriculum

c. In regard to Violence:

   2. stresses:
a. the physician’s unique position of and, thus, responsibility for recognition and initial intervention in cases of child, intimate partner, and elder abuse;

FISCAL NOTE: None

REFERENCES:


REPORT OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE B

DISCUSSION

BOT: Recommend proposition as written.

BRD: The BRD fully recommend proposition as written.

IRD: The IRD fully recommend proposition as written.

ACTE: The ACTe fully recommend proposition as written

International Caucus: None.

Premedical Caucus: None.

Resident Caucus: None.

Other Groups: None.

Representative of Northeast Ohio Medical University. Adopt as amended with addition of domestic as a form of abuse.

SYNTHESIS OF DISCUSSION

BOT, BRD, IRD and ACTE all adopt as written the resolution. A representative from NEO Medical School recommends to add domestic as a form of abuse.
REFERENCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS

We accept the testimonies given and fully agree that the addition of domestic abuse to the
list of abuse encompasses a broad variety of abuses in domestic cases.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Adopt as amended:

c. In regards to Violence:

2. stresses:

a. 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.