
**AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2016
RESOLUTION: A5**

INTRODUCED BY:	Shima Ge; Alison Case, M.D.; Katrina Ciraldo
SCHOOL:	University of Maryland; Michigan State University College of Human Medicine; Boston University School of Medicine
SUBJECT:	Principles Regarding Advocacy and HIV prevention - Pre and Post Test Counseling
TYPE:	Resolution of Principles

1 WHEREAS AMSA pre and post counseling are extremely important for any testing for sexually transmitted diseases,
2 including HIV and
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4 WHEREAS it is unclear that this resolution protects persons wishing to undergo HIV testing, while it seems to discourage
5 counseling
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7 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Principles Regarding Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and HIV-
8 Related Illnesses (p.106-111) be AMENDED BY DELETION to state:
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11 4. In regard to HIV testing:

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13 ~~r. BELIEVES that pre and post test counseling for the purpose of reporting HIV status, its implications for personal~~
14 ~~physical and mental health, ways to reduce the risk of transmission through behavioral changes, available help for~~
15 ~~voluntary follow up of any sexual and/or I.V. drug use partners who may have been exposed to HIV is~~
16 ~~encouraged but not a necessary part of HIV testing.~~
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19 Fiscal note: None
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REPORT OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE A
DISCUSSION

BOT: Vote 10-0-0; recommends to adopt with amendments. These members feel the wording should be changed to display more active engagement. Changes should be made to indicate that pre- and post-testing is appropriate to be done and that it should be encouraged not required. The wording is particularly important because of the implications it may have on physician reimbursements by Medicare and Medicaid.

PRD: ***

IRD: Unanimously recommends to adopt with amendments.

ACTE: recommends to adopt with the amendments. These members feel that appropriate language should be used to show the importance of counseling.

Premedical Caucus: ***

Other Discussion: A member, who is a practicing physician and involved in sexual health education, understands the difficulty of receiving financial support from governmental agencies; she echoed the testimony of BOT and additionally wishes that the appropriate wording is used to support physician reimbursements.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

PROS: No proposition testimony provided

CONS: The majority of the members with BOT, additionally some of members believe that the language should reflect the importance of counseling.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS

The majority of this regions and caucuses believed that the resolution should be adopting with resolutions.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Adopt as amended:

~~BELIEVES~~ **SUPPORTS** that pre and post test counseling for the purpose of reporting HIV status, its implications for personal physical and mental health, ways to reduce the risk of transmission through behavioral changes, available help for voluntary follow-up of any sexual and/or I.V. drug use partners who may have been exposed to HIV is encouraged but not a necessary part of HIV testing **should be encouraged in appropriate settings.**