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RESOLUTION: A6**

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SUBJECT:	Principles Regarding HIV infected health-care providers
TYPE:	Resolution of Principles

1 WHEREAS HIV is now a well-understood, treatable disease and

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3 WHEREAS this group of resolutions was presumably created to address the environment of fear and stigma around the
4 epidemic, control and understanding of which now makes them somewhat obsolete

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6 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Principles Regarding Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and HIV-
7 Related Illnesses (p.106-111) section 10 be AMENDED BY DELETION to state:

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9 10. In regard to HIV infected health-care providers:

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11 a. ~~SUPPORTS the right of physicians and health-care workers with known or suspected HIV infection or illness~~
12 ~~to continue working in their chosen profession and that each seropositive physician or health-care worker~~
13 ~~should be under competent medical care with a provider who is aware of the changing management of HIV~~
14 ~~infections. It is suggested that medical care should not be obtained from a provider located in the same~~
15 ~~workplace; (1988)~~
16 b. ~~ENCOURAGES physicians and health-care workers with a debilitating illness (including HIV infection or~~
17 ~~illness) to voluntarily refrain, either temporarily or indefinitely, from providing patient care at any time when~~
18 ~~their physical and/or mental capacities become impaired. Physicians and other health-care workers with AIDS~~
19 ~~and opportunistic infections must conform to the same infection control guidelines applicable to those~~
20 ~~infections that would apply to any practitioner; (1988)~~
21 c. ~~SUPPORTS the creation at each health-care facility of a mechanism to evaluate the ability of physicians and~~
22 ~~health-care providers to provide competent medical care. Such mechanisms shall maintain the individual's~~
23 ~~confidentiality and right to due process guaranteed to any potentially disabled employee. Each institution~~
24 ~~should develop personnel policies concerning HIV testing and diseases, taking into account the above~~
25 ~~recommendations and circulate these to all employees and staff; (1988)~~
26 d. ~~SUPPORTS the reassignment to non-patient care duties any physician or health-care provider with known~~
27 ~~HIV infection or illness when: (1988)~~
28 1. ~~such reassignment is requested by the individual, or~~
29 2. ~~the individual's continued direct involvement in providing patient care would present an identifiable and~~
30 ~~real risk to the health of either the patient or the individual. Such determinations should be made in~~
31 ~~accordance with paragraph c above. (1988)~~

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35 Fiscal note: None