
**AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
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RESOLUTION: B15**

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SUBJECT:	Principles Regarding The Use of Illegal Drugs, Alcohol, And Tobacco
TYPE:	Resolution of Principles

1 WHEREAS The morbidity and mortality related to opioid addiction and overdose is dramatically increasing, and;

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3 WHEREAS Medication assisted treatment (MAT) has proven to result in decreased use of illicit opioids, reduction of
4 other illicit drug use, and decreased risk behavior linked to HIV and Hepatitis C. Furthermore, during pregnancy, MAT
5 has been associated with decreased pregnancy complications and improved fetal outcomes^{1,2}, and;

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7 WHEREAS Naloxone access laws vary between states, and;

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9 WHEREAS Naloxone has a long history of safe and effective use, and;

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11 WHEREAS Providing opioid overdose training and naloxone kits to laypersons who might witness an opioid overdose
12 can help reduce opioid overdose mortality³, and;

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14 WHEREAS Many prescription drugs, including opioids, have the potential for misuse and abuse and can be frequently
15 found in many homes despite being expired or no longer being used by the patient they were prescribed to. Improper or
16 lack of disposal of these medications can result in misuse.

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18 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Principles Regarding The Use of Illegal Drugs, Alcohol, And Tobacco (p
19 46-50) be AMENDED to state:

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21 **23. SUPPORTS** medication assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder treatment including during pregnancy
22 while **URGING** more physicians to become trained and certified in treating opioid use disorder.

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24 **24. ENCOURAGES** the increased education and training of, but not limited to, laypersons and first responders on
25 recognizing and preventing opioid related overdose.

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27 **25. SUPPORTS** increasing the availability of naloxone to decrease opioid overdose related morbidity and mortality.
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26. SUPPORTS continued and expanded drug take-back day initiatives as a way of providing a responsible and convenient method for disposal of prescription drugs, including but not limited to opioids, while ENCOURAGING public education on the potential for abuse of prescription medications.

Fiscal note: None