
**AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES 2016
RESOLUTION: A8**

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| SCHOOL: | University of Maryland; Michigan State University College of Human Medicine; Boston University School of Medicine |
| SUBJECT: | Principles Regarding Immediate treatment upon diagnosis of HIV |
| TYPE: | Resolution of Principles |

1 WHEREAS the World Health Organization now recommends immediate treatment upon diagnosis as official policy for
2 HIV treatment and
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4 WHEREAS many countries are not currently meeting this recommendation
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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 16 be AMENDED BY STRIKE AND REPLACE to state:
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10 16. RECOGNIZES that with the preventive benefits of antiretroviral treatment and other existing technologies an end
11 to the AIDS is possible, ~~and urges developed nations to meet their overdue pledges to achieve universal access to~~
12 ~~antiretroviral treatment. (2013)~~ **and urges all nations to work towards the WHO endorsed policy of immediate**
13 **treatment upon diagnosis of HIV.**
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16 Fiscal note: None
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REPORT OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE A

DISCUSSION

BOT: Vote 10-0-0; recommends to adopt with amendments; the language in this resolution is outdated; however the latter portion supporting WHO endorsed policy should be retained.

BRD: recommends to adopt with amendments as per BOT recommendations

PRD: ***

IRD: adopt with amendments; the language is inflammatory and unneeded. We should still be working towards this policy.

ACTE: recommends to adopt with amendments; the term AIDS is “awkward” and the members feel that typically we refer to it as the HIV epidemic, not AIDS.

Premedical Caucus: ***

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

PROS: No proposition testimony provided

CONS: The members feel that the language used in this resolution is outdated and should be changed to reflect and support current best practices—the WHO endorsed policy. Furthermore some of the regions and caucuses feel that an emphasis should be placed on the importance of all nations uniting towards these goals.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE COMMENTS

The question over the use of “AIDS” vs. “HIV” was brought up for discussion. Best practices currently support antiretroviral treatments to prevent the progression of HIV to AIDs, therefore we felt the term “AIDS” is appropriately used in the context of this resolution. Ultimately however, the majority of members also found the beginning of the resolution unneeded.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Adopt as amended:

18 ~~RECOGNIZES that with the preventive benefits of antiretroviral treatment and other existing technologies an end to the~~
19 ~~AIDS is possible,~~ and urges developed nations to meet their overdue pledges to achieve universal access to antiretroviral
20 ~~treatment. (2013) and urges~~ SUPPORTS all nations to work towards the WHO endorsed policy of immediate treatment
21 upon diagnosis of HIV.