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**Resolution:**

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WHEREAS the United States is currently experiencing an unprecedented level of opioid abuse which has led to harmful tolls and the loss of 49,860 lives in 2019. [1].

WHEREAS opioids are a critical part of treatment for pain patients in the U.S. healthcare system [1].

WHEREAS the involvement of multiple entities, insurance companies, pharmaceutical industry, healthcare workers, the government, among others is urgently necessary in order to safely curb the devastation that has been exerted by the opioid epidemic [2].

WHEREAS more Americans are dying from drug overdose than motor vehicle accidents for the first time in history [3].

WHEREAS ending the opioid epidemic will require physician involvement and leadership, creation of precise guidelines that place an emphasis on their use for treatment, policy development, and wider advocacy on the risks of opioid overdose [4,5].

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Principles Regarding Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices (pg. 39-43) be **AMENDED BY ADDITION** to state:

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1. **SUPPORTS** the awareness of the opioid epidemic which has generated stigma and overdose crisis leading to an extraordinary number of drug-related deaths within the United States.
2. **SUPPORTS** additional education and the need to provide resources towards research, clinical aid, and community support towards those populations at risk of or afflicted by this epidemic.

- 47 3. SUPPORTS the engagement of medical students in raising awareness and contributing to  
48 public health efforts to emphasize the importance of the opioid epidemic and its  
49 existence.  
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