



## Resolution No. Late 2

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1 Family Medicine and Chronic Opioid Management

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7 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) member physicians care for the  
8 whole patient, and in remote areas may be the sole caregivers available for some patients who  
9 meet the criteria for chronic non-malignant pain management, and

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11 WHEREAS, the AAFP urges all states to obtain physician input when considering pain  
12 management regulation and legislation, and the AAFP urges all states to implement prescription  
13 drug monitoring programs and the interstate exchange of registry information as called for under  
14 the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Act of 2005, and

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16 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is committed to working with partners to  
17 identify the highest priority research areas to build the evidence base for safe and effective pain  
18 management, yet, given that chronic pain is recognized as a significant public health problem, the  
19 risks associated with long-term opioid therapy, the availability of effective nonpharmacological  
20 and non-opioid pharmacologic treatment options for pain, and the potential for improvement in the  
21 quality of health care with the implementation of recommended practices, a guideline for  
22 prescribing is warranted with the evidence that is currently available, now, therefore, be it

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24 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) be an active partner in  
25 developing these guidelines, for patient safety, effective treatment, and access to care for  
26 underserved people.