



# Resident 2 Agenda and Resolutions

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1 **RESOLUTION NO. R2-501**

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3 **Anti-bullying Screening Tool**

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5 Introduced by: Aysha Khan, MD, Cheverly, MD  
6 David Aldrete, MD, San Antonio, TX  
7 Rebecca Burke, MD, Galveston, TX  
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9 WHEREAS, Given that family medicine doctors see children of all ages from varying  
10 cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, and

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12 WHEREAS, in light of recent suicides involving bullying that caught national attention,  
13 such as the case of Phoebe Prince among others, and

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15 WHEREAS, the problem is becoming increasingly recognized in schools, and

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17 WHEREAS, more children and adolescents who are bullied can present with symptoms  
18 of depression or unexplained psychosomatic symptoms in the primary care setting, and

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20 WHEREAS, an *American Family Physician* article, "Childhood Bullying: Implications for  
21 Physicians" from the November 1, 2004 issue, indicates that bullied students are more  
22 likely to bring weapons to school, be injured, and be in fights, and

23  
24 WHEREAS, physicians can be instrumental in efforts to prevent bullying, identifying at  
25 risk patients, and screening for psychiatric problems, now, therefore, be it

26  
27 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support the  
28 development and widespread use of a standardized screening tool for bullying at well  
29 child visits, and be it further

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31 RESOLVED, That a standardized screening tool for bullying incorporates bullying  
32 behavior experience, including but not limited to physical violence, harassment, threats,  
33 taunts, and insults from peers at school or online as a part of the annual well-child exam  
34 and with an offer of appropriate resources for counseling, if necessary, and be it further

35  
36 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support and  
37 recommend inclusion of anti-bullying awareness in a CME session or educational  
38 presentation.

1 **RESOLUTION NO. R2-502**

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3 **Empowering Patients in their Treatment of Diabetes**

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7 Aysha Khan, MD, Cheverly, MD  
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10 WHEREAS, According to the American Diabetes Association, there are 29.1 million  
11 Americans with diabetes, and there are 1.7 million new diagnoses per year, and

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13 WHEREAS, according to the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation  
14 Highlight on Diabetes, the estimated total healthcare cost of diabetes is 174 billion per  
15 year, and

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17 WHEREAS, diabetes is associated with many complications including heart disease,  
18 stroke, blindness, neuropathy, kidney disease, amputations, and periodontal disease,  
19 and

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21 WHEREAS, support of patient self-management is a key component of effective chronic  
22 illness care and improved patient outcomes, now, therefore, be it

23  
24 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create a diabetic patient  
25 care card to empower patients in their treatment of diabetes that includes goal blood  
26 glucose, HbA1c, blood pressure, cholesterol, and list of medications, and be it further

27  
28 RESOLVED, That an AAFP created diabetic patient-care card to empower patients in  
29 their treatment of diabetes, be easily accessible on the American Academy of Family  
30 Physicians website and all their media outlets so that it can be printed out by patients  
31 and physicians.

1 **RESOLUTION NO. R2-503**

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3 **Support of Healthy Partnerships by the American Academy of Family Physicians**

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5 Introduced by: Elizabeth Wiley, MD, JD, MPH, Baltimore, MD  
6 Orlando Sola, MD, MPH, New York, NY  
7 Stewart Decker, MD, Klamath Falls, OR

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9 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) has entered into  
10 corporate partnerships with companies that profit from products that do not improve the  
11 lives of the patients we serve, and

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13 WHEREAS, the AAFP has recently announced the end of one such relationship with  
14 Coca-Cola, and

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16 WHEREAS, these relationships have been criticized by AAFP members and the general  
17 public, including national news and documentary films, as ethically problematic conflicts  
18 of interest, and

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20 WHEREAS, there are many corporations that share our values of improving the lives of  
21 the patients we serve, now, therefore, be it

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23 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians establish a set of public  
24 guidelines to promote partnerships aligned with patient and population health and to  
25 minimize conflicts of interest in future corporate partnerships.

1 **RESOLUTION NO. R2-504**

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3 **Continued National Conference Presentations of Alternative Primary Care Models**

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5 Introduced by: Alan Bordon, MD, Belleville, IL  
6 Benjamin Willford, Harrogate, TN  
7 Dana Gross, Seattle, WA  
8 Troy Russell, Washington, DC  
9 Justin Kappel, Atlanta, GA  
10 Charles Willnaver, MD, Lubbock, TX

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12 WHEREAS, There is growth and interest in alternative models of providing primary care  
13 (i.e. direct primary care), now, therefore, be it

14

15 RESOLVED, The American Academy of Family Physicians continue to present new,  
16 innovative, and alternative primary care provider practice models at the National  
17 Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students.

1 **RESOLUTION NO. R2-505**

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3 **Direct Primary Care Career Link**

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7 . Alan Bordan, MD, Belleville, IL  
8 Dana Gross, Seattle WA  
9 Justin Kappel, MD, Atlanta, GA  
10 Benjamin Willford, DO, Harrogate, TN

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12 WHEREAS, Direct primary care is a unique, new, and small grassroots business  
13 movement, and

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15 WHEREAS, there are no job posting organizations specifically directed towards direct  
16 primary care, now, therefore, be it

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18 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians include a category on  
19 Career Link specifically designated for direct primary care job opportunities.

1 **RESOLUTION NO. R2-506**

2 **Endorsement of the Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act of 2015**

3 Introduced by: Joshua Hollabaugh, Nashville, TN  
4 Orlando Sola, MD, New York, New York  
5 Joseph Brodine, Washington, DC  
6 Stewart Decker, MD, Klamath Falls, OR  
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8 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) supports the goals of  
9 access to comprehensive and continuing medical care for all, and

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11 WHEREAS, nearly 65 percent of family physicians participate in Medicaid and provide  
12 care for children, and

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14 WHEREAS, AAFP members have a major stake in ensuring the Children’s Health  
15 Insurance Program (CHIP) and Medicaid remain a viable and useful means for  
16 providing care to children, and

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18 WHEREAS, approximately 2 million children with complex medical issues are enrolled  
19 under Medicaid, accounting for an estimated six percent of Medicaid enrollees and  
20 approximately 40 percent of children’s Medicaid spending, and

21  
22 WHEREAS, Medicaid is an integrated state-federal program whose recipients currently  
23 cannot receive care covered by the program across state boundaries even when  
24 medically indicated or geographically requisite, and

25  
26 WHEREAS, the Advancing Care for Exceptional Kids Act of 2015 (ACE Kids Act of  
27 2015) would establish a national Medicaid and CHIP care coordination program for  
28 children with medically complex conditions as an option for state Medicaid programs in  
29 better coordination and integration of care for such pediatric population, coverage of  
30 care across state boundaries, improved health outcomes and savings under the  
31 Medicaid program and CHIP, and

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33 WHEREAS, family physicians care for patients across the full spectrum of life, and

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35 WHEREAS, family physicians recognize that complex medical issues persist across all  
36 ages, and that the barriers to care to be addressed by the ACE Kids Act of 2015 also  
37 inhibit optimal care for all, and

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39 WHEREAS, the ACE Kids Act of 2015 is a positive step towards achieving the goal of  
40 comprehensive and continuing medical care for all, now, therefore, be it

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42 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians endorse the Advancing  
43 Care for Exceptional Kids Act of 2015.

1 **RESOLUTION NO. R2-507**

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3 **Encouraging Nutrition Education in Family Medicine Residencies**

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5 Introduced by: Stewart Decker, MD, Klamath Falls, OR  
6 Elizabeth Wiley, MD, JD, MPH, Baltimore, MD

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8 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Family Physicians has a robust recommended  
9 curriculum guideline for family medicine residents concerning nutrition, and

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11 WHEREAS, the American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition Task Force on  
12 Postgraduate Medical Education found that some form of nutrition education was  
13 provided at only 78% of U.S. anesthesia, family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics,  
14 obstetrics/gynecology, and general surgery residency programs, and

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16 WHEREAS, in the same study only 26% of programs had a formal curriculum, and 77%  
17 of program directors stated that the required educational goals in nutrition were not met,  
18 and

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20 WHEREAS, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education creates program  
21 requirements for residency accreditation specifying number of hours needed for various  
22 educational opportunities, now, therefore, be it

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24 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage the  
25 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education to include specific and  
26 measurable guidelines for accreditation concerning nutrition education.



1 **RESOLUTION NO. R2-508**

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3 **Resolution on Police Violence, Structural Racism and Public Health**

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5 Introduced by: Elizabeth Wiley, MD, JD, MPH, Baltimore, MD  
6 Stewart Decker, MD, Klamath Falls, OR  
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8 WHEREAS, Family physicians have an obligation to speak out against police violence  
9 and structural racism which affects our patients, and

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11 WHEREAS, communities of color are disproportionately targeted by some members of  
12 law enforcement, including the use of excessive force, and

13  
14 WHEREAS, the disproportionate use of force by some members of law enforcement  
15 against communities of color is a direct result of inconsistent standards of policing and  
16 law enforcement, and

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18 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians recognizes that violence is a  
19 major public health concern that can negatively affect at-risk populations, especially  
20 when based on discriminatory practices, and

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22 WHEREAS, President Obama has initiated a task force to address the rising crisis of  
23 minority deaths due to police action and lack of trust between law enforcement and the  
24 communities they serve, now therefore, be it

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26 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) review the  
27 recommendations of the president's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing, find  
28 concordance with AAFP existing policy and present discordances with AAFP policy, and  
29 be it further

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31 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) assign AAFP  
32 representatives to collaborate with development and implementation of the  
33 recommendations of the president's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing, and be it  
34 further

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36 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), write a letter to  
37 Surgeon General Vivek Murthy and Attorney General Loretta Lynch citing the AAFP's  
38 current policy titled "Violence as a Public Health Concern" and position paper titled  
39 "Violence" as it relates to the inconsistent application of policing and law enforcement  
40 standards in different communities, including the disproportionate use of force by some  
41 members of law enforcement against communities of color, and be it further

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43 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians direct its delegation and  
44 members sections' delegates to the American Medical Association (AMA) to introduce  
45 an emergency resolution with the same objectives as "Inconsistent Policing and Law

46 Enforcement Standards as a Social Determinant of Health” to the AMA House of  
47 Delegates for the 2015 Interim Meeting, and be it further

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49 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians’ American Medical  
50 Association (AMA) delegation seek support and co-authorship for a parallel resolution  
51 related to the inconsistent application of policing and law enforcement standards from  
52 other AMA delegations and constituencies that would be supportive of such including,  
53 but not limited to, the AMA Minority Affairs Section, Medical Student Section, Resident  
54 and Fellows Section, Young Physicians Section, and individual regional and specialty  
55 caucuses.

1 **RESOLUTION NO. R2-509**

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3 **Developing a Residency Curriculum Guide for Point of Care Ultrasound**

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5 Introduced by: Stewart Decker, MD, Klamath Falls, OR  
6 Elizabeth Wiley, MD, JD, MPH, Baltimore, MD

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8 WHEREAS, The International Federation for Emergency Medicine (IFEM) has  
9 recognized the utility of Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) and subsequently created a  
10 curriculum guide for ultrasound training in emergency medicine, and

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12 WHEREAS, POCUS has been shown to be useful for skills important to family medicine  
13 and outside of the emergency room, including but not limited to Abdominal Aortic  
14 Aneurysm screenings, fracture diagnosis, and diagnosis of pneumonias, and

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16 WHEREAS, the IFEM curriculum guide is not comprehensive enough for the needs of a  
17 primary care physician as we often work in emergency rooms, inpatient settings, and  
18 outpatient clinics, now, therefore, be it

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20 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create a comprehensive  
21 residency curriculum guide on the Point of Care Ultrasound for the broad spectrum  
22 needs of the Family Medicine resident.

1 **RESOLUTION NO. R2-510**

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3 **Support of Miscarriage Managements Training in Family Medicine Residencies**

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5 Introduced by: Natalie Hinchcliffe, DO, New York, NY  
6 Elizabeth Wiley, MD, Baltimore, MD  
7 Stewart Decker, MD, Klamath Falls, OR  
8 Andres Mallipudi, Baltimore, MD  
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10 WHEREAS, Nearly one in four women will experience miscarriage at some point in their  
11 lives, and

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13 WHEREAS, the rate of pregnancies which end in miscarriage is approximately 15% with  
14 the percentage increasing along with the sensitivity of pregnancy testing to between  
15 20%-62%, and

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17 WHEREAS, miscarriage management is an integral part of the comprehensive  
18 reproductive health care, and

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20 WHEREAS, comprehensive reproductive health care is within the scope of family  
21 medicine, making miscarriage management a part of the care family physicians should  
22 provide, and

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24 WHEREAS, miscarriage management can be provided through expectant management,  
25 medical management with misoprostal, or uterine aspiration (MVA), and

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27 WHEREAS, procedural interventions, such as uterine aspiration may be necessary in  
28 the case of retained products or failed medical management, and

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30 WHEREAS, expectant management has higher rates of incomplete miscarriage,  
31 unplanned procedural intervention, higher rates of bleeding, and increased need for  
32 transfusion, and

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34 WHEREAS, uterine aspiration has the highest success rate of uterine evacuation of all  
35 options for women experiencing miscarriage, and

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37 WHEREAS, family physicians are the only providers some patients have access to,  
38 particularly in rural areas, and

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40 WHEREAS, 57% of chief residents in family medicine residencies reported that they  
41 lacked clinical experience in miscarriage management, and

42  
43 WHEREAS, current data show that operating room-based surgery is the most common  
44 way of managing miscarriage, despite the three options which can be offered by family  
45 physicians being equally as safe, and

46 WHEREAS, there are many benefits to family physicians providing miscarriage  
47 management, and

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49 WHEREAS, it is more cost-effective, more conducive to continuity of care, enabling  
50 follow-up care to process the experience, and helps to avoid overtreatment, and

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52 WHEREAS, family medicine residents are not routinely trained in miscarriage  
53 management, and

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55 WHEREAS, there is a specific gap in opportunities to train in uterine aspiration, and

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57 WHEREAS, by including office-based miscarriage management training in family  
58 medicine residency training, more women could access care from their own family  
59 physicians, and

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61 WHEREAS, family medicine residents need to have direct, hands-on training during  
62 residency in order to be able to provide miscarriage management, now, therefore, be it

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64 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians write a letter to the  
65 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education requesting the inclusion of  
66 miscarriage management within their training requirements, and be it further

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68 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians include miscarriage  
69 management as a hands-on, skill-building workshop emphasizing procedural skills in  
70 uterine aspiration with manual aspiration at the National Conference of Family Medicine  
71 Residents and Medical Students, and be it further

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73 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support the overall  
74 integration of comprehensive miscarriage management training including uterine  
75 aspiration with manual vacuum aspiration into family medicine residencies, and be it  
76 further

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78 RESOLVED, That the resolution titled, "Support of Miscarriage Management Training in  
79 Family Medicine Residencies" be referred to the American Academy of Family  
80 Physicians Congress of Delegates.

1 **RESOLUTION NO. R2-511**

2 **Climate Change**

3 Introduced by: Elizabeth Wiley, MD, JD, MPH, Baltimore, MD  
4 Stewart Decker, MD, Klamath Falls, OR  
5 Alison Case, MD, East Lansing, MI  
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7 WHEREAS, The health implications of climate change have a profound direct and  
8 indirect effect on the health of our patients, and  
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10 WHEREAS, there is growing urgency to take ambitious action to curb greenhouse gas  
11 emissions, a primary source of climate change, and  
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13 WHEREAS, the White House recently convened a summit on climate change and  
14 health, and  
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16 WHEREAS, the Lancet Commission on Climate Change and Health released its second  
17 report that, “..tackling climate change could be the greatest global health opportunity of  
18 the 21<sup>st</sup> century” and “(t)he effects of climate change are being felt today, and future  
19 projections represent an unacceptably high and potentially catastrophic risk to human  
20 health,” and  
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22 WHEREAS, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)  
23 Conference of Parties 21 (COP21) negotiations represent an opportunity for a  
24 coordinated global commitment to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and  
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26 WHEREAS, health professionals have an obligation to advocate for efforts to improve  
27 the health of our patients, now, therefore, be it  
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29 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support climate change  
30 mitigation and adaptation strategies, including, but not limited to, (1) endorsing federal  
31 legislation and regulations to curb greenhouse gas emissions; (2) collaborating with  
32 other health professional and environmental organizations to promote ambitious  
33 national and international action on climate change; (3) encouraging recognition of the  
34 health co-benefits of climate change mitigation in United Nations Framework  
35 Convention on Climate Change processes including Conference of Parties 21  
36 negotiations with Wonca, and be it further  
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38 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop educational  
39 materials to educate members about the real impacts of climate change on the health of  
40 patients, and be it further  
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42 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop an advocacy  
43 toolkit to support member engagement in state, national, and international advocacy  
44 efforts.

1 **RESOLUTION NO. R2-512**

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3 **Support of Promoting Health in Trade Agreements**

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5 Introduced by: Elizabeth Wiley, MD, JD, MPH, Baltimore, MD  
6 Charlotte Watts, MD, Baltimore, MD  
7 Alison Case, MD, East Lansing, MI  
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9 WHEREAS, The United States is currently engaged in negotiating a new generation of  
10 massive multilateral trade agreements outside the World Trade Organization (WTO)  
11 including the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), the Transatlantic Trade and Investment  
12 Partnership (TTIP), and the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), and  
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14 WHEREAS, these negotiations are occurring in secret, and  
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16 WHEREAS, trade agreement negotiations should be transparent, and  
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18 WHEREAS, leaked texts suggest that the TPP and TTIP may include provisions  
19 detrimental to public health, access to medicines, and the practice of medicine, and  
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21 WHEREAS, these trade agreements may include Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual  
22 Property Rights (TRIPS) that increase the cost of medications for patients and may  
23 reduce access to medicines in order to increase industry profits, and  
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25 WHEREAS, these provisions are likely to impact the most vulnerable populations  
26 including U.S. seniors who face increasingly unsustainable drug prices and stand to  
27 lose from delayed access to low cost generic drugs, and  
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29 WHEREAS, organizations which represent these patient populations have publicly  
30 opposed intellectual property provisions in the TPP and TTIP which reduce access to  
31 medicines, specifically calling for compromise language consistent with the May 10  
32 agreement, and  
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34 WHEREAS, leaked texts have not included an exception for diagnostic and surgical  
35 techniques and the omission of such an exception may limit, and  
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37 WHEREAS, Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) provisions in these trade  
38 agreements may enable multinational corporations to challenge evidence-based laws  
39 and regulations that protect public health such as plain packaging of cigarettes, and  
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41 WHEREAS, physicians and organized medicine have a professional obligation to  
42 advocate for patients and public health in trade agreement negotiations, and  
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44 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians has signed on to letters  
45 urging a tobacco exemption in trade agreements including the TPP, now, therefore, be it  
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47 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians urge the United States  
48 Trade Representative to ensure that trade agreements such as the Trans Pacific  
49 Partnership and Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership promote public health,  
50 access to medicines and access to care by opposing Investor-State Dispute Settlement  
51 and restrictive intellectual property provisions, and be it further

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53 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians urge the United States  
54 Trade Representative to ensure transparency and openness in all trade agreements  
55 negotiations including public access to negotiating texts and meaningful opportunities  
56 for stakeholder engagement, and be it further

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58 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support inclusion of an  
59 exception for diagnostic, therapeutic and surgical procedures modeled after 35 USC  
60 287(c).



1 **RESOLUTION NO. R2-513**

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3 **Expanded Use of Naloxone**

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14 Marissa Lapedis, MD, Bronx, NY  
15 Lindsey Martin-Engel, MD, Chicago, IL  
16 Lee Isaacsohn, MD, Bronx, NY  
17 Jessica Cristallo, MD, Bronx, NY  
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21 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that of the  
22 22,134 deaths relating to prescription drug overdose in 2010, 16,651 (75 %) involved  
23 opioid analgesics, and  
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25 WHEREAS, the total overdose deaths from opioid analgesics far exceeded the  
26 combined deaths from cocaine and heroin overdoses, and  
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28 WHEREAS, seventeen states and the District of Columbia have already enacted  
29 legislation that supports planning and development of expanded naloxone  
30 administration programs to prevent deaths due to life-threatening opioid overdose, and  
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32 WHEREAS, such legislation can support and provide legal protections for health care  
33 providers to prescribe naloxone to be administered by non-medical personnel in cases  
34 of suspected life-threatening opioid overdose and support and provide legal protections  
35 for pharmacists to prescribe naloxone to patients in accordance with standardized  
36 procedures and protocols developed and approved by medical boards, and  
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38 WHEREAS, on April 16, 2014, former Attorney General Eric Holder announced the  
39 United States Department of Justice's support for "all first responders, including state  
40 and local law enforcement agencies, to train and equip their staff on the front lines to  
41 use the overdose-reversal drug known as naloxone," and  
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43 WHEREAS, on April 3, 2014, the Food and Drug Administration approved the hand-held  
44 auto injector of naloxone, and  
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46 WHEREAS, naloxone is cost effective, has no potential for abuse and has no known  
47 contraindications other than previous allergic reaction, and

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49 WHEREAS, precedent exists for providing injectable medications, such as epinephrine  
50 and glucagon, to be administered by non-medical personnel, and

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52 WHEREAS, making injectable naloxone more available to non-medical personnel in  
53 cases of suspected life threatening opioid overdose will save lives, now therefore, be it

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55 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support the  
56 implementation of programs which allow first responders and non-medical personnel to  
57 possess and administer naloxone in emergency situations, and be it further

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59 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support the  
60 implementation of policies which allow licensed providers to prescribe naloxone auto-  
61 injectors to patients using opioids or other individuals in close contact with those  
62 patients, and be it further

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64 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support the  
65 implementation of legislation which protects any individuals who administer naloxone  
66 from prosecution for practicing medicine without a license.

1 **RESOLUTION NO. R2-514**

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3 **Support of Naloxone Access and Training**

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18 Mariya Masyukova, MD, Bronx, NY  
19 Alison Case, MD, East Lansing, MI  
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21 WHEREAS, Opioid-related deaths continue to increase across the United States and  
22 heroin overdose deaths have nearly tripled since 2000, and  
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24 WHEREAS, the current Recommended Curriculum Guidelines for Family Medicine  
25 Residents on Human Behavior and Mental Health includes “initial management of  
26 psychiatric emergencies: the suicidal patient, the acutely psychotic patient” but does  
27 not include specific mention of opioid overdose, and  
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29 WHEREAS, the current Recommended Curriculum Guidelines for Family Medicine  
30 Residents on Substance Use Disorders does not specifically reference knowledge or  
31 skill acquisition regarding acute opioid overdose or naloxone administration, and  
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33 WHEREAS, family physicians can play a critical role in both directly identifying and  
34 treating opioid overdose as well as supporting community-based naloxone training and  
35 distribution initiatives, and  
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37 WHEREAS, community-based naloxone programs has been shown to reduce opioid  
38 overdose death rates, and  
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40 WHEREAS, naloxone pricing has skyrocketed – increasing more than 50% in the last  
41 two years, and  
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43 WHEREAS, rising naloxone prices threaten community-based programs and access to  
44 naloxone, and  
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46 WHEREAS, state Medicaid coverage for naloxone take-home kits varies and expanded  
47 Medicaid coverage of these kits increases access to naloxone treatment, now,  
48 therefore, be it

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50 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians specifically include  
51 acute opioid overdose management and naloxone training in Recommended Curriculum  
52 Guidelines for Family Medicine Residents, and be it further

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54 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for price  
55 reductions and expanded rebate agreements for naloxone by writing a letter to its  
56 manufacturer, Amphastar, and be it further

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58 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop an advocacy  
59 toolkit to encourage state chapters to advocate for state Medicaid coverage for take-  
60 home naloxone kits, rebate agreements and other cost reduction programs.