



# 2018 Agenda for the Reference Committee on Health of the Public & Science

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# Resolution No. 3001

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1 Implicit Bias

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3 Submitted by: Ivonne McLean, MD, New Physician  
4 Betsy Gilbertson, MD, New Physician  
5 Emily Young, DO, MPH, MA, New Physician  
6 Mercedes Giles, MD, General Registrant  
7 Natalie Hinchcliffe, DO, LGBT  
8 Tabatha Wells, MD, FAAFP, New Physician  
9 Daniel Neghassi, MD, Minority

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11 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recognizes that “health is a  
12 basic human right” and

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14 WHEREAS, the AAFP opposes racial and other forms of discrimination against patients, and

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16 WHEREAS, implicit bias is defined as the attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding,  
17 actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner, and

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19 WHEREAS, these biases encompasses both favorable and unfavorable assessments and are  
20 activated involuntarily which has been linked as a cause of poor health outcomes, and

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22 WHEREAS, there is existing evidence linking racial disparities to maternal and infant mortality, and

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24 WHEREAS, it is the AAFP policy for all family physicians to provide culturally proficient health care  
25 and infuse multicultural perspectives into initiatives and recruit and retain diverse individuals, to  
26 prepare the workforce to work with diverse individuals, and

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28 WHEREAS, implicit biases create differential health care service offerings and delivery and affect  
29 the effectiveness of care provided, including lack of cultural competence, and

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31 WHEREAS, for example, African American women are more likely to give birth to low-birthweight  
32 infants, and their newborns experience higher infant death rates that are not associated with any  
33 biological differences, even after accounting for socioeconomic factors and

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35 WHEREAS, clinicians can reduce the impact of implicit bias through training and organizational  
36 support, and

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38 WHEREAS, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education program requirements  
39 include a resident’s ability to “communicate effectively with patients, families, and the public, as  
40 appropriate, across a broad range of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds,” and

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42 WHEREAS, the AAFP has created the Center for Diversity and Health Equity and subsequently  
43 the EveryONE Project which aims to address social determinants of health by providing AAFP  
44 members with education and information about health equity, now, therefore, be it  
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46 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create a policy statement defining  
47 implicit bias and recognizing its impact on disparities of care, and be it further  
48  
49 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage the Review Committee  
50 of Family Medicine (RC-FM) of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education to  
51 include implicit bias trainings within residency education core curriculum, and be it further  
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53 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create continuing medical  
54 education opportunities around implicit bias, and be it further  
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56 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage research on the effects  
57 of implicit bias on patient outcomes and how education around this topic can have measurable and  
58 positive effects on population health and individual practice.



# Resolution No. 3002

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1 Comprehensive Sex Education in Schools

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3 Submitted by: Lindsey Kurdi Wood, DO, General Registrant  
4 Sarah Ledger, DO, Women  
5 Bridget Lynch, MD, Women  
6 Juan Carlos Venis, MD, LGBT  
7 Nykki Boersma, MD, Women  
8 Mara Groom, DO, New Physician  
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10 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Family Physicians policy statement entitled, “Adolescent  
11 Health Care, Sexuality and Contraception” encourages family physicians to engage in  
12 comprehensive sexual education with their patients, and  
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14 WHEREAS, national policy and funding for sexual education in public schools is shifting toward  
15 “sexual-risk avoidance” education from comprehensive sexual education, and  
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17 WHEREAS, when adjusting for age, gender, race, income, residence, and family intactness,  
18 abstinence-only education is not significantly associated with teen pregnancy when compared with  
19 no sexual education, and  
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21 WHEREAS, in a study by Kohler, Manhart, and Lafferty, when comparing abstinence-only education  
22 and comprehensive sexual education, there was a 50% reduction in teenage pregnancies, and  
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24 WHEREAS, sexual education is lacking in many public schools, with students from low-income  
25 families, African American families, or rural areas are more likely to receive no sexual education at  
26 all, and  
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28 WHEREAS, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Education, Scientific, and  
29 Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and many researchers promote comprehensive sexual education  
30 that emphasizes social context, especially gender and rights, within programs, and  
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32 WHEREAS, UNFPA and UNESCO recommend sexual education that is scientifically accurate about  
33 human rights, gender norms, and power in relationships (including consent and decision making,  
34 sexual coercion, intimate-partner and gender-based violence, and sexual diversity), the body,  
35 puberty, reproduction, and sexual health (including STIs/HIV and AIDS, unintended pregnancy,  
36 condoms, and contraception), and  
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38 WHEREAS, as family physicians, our population is significantly affected by changes in national  
39 policy regarding sexual education in public schools, now, therefore, be it  
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41 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians act to promote health education  
42 programs within public elementary, middle, and high schools that are age-appropriate, culturally  
43 relevant, and include evidence-based medical information regarding contraception, sexually  
44 transmitted infection (STI) prevention, consent, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered,  
45 questioning, intersexual, and asexual/ally (LGBTQIA) issues.



# Resolution No. 3003

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1 Revision of Reproductive Health Policies Wording

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3 Submitted by: Megan Vigil, MD, LGBT  
4 Kristi VanDerKolk, MD, General Registrant  
5 Martha Simmons, MD, General Registrant  
6 Carrie Pierce, MD, Women  
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8 WHEREAS, The current American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) policy on reproductive  
9 health states the AAFP supports a woman's access to reproductive health services and opposes  
10 nonevidence-based restrictions on medical care and the provision of such services (2014 COD),  
11 and

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13 WHEREAS, current AAFP policy on Coverage for Reproductive Decisions states that AAFP  
14 endorses the principle that women receiving health care paid for through health plans funded by  
15 state or federal governments who have coverage for continuing a pregnancy also should have  
16 coverage for ending a pregnancy (2017 December BOD), and

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18 WHEREAS, universal coverage of In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) has been associated with increased  
19 access to IVF treatment with decreased rates of multiple births, premature births, neonatal  
20 intensive care unit admissions and the cost per live birth, now, therefore, be it

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22 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) modify its Reproductive  
23 Health Policy to specify that the AAFP support a person's access to comprehensive reproductive  
24 health services, including prenatal care, full spectrum family planning, and assisted reproductive  
25 technology and opposes nonevidence-based restrictions on medical care and the provision of such  
26 services, and be it further

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28 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) modify its policy on  
29 Coverage for Reproductive Decisions to specify that the AAFP endorse the principle that persons  
30 receiving health care paid for through health plans funded by state or federal governments who  
31 have coverage for continuing a pregnancy also should have coverage for ending a pregnancy in  
32 addition to coverage for assisted reproductive technology.



# Resolution No. 3004

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1 Update to “Prevention and Control of Sexually Transmitted and Blood Borne Infections” Policy  
2 Statement

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4 Submitted by: Juan Carlos Venis, MD, LGBT  
5 Joseph Freund, MD, FAAFP, LGBT  
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7 WHEREAS, The current American Academy of Family Physicians policy entitled “Prevention and  
8 Control of Sexually Transmitted and Blood Borne Infections” is inconsistent with current evidence-  
9 based guidelines and best clinical practice, and

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11 WHEREAS, the physician-patient relationship and an affirming sexual health history interview are  
12 invaluable in the prevention of sexually transmitted infections, and

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14 WHEREAS, strategies for safer sex are not limited to abstinence, monogamous relationships, and  
15 barriers, but also include, and are not limited to, strategies such as encouraging patients to talk  
16 with partners about their status and history, individualized screening recommendations based on  
17 risk criteria, discussing safe use of toys and prosthetics, and pharmaceutical prophylaxis, now,  
18 therefore, be it

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20 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians Commission on Science and  
21 Health of the Public update the language of the Prevention and Control of Sexually Transmitted  
22 and Blood Borne Infections policy statement to reflect current evidence-based guidelines and best  
23 clinical practice.



## Resolution No. 3005

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1 Including Medical Resources and Referral Information on Anti-bullying Websites

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3 Submitted by: Patrick Simpson, MD, LGBT

4 Marian Allen, MD, LGBT

5 Seema Shah, MD, MPH, General Registrant

6 Marilou Gonzalez, MD, Minority

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8 WHEREAS, Bullying is ubiquitous in all corners of society, indiscriminate of age, race, nationality,  
9 gender, sexual orientation or identity, or socioeconomic status, and

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11 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians has recognized through official policy  
12 and scholarly articles that family physicians can help prevent the negative consequences of  
13 bullying, and

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15 WHEREAS, anti-bullying websites serve as popular resources for families, educational staff and  
16 the public, but lack the inclusion of physicians as a resource, now, therefore, be it

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18 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for the inclusion of  
19 medical resources and referral information on major non-profit anti-bullying websites, and be it  
20 further

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22 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) send a letter  
23 recommending the incorporation of links to physician professional organizations including AAFP  
24 and American Academy of Pediatrics to websites such as StopBullying.gov, StompOutBullying.org  
25 and other appropriate organizations, and be it further

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27 RESOLVED, That the above referenced letter include a statement recommending the individual  
28 who is seeking resources consult their primary care physician.



# Resolution No. 3006

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1 Menstrual Equity

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3 Submitted by: Rachel Franklin, MD, FAAFP, Women  
4 Sandra Hughes, MD, Women  
5 Cathleen London, MD, Women

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7 WHEREAS, Lack of access to menstrual support products causes absenteeism in education and  
8 employment among menstruating persons, and

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10 WHEREAS, in the absence of access to sanitary menstrual support, menstruating persons seek  
11 alternatives that increase their risk for infection, hunger or other adverse health outcomes, and

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13 WHEREAS, access to free toilet paper and hand soap in restrooms is mandated by the federal  
14 government, but menstrual products are deemed "luxury items," and

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16 WHEREAS, most American programs designed to help low-income families, including Medicaid,  
17 SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, i.e. food stamps) and WIC (Special  
18 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) exclude menstrual products,  
19 even though the Federal Drug Administration considers them "medical products," and

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21 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians has defined social determinants of health  
22 as "the conditions under which people are born, grow, live, work, and age," and

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24 WHEREAS, the United Nations has declared menstrual hygiene a public-health, gender-equality,  
25 and human rights issue, now, therefore, be it

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27 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians issue a policy statement declaring  
28 access to menstrual hygiene a public-health, gender-equality, and human rights issue, and  
29 represents a social determinant of health, and be it further

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31 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) provide access to  
32 menstrual hygiene products in restrooms at AAFP offices and all conference venues, whether at  
33 AAFP cost or by contract with venues.





# Resolution No. 3007

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1 Non-discrimination Against PrEP Users

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3 Submitted by: Sarah Marks, MD, FAAFP, LGBT  
4 Scott Hartman, MD, FAAFP, General Registrant  
5 Margaret Smith, MD, MPH, MHSA, Minority  
6 Jen Brull, MD FAAFP, Women

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8 WHEREAS, Discrimination against patients who take pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV (PrEP) has  
9 been reported when purchasing life or health insurance, and

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11 WHEREAS, the potential prohibition against obtaining life or health insurance might discourage  
12 patients, who would otherwise benefit, from taking PrEP, and

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14 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians has existing policy supporting the use of  
15 PrEP, now, therefore, be it

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17 RESOLVED, That language opposing discrimination in the purchase of life or health insurance by  
18 people taking pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV be included in the American Academy of Family  
19 Physician's statement entitled "Prevention and Control of Sexually Transmitted and Blood Borne  
20 Infections."



# Resolution No. 3008

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1 Reduce Sexual Harassment of Female Physicians and Trainees

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3 Submitted by: Alison Block, MD, Women  
4 Vivienne Rose, MD, Minority  
5 Jessica Heselschwerdt, MD, Women  
6 Cathleen London, MD, Women  
7 Anne Toledo, MD, General Registrant

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9 WHEREAS, The pervasiveness of sexual harassment and discrimination in our culture has recently  
10 gained more attention, and

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12 WHEREAS, existing American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) policy discourages various  
13 forms of harassment but does not adequately address the negative effects of sexual harassment  
14 on family physicians and trainees, and

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16 WHEREAS, 30% of female physicians experience sexual harassment and 47% of those feel the  
17 harassment has negatively impacted their careers, and

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19 WHEREAS, 69% of female medical students report some form of gender discrimination or sexual  
20 harassment, and

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22 WHEREAS, women are underrepresented in leadership roles in medicine, and

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24 WHEREAS, existing AAFP policy aims to build support for women in leadership positions, and

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26 WHEREAS, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has a policy  
27 stating that residency programs must have a process for managing sexual harassment claims, and

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29 WHEREAS, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and the Commission on Osteopathic  
30 College Accreditation do not have explicit policies on sexual harassment in their Standards for  
31 Accreditation, and

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33 WHEREAS, 87-94% of employees experiencing harassment do not file a formal complaint, now,  
34 therefore, be it

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36 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians expand the existing policy  
37 statement on violence, harassment, and bullying to include information about the negative impact  
38 of sexual harassment on family physicians and medical trainees, and be it further

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40 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) provide online resources  
41 on the AAFP website for physicians dealing with sexual harassment in the workplace perpetrated  
42 by colleagues, superiors, or patients, and be it further

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44 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians schedule sessions at Family  
45 Medicine Experience and at the the National Conference for Family Medicine Residents and  
46 Medical Students meeting about sexual harassment, and be it further,  
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48 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians issue a position statement that  
49 encourages medical schools and residencies to have trusted, clearly defined, accessible complaint  
50 procedures to address sexual harassment.



# Resolution No. 3009

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1 Access to Evidence-Based HIV Prevention Strategies in State and Federal Correction Systems

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3 Submitted by: Marty Player, MD, LGBT  
4 Joanna Bisgrove, MD, LGBT  
5 Scott Nass, MD MPA FAAFP, General Registrant  
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7 WHEREAS, HIV rates among incarcerated populations are estimated to be 1-2%, a prevalence  
8 rate greater than three times that of the general population and accounting for greater than 20,000  
9 known diagnoses within state and federal prisons in 2010, and

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11 WHEREAS, only 19 states mandate HIV testing at entry into the prison system, and

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13 WHEREAS, prevalence of all sexually transmitted infections (STIs) is increased among current and  
14 former inmates relative to the general population, and

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16 WHEREAS, abstinence-only policies by federal and all state prison systems contribute to  
17 increased rates of sexual coercion and violence, and

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19 WHEREAS, increased prevalence of HIV and STIs among incarcerated individuals leads to  
20 increased rates within communities upon inmate release, and

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22 WHEREAS, condoms are legally permitted in state prisons by only California, Mississippi (for  
23 conjugal visits only), and Vermont, and are not allowed in federal prisons; and previous federal and  
24 state legislative attempts to grant access have met with significant, and

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26 WHEREAS, HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) as a means of reducing transmission is not  
27 available in any state prison system nor the federal prison system, and has not been studied in this  
28 context, and

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30 WHEREAS, PrEP has been proven effective in populations at high-risk for contracting HIV,  
31 including individuals engaging in condomless sex with detectable HIV+ persons and those  
32 engaging in condomless sex with multiple partners of unknown HIV status/control, now, therefore,  
33 be it

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35 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians send a letter to the Federal Bureau  
36 of Prisons requesting integration of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) – including medication,  
37 condoms, education, and frequent HIV/sexually transmitted infection screening – into routine HIV  
38 prevention strategies at the federal prison level, and be it further

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40 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians update its “Incarceration and  
41 Health: A Family Medicine Perspective” Position Paper to recommend integration of Pre-Exposure  
42 Prophylaxis (PrEP) – including medication, condoms, education, and frequent HIV/sexually

43 transmitted infection screening – into routine HIV prevention strategies for incarcerated persons  
44 at all levels of government, and be it further  
45  
46 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create a State Legislative Issue  
47 Backgrounder to recommend integration of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) – including  
48 medication, condoms, education, and frequent HIV/sexually transmitted infection screening.



# Resolution No. 3010

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1 The Fourth Trimester

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3 Submitted by: Marie-Elizabeth Ramas, MD, FAAFP, Minority

4 Mercedes Giles, MD, General Registrant

5 Moazzum Bajwa, MD, IMG

6 Lisa Lavadie-Gomez, MD, Minority

7 Sheleatha Taylor-Bristow, MD, New Physician

8 Victoria Udezi, MD, General Registrant

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10 WHEREAS, The postpartum period encompasses many levels of maternal and neonatal  
11 transitions, and

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13 WHEREAS, we recognize that maternal morbidity and mortality is not limited to prenatal and  
14 perinatal care, and

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16 WHEREAS, up to 40% of women who give birth do not attend a postpartum visit, and increasing  
17 attendance at postpartum visits is a developmental goal for Healthy People 2020, and

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19 WHEREAS, indigent and underrepresented populations have limited access to comprehensive  
20 maternity care, and

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22 WHEREAS, the burden of chronic medical disease and postpartum complications are higher  
23 among indigent patients and underrepresented minority communities, and

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25 WHEREAS, under utilization of postpartum care has negative implications for ongoing maternal  
26 morbidity, and

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28 WHEREAS, the average woman goes back to work within 30 days and postpartum visits are  
29 usually six weeks after delivery, and

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31 WHEREAS, the reimbursement for routine maternity care is often limited to one postpartum visit at  
32 six weeks, and

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34 WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost of maternal morbidity and mortality approaches billions of  
35 dollars, and

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37 WHEREAS, The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists endorses the optimization  
38 of postpartum care to include individualized and comprehensive maternal-centered care, now,  
39 therefore, be it

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41 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support the optimization of the  
42 postpartum period to include comprehensive maternal-centric partnership during the entirety of the  
43 postpartum period, and be it further

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45 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support American Congress of  
46 Obstetricians and Gynecologists' committee opinion on the personalization of postpartum care, and  
47 be it further  
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49 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians study the fiscal impact of more  
50 comprehensive and personalized postpartum care, including, but not limited to, the potential saving  
51 of economic burden via reduction of disparities.



# Resolution No. 3011

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1 Shackles on Women During Active Labor and Immediate Postpartum

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3 Submitted by: Jewell Carr, MD, New Physician  
4 Talia Aron, MD, Women  
5 Sandra Hughes, MD, Women  
6 Nichole Johnson, MD, LGBT  
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8 WHEREAS, Incarcerated individuals who are pregnant are frequently shackled throughout their  
9 pregnancy, including during labor, delivery, and the immediate postpartum period, and

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11 WHEREAS, the use of shackles during labor and immediate postpartum care interferes with the  
12 ability of health care providers to safely care for the patient and fetus, which can lead to delays in  
13 appropriate evaluation and subsequent administration of potentially life saving measures and

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15 WHEREAS, in the United States approximately 64% of women in prison have been convicted of  
16 non-violent crime, and

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18 WHEREAS, no escape attempts have been reported among pregnant incarcerated women who  
19 were not shackled, and

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21 WHEREAS, ambulation during active labor and delivery improves pain management in labor and  
22 increases the likelihood of having a vaginal delivery, and

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24 WHEREAS, the ability for people to move or be moved during active labor and delivery is essential  
25 to the proper management of many obstetrical emergencies as outlined in the American Academy  
26 of Family Physicians, Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics curriculum, and

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28 WHEREAS, skin-to-skin contact is the standard of care for healthy newborns in the newborn period  
29 to optimize the infant's health during the neonatal transition, facilitate bonding, and decrease pain  
30 during neonatal procedures, and

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32 WHEREAS, pregnant and postpartum individuals are at increased risk of venous  
33 thromboembolism, a major cause of maternal mortality in the United States, and

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35 WHEREAS, limited mobility further increases risk of venous thromboembolism, and

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37 WHEREAS, both the American Medical Association and American College of Obstetricians and  
38 Gynecologists have policies opposing the shackling of immediate postpartum patients and  
39 individuals in active labor, and

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41 WHEREAS, the safety of medical staff is of utmost importance and must be ensured with adequate  
42 correctional staff and use of restraints only in situations when there is risk of imminent harm, and



44 WHEREAS, federal courts have ruled that shackling during active labor violates the 8th  
45 Amendment to the United States Constitution, now, therefore, be it  
46  
47 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians oppose the shackling of  
48 incarcerated people who are in active labor and during the postpartum period, considered to be six  
49 to eight weeks after delivery, with proper safety protections for the healthcare team.



# Resolution No. 3012

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1 "It's On Us" to Stop Sexual Assault

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3 Submitted by: Kevin Bernstein, MD, MS, USN, FAAFP, New Physician  
4 Cathleen London, MD, Women  
5 Yadira Acevedo, MD, New Physician  
6 Monjur Alam, MD, New Physician  
7 Meshia Waleh, MD, New Physician  
8 Audrey Falconi, DO, Women  
9 Patrick Simpson, MD, LGBT  
10 Sarah Marks, MD, FAAFP, LGBT  
11 Margaret Smith, MD, MPH, MHSA, Minority  
12 Jessica Richmond, MD, FAAFP, New Physician  
13 Anita Ravi, MD, MPH, MSHP, FAAFP, New Physicians  
14 Joanna Bisgrove, MD, FAAFP, LGBT

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16 WHEREAS, Sexual violence is a serious public health problem that affects millions of women and  
17 men, and

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19 WHEREAS, in the United States, one in three women and one in six men have experienced sexual  
20 violence involving physical contact at some point in their lives, and

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22 WHEREAS, statistics underestimate the problem because many victims do not tell the police,  
23 family, or friends about the violence, and

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25 WHEREAS, one in five women and one in 16 men have experienced sexual assault in college, and

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27 WHEREAS, "It's On Us" is a campaign launched following recommendations from the White House  
28 Task Force to Prevent Sexual Assault that noted the importance of engaging everyone in the  
29 conversation to end sexual violence, and

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31 WHEREAS, "It's On Us" asks everyone – students, community leaders, parents, organizations, and  
32 companies – to step up and realize that the conversation changes with us, and

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34 WHEREAS, "It's On Us" combines innovative, creative content and grassroots organizing  
35 techniques to spark conversation on a national and local level - over the past two years, almost  
36 300,000 people have taken a stand against sexual violence by taking the "It's On Us" pledge, and

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38 WHEREAS, "It's On Us" works with 95 partners and students on over 500 college campuses and  
39 tasks all people to take up the responsibility for preventing sexual assault, and

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41 WHEREAS, family physicians are uniquely positioned in caring for college-age students as most  
42 require a physician's visit and immunization prior to starting college, and

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44 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) position paper on “Violence” and  
45 “Intimate Partner Violence” supports efforts of the “It’s On Us” and “MeToo” campaigns, now,  
46 therefore, be it

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48 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians take action to support current  
49 policy by becoming a medical organization partner of the White House Task Force to Prevent  
50 Sexual Assault “It’s On Us” campaign for college campus sexual assault prevention.



# Resolution No. 3013

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1 Promoting Safe Schools

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3 Submitted by: Kristin Mack, DO, General Registrant

4 Nykki Boersma, MD, Women

5 Bridget Lynch, MD, Women

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7 WHEREAS, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recognizes violence as a public  
8 health concern, and

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10 WHEREAS, school violence has had an escalating impact with 141 individuals killed in a mass  
11 murder or attempted mass murder at a school since 1999, and

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13 WHEREAS, family physicians are in contact with at-risk adolescents not identified within the legal  
14 system since 73% of school shooters have no prior criminal record, not even arrests, and

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16 WHEREAS, a significant number of adolescents aged 15 or younger have committed or attempted  
17 a mass school shooting since 1999, and

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19 WHEREAS, the AAFP recognizes that “violence disproportionately affects vulnerable populations  
20 such as women, children, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and intersex  
21 individuals, and those living in poverty, among others,” and

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23 WHEREAS, a meta-analysis of the limited research suggests that the programs aimed at school  
24 violence prevention are more successful with implementation of cognitive-behavioral strategies,  
25 multi-setting atmosphere, and early prevention, and

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27 WHEREAS, some family physicians act as medical directors of school systems or are community  
28 health representatives on school health councils, now, therefore, be it

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30 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop or collect and disseminate  
31 education on successful community-based approaches to school violence prevention.



# Resolution No. 3014

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1 Recipes For Life

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3 Submitted by: Venis Wilder, MD, Minority  
4 Marie Ramas, MD, FAAFP, Minority  
5 Jennifer Brull, MD, FAAFP, Women  
6 Kandie Tate, MD, FAAFP, Women  
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8 WHEREAS, There are health disparities in the United States that disproportionately affect the  
9 health outcomes of African-Americans and Latinos in the United States, and

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11 WHEREAS, underserved minorities who live in inner city areas often live in food deserts and food  
12 mirages without access to a variety of fruits and vegetables, and

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14 WHEREAS, gentrification in urban centers have attracted bigger chain grocery stores to these  
15 traditionally underserved communities posing new opportunities for partnership, and

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17 WHEREAS, chronic diseases adversely and disproportionately affect people of color and are  
18 largely caused by food access and choices, and

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20 WHEREAS, there is an existing program in Harlem (Recipes for Life with The City Doc and  
21 HarlemDocs) that has successfully partnered with the local Whole Foods to provide monthly  
22 workshops to community members, including topics on nutrition and chronic disease education,  
23 and

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25 WHEREAS, the existing program structure of Recipes for Life includes a family physician  
26 champion, a possible specialist collaborating partner from the community, a caterer who also  
27 provides nutrition education, and a disc jockey for entertainment, and

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29 WHEREAS, other family physicians are interested in reproducing this model including a possible  
30 expansion in Seattle, Washington in the near future, and

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32 WHEREAS, an opportune time to impact patient's individual behavior about food selection is in the  
33 actual place they are selecting food – the grocery store in the community, and

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35 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians has recently dedicated resources to the  
36 new Center for Health Equity in order to address social determinants of health which food access  
37 is one of these, now, therefore, be it

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39 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians financially support a pilot program  
40 to replicate the “Recipes for Life Program” to be implemented in multiple urban centers across the  
41 United States, and be it further  
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43 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians collaborate with large-chain  
44 grocery stores across the nation to develop creative ways to impact health outcomes in  
45 communities of color.



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1 Sexual Consent

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13 WHEREAS, One in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives in the  
14 United States (U.S.), and

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16 WHEREAS, annually, rape costs the U.S. more than any other crime (\$127 billion), followed by  
17 assault (\$93 billion), murder (\$71 billion), and drunk driving, including fatalities (\$61 billion), and

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19 WHEREAS, 20% - 25% of college women and 15% of college men are victims of forced sex during  
20 their time in college, and

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22 WHEREAS, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) policy on Violence includes  
23 within the physician's role, a response to include "Provide primary prevention through patient  
24 education about healthy relationships," and

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26 WHEREAS, the AAFP policy on "Adolescent Healthcare, Sexuality and Contraception" indicates  
27 that the AAFP recommends that "Family physicians should discuss with and educate their  
28 adolescent patients on the concept of consent to sexual activity and what to do if sexual contact  
29 takes place against one's consent" but does not have a policy which expands this recommendation  
30 to the population in general, now, therefore, be it

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32 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) create a policy on sexual  
33 health to include a statement acknowledging that consent in sexual encounters is a public health  
34 issue, and be it further

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36 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians include in a new policy on sexual  
37 health, a recommendation that family physicians should discuss with and educate all patients on  
38 the concept of consent to sexual activity and what to do if sexual contact takes place against one's  
39 consent, and be it further

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41 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create a Consent Toolkit to include  
42 assistance in educating patients on sexual consent, bodily autonomy, and other age appropriate  
43 resources.