



Resolutions from the 2016 National Congress of Medical Students

July 28-30, 2016 National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students, Kansas City, MO

RESOLUTIONS Note: Resolutions adopted by the National Congress of Medical Students are not AAFP policy. Based on recommendations from the AAFP Commission on Education, NCMS resolutions are referred by the AAFP Board Chair to the appropriate Academy entity. This group then reviews the resolution and determines if further action is appropriate and if policy should be developed relating to the topic of the resolution. **same or similar resolution adopted by the resident congress*

<i>Res. No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Resolved</i>	<i>Action of Student Congress</i>	<i>Status</i>
S1-101*	Eliminating the Gender Salary Wage Gap	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians revise the third strategy of strategic objective 1 (Advocacy) which states "improve payment equity for family physicians by reducing the income gap between family physicians and subspecialties" to include improved payment equity within the specialty of family medicine, including gender.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S1-102	Increasing AAFP Promotion of Osteopath Student Membership and Involvement	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) encourage chapters to recruit osteopathic medical students to become members of the AAFP.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S1-103	Support of Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Queer/Questioning Protection Laws (LGBTQ)	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support and promote current and potential laws that defend equal housing, employment, and hospital rights to all patients.	Reaffirmation Calendar	
S1-104	Promoting Inclusive Gender, Sex, and Sexual Orientation Options on Medical Documents	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support the inclusion of a patient's biological sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, preferred gender pronoun(s), and (if applicable) surrogate identifications in medical documentation and related forms in a culturally sensitive manner, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate for collection of patient data that is inclusive of sexual orientation/gender identity for the purposes of research into patient health.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S1-105	The Urgency of Minority Medical Student Support	RESOLVED That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate how more comprehensive support of minorities enrolled in medical education programs affects the educational outcomes, mental wellness, and burnout of medical students.	Adopted	Waiting for referral

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S1-106 *	Reduce Food Waste at the American Academy of Family Physician Conference Events	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate ways to collaborate with vendors to adopt less wasteful practices, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage vendors to donate all donatable food products that would otherwise be discarded in accordance with local regulations, and be it further RESOLVED, That the planning committee for the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students include environmentally friendly efforts into its planning decisions, including repurposing food waste.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S1-106	Reduce Food Waste at the American Academy of Family Physician Conference Events	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physician (AAFP) will investigate how much food is discarded at AAFP conferences, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physician collaborate with and encourage vendors and caterers to adopt less wasteful practices, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physician encourage vendors to donate all donatable food products that would otherwise be discarded in accordance with local regulations.	Not Adopted	
S1-107 *	Discontinuation of Discriminating Native American Imagery	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support discontinuation of disparaging Native American imagery in the form of "native" names and mascots of sport teams, schools, and athletic programs.	Not Adopted	
S1-108 *	Improving Patient Education of Limited English Proficiency Patients	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore providing more continuing medical education at such events as the Family Medicine Experience and National Conference of Family Residents and Medical Students that educate physicians on providing culturally competent care, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians familydoctor.org website provide more patient information in more languages for physician and patient use.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S1-109 *	Involving the Center for Global Health Initiatives in the Coordination and Planning of the National Conference	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians consider involving the Center for Global Health Initiatives in the planning and coordination of global health related programming at the National Conference of Family Medicine of Residents and Medical Students, and be further RESOLVED, That the National Conference of Family Medicine of Residents and Medical Students consider increasing the number of global health related speakers and skills based workshops.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S1-110 *	Increasing the Visibility of Global Health on the American Academy of Family Physicians Website	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work with the Center for Global Health Initiatives to streamline aafp.org to highlight and improve access to existing global health resources.	Adopted	Waiting for referral

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S1-111 *	Feasibility of Virtual Resolution Meetings	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate the use of virtual meetings (via video chat, social media, discussion forums, etc.) to provide a means for dialogue with residents and students in order to result in improved resolution development prior to the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S1-112 *	Support for Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression Nondiscrimination	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians write a letter to the United States Congress advocating for the passage of the currently proposed Equality Act in both the Senate and House of Representatives.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S1-113	Establishing a Relationship Between the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Psychiatric Association	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) investigate initiatives, discussions and projects by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) that can be referenced to establish a relationship with the APA to help support family physicians who work with patients with mental illness in their communities, strengthen the collaboration between health professionals in the medical home, and improve mental health care in the community.	Not Adopted	
S1-114	Advocacy for a Federal Ban on Reparative Therapy	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians actively encourage the United States Congress to place a federal ban on “reparative therapy” practiced by licensed professionals on minors and recognize this practice as harmful under federal law.	Not Adopted	
S1-115	Repurposing Food Waste	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work towards having a zero food waste initiative at its conferences by 2020 or sooner, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians particularly focus this zero food waste initiative according to the Environmental Protection Agency’s Food Recovery Hierarchy focusing first on source reduction, feeding hungry people and feeding animals, and be it further RESOLVED, That the planning committee for the American Academy of Family Physicians National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students include environmentally friendly efforts into its planning decisions, including repurposing food waste.	Not Adopted	
S1-116 *	Public Facility Use and Transphobia	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians endorse laws protecting people from discrimination based on gender expression and identity and oppose laws that compromise the safety and health of transgender people.	Adopted	Waiting for referral

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S1-117	Asking Gender Identity and the Clinic Experience of Transgender Patients	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) collaborate with partner organizations to develop best practices with regard to making clinics a safe place for transgender and gender non-binary patients and publish them on the AAFP's website (aafp.org), and be it further RESOLVED, That these best practices include asking the gender identity of all patients as a distinct entity from their sex assigned at birth in accordance with the most recent Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) policy, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) approach electronic health record vendors about including a designated space in their demographic sections to specifically ask patients' gender identity as distinct from their sex assigned at birth in the medical record.	Not Adopted	
S2-201	Incorporating Health Policy Education Into Medical Schools and Residency Programs	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) explore a model two-to-four week or longitudinal health policy curriculum that can be modified by chapters based on local policies, and that medical schools and residency training programs can use to teach students and residents, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) ask the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) and American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) to consider using the AAFP's model curriculum as part of their accreditation guidelines for medical schools, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) ask the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to consider using the AAFP's model curriculum as part of their accreditation guidelines for family medicine residency programs.	Not Adopted	
S2-202 *	Policy Recommendations on Men Who Have Had Sex With Men (MSM) Blood Donation	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate, including providing timely comments prior to November 25, 2016, for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to adopt blood-donation policies that protect the safety of blood donation while avoiding discrimination towards presumed risk groups such as men who have had sex with men.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S2-203	Importance of Oral Health in Medical Practice	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians recognize the importance of managing oral health as part of overall patient care, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians support efforts to educate physicians on oral condition screening and management, as well as the consequences of poor oral hygiene on overall health, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage closer collaboration of physicians with dental providers to provide comprehensive medical care.	Adopted	Waiting for referral

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S2-204	Investigating Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Block Grants	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) research the effects of block grants for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs on patient health.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S2-205	Increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Funding	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) lobby to maintain current Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) lobby to increase future Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funding.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S2-206 *	Climate Change Policy Adjustments	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) update their climate change and air pollution policy to specifically include language about "greenhouse emissions from human activities," i.e. "In recognition of the numerous and serious health consequences resulting from pollution, greenhouse emissions from human activities, climate change, and ozone layer depletion, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recommends strong action on all public and private levels to limit and correct the pollution of our land, atmosphere and water."	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S2-207 *	Physician Suicide Prevention	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) provide evidence-based resources for medical students, residents, and practicing physicians for suicide prevention.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S2-208 *	A Shot in the Dark: The Lack of Gun Violence Research is a Public Health Issue	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) continue to partner with other health organizations and the Fam Med PAC to actively lobby for the removal of restrictions on gun violence research.	Reaffirmation Calendar	
S2-209	Supporting Common Sense Gun Legislation	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support gun laws that demonstrably decrease morbidity and mortality associated with gun violence in any of its forms, including but not limited to a receipt of a gun-waiting period and allowance for removal of guns from houses during domestic violence complaints.	Not Adopted	
S2-210 *	Improving Mental Health Care in the Primary Care Setting	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) explore opportunities for collaboration and education regarding mental health care, possibly including additional mental health programming at the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students.	Adopted	Waiting for referral

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S2-211 *	No Child Lead Behind – Improving Awareness, Detection and Prevention of Lead Contamination	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) develop a position paper as a tool for advocacy and action on the topic of lead poisoning awareness, detection and prevention of lead contamination.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S2-212 *	Climate Change Advocacy	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) endorse U.S. efforts to develop and implement national policies that facilitate U.S. compliance with the 2015 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change international agreement reached by over 190 countries in Paris, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recommend to medical schools, National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), and the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) that medical education curricula, core competencies and/or milestones should include the effects of climate change on human health, including on the social determinants of health, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) support local and national climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies which seek to realize the United States' Nationally Determined Contribution by (1) endorsing state and federal legislation and regulations to curb greenhouse gas emissions and (2) collaborating with other health professional and environmental organizations to promote ambitious national and international action on climate change, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) provide education to its members on methods for achieving environmental sustainability of medical workplaces (e.g. reducing energy use, increasing energy efficiency, etc.), and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) express to appropriate entities in writing its support for the prioritization of epidemiological, translational, clinical and basic science research necessary for evidence-based global climate change policy decisions related to health care and treatment.	Adopted	Waiting for referral

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S2-213	Addressing Misinformation and Access to Health Services for Pregnant Women	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians oppose funding of “crisis pregnancy centers” at the national level and other organizations that mislead patients to further a political or religious agenda, or to delay them from getting adequate reproductive care, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians oppose legislation that requires women to attend crisis pregnancy centers prior to obtaining an abortion or requires physicians to provide information about crisis pregnancy centers, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage all healthcare providers and crisis pregnancy centers to provide evidence-based accurate information to patients regarding reproductive care.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S2-214 *	Ending Direct Consumer Advertising	RESOLVED, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) change its policy to support a ban on and/or limitations on direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs and medical devices, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) reach out to the American Medical Association (AMA) to coordinate on efforts to advocate in support of a ban on and/or limitation on direct-to-consumer advertising.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S2-215 *	Improving Medical Care in Immigrant Detention	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate through appropriate channels for detained immigrants to receive healthcare to meet or exceed National Commission on Correctional Health Care standards for prison and jail healthcare, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate through appropriate channels to reduce immigrant detention by releasing people with serious medical and mental health needs, particularly when individuals require higher-level care, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate channels to shift current funding for detention to community based alternatives which will allow people to seek medical attention and receive support from family, legal counsel and community, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate to remove supervision of medical care in immigrant detention centers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement to maintain clinical independence, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) advocate to ensure that inspections of medical care at immigrant detention centers provide meaningful oversight.	Adopted	Waiting for referral

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S2-216 *	Improving Anal Cancer Care	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) educate its members about anal cancer and the risks and benefits of screening, diagnosis, and treatment, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) develop clinical practice guidelines for family physicians in the screening, diagnosis, and treatment of anal cancer.	Reaffirmation Calendar	
S2-217	Revisiting the Creation of an Electronic Health Record by the American Academy of Family Physicians	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) create their own electronic health record system, particularly developed for family physicians, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) develop and publish person-centric guidelines of what should be included in an electronic health record.	Not Adopted	
S3-301	Support a Study on Minimum Competencies and Scope of Medical Scribe Utilizations	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians partner with The Joint Commission and other stakeholders to study the minimum skills and competencies required of a medical scribe regarding documentation performance and clinical boundaries of medical scribes utilization.	Not Adopted	
S3-302	Support of the Research of the Efficacy of Situational Judgment Testing (SJT)/Computer-Based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics (CASPer) in the Evaluation of Medical School Applicants	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage partner organizations, such as the Association of American Medical Colleges, to research the efficacy of Situational Judgment Testing/Computer-Based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics with regards to medical school admissions.	Not Adopted	
S3-303	Evaluation of The Healer's Art Course in Building Compassion in Medical Students	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) evaluate The Healer's Art course as a valid opportunity for students to build compassion and self-care in medical education.	Not Adopted	
S3-304	Transparency of Procedural Expectations and Conscience Policies in the Residency Application Process	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians endorse a policy of transparency in the residency application process by writing a letter to the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors encouraging residency programs to a) list the procedural expectations of the residency program and b) list the conscience policies of the residency program in a way that is easily accessible to residency applicants.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S3-305 *	A Virtual Platform for Wellness and Burnout Prevention	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians explore online platforms for discussion and dissemination of resources to combat medical student and resident burnout.	Adopted	Waiting for referral

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S3-306 *	Enhanced Understanding of MACRA, Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015, for Resident and Student AAFP Members	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) create an online module, handout, or webinar addressing Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) and its quality payment programs (QPP), merit-based payment system (MIPS) and alternative payment programs (APMs), at the appropriate level and context for family medicine residents and medical students on the AAFP website as well as on the Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) Network, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians consider Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA)-based programming at the AAFP National Conference on Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S3-307 *	Talking Explicitly About Impact Bias	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians develop a policy statement reflecting the role implicit bias has on health outcomes, and the importance of family physicians being aware of their own implicit bias and taking steps to reduce its impact in patient care.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S3-308 *	Lobby to End Step 2 CS and Level PE	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians lobby the Federation of State Medical Boards and their member licensing boards to advocate for elimination of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 2 CS and the COMLEX Level 2 PE as a requirement for Liaison Committee on Medical Education accredited and Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation accredited medical school graduates who have passed a school-administered clinical skills examination.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S3-309 *	Partnerships in Developing a Rural Training Database	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians collaborate with the Rural Training Track Collaborative and National Rural Health Association to explore the development of a resource such as a database of rural training opportunities for family physicians, residents, and medical students.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S3-310	Recycling at National Conference	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work to implement a recycling program at National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students, and be it further RESOLVED, That the goal of the recycling program be to produce a recycling rate of greater than 40% during the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students, and be it further RESOLVED, That a recycling program at the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students be in place and achieve its goal by 2020.	Not Adopted	
S3-311 *	The American Academy of Family Physicians to Support Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Accredited Residencies in Obtaining Osteopathic Recognition	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physician (AAFP) create a statement of support regarding residency programs seeking to obtain osteopathic recognition, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians encourage the ACGME, by form of a letter, to create and make available a "How to Guide" on how to achieve osteopathic recognition for residency programs.	Adopted	Waiting for referral

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S3-312 *	Student Debt Reform	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians use its legislative advocacy to influence the U.S. Congress to enact policies that would curb the growth of tuition.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S3-313 *	Offering Guidance to the ABFM Regarding the Maintenance of Certification Family Practice (MC-FP)	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians recommend the American Board of Family Medicine reevaluate Maintenance of Certification requirements to be more succinct while utilizing current evidence on adult learning modalities and catering to multiple learning preferences, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians recommend that the American Board of Family Medicine allow the AAFP credit system to certify continuing medical education (CME) events as meeting Maintenance of Certification requirements provided they meet mutually agreed upon standards.	Reaffirmation Calendar	
S3-314	Supporting Medicare Drug Negotiating Powers	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create policy in support of allowing Medicare Part D to negotiate for drug prices, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians write a letter to the appropriate senators, and representatives, encouraging them to support legislation that would allow Medicare Part D to negotiate for drug prices.	Not Adopted	
S3-315 *	Protecting Rural Family Medicine Training Programs During the AOA/ACGME Merger	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) collaborate with organizations such as the Rural Training Track Collaborative and National Rural Health Association (NRHA) to facilitate interested rural osteopathic family medicine programs in adapting to become rural training tracts of existing larger urban programs.	Adopted	Waiting for referral
S3-316	Promoting the Resident and Student Discussion Forum	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians work with chapters, residency programs and medical schools to increase awareness and promote the American Academy of Family Physicians resident and student discussion group to exchange ideas and information.	Not Adopted	
S3-317 *	Promoting Cross-Cultural and Linguistic Education for Residents and Medical Students About Hispanic and Latino Populations to Improve Health Care Communications	RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) consider programming at the AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students to improve communication between physicians and the Spanish-speaking population with limited English proficiency, and be it further RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians disseminate cross-cultural and linguistic education resources to Family Medicine Interest Groups across the country to improve communication between physicians and the Spanish-speaking population with limited English proficiency.	Adopted	Waiting for referral