



# Resident 1 Consent Calendar

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National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students  
August 2-4, 2018 – Kansas City, MO

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- 1 **RECOMMENDATION: The Resident 1 Reference Committee recommends the following**  
2 **consent calendar for adoption:**  
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4 **Item 1:** Adopt Substitute Resolution No. R1-401 “Removing REMS Categorization on  
5 Mifepristone” in lieu of Resolution No. R1-401  
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7 **Item 2:** Adopt Substitute Resolution No. R1-402 “Building the Family Medicine Research  
8 Workforce” in lieu of Resolution No. R1-402  
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10 **Item 3:** Adopt Substitute Resolution No. R1-403 “Bolstering the AAFP Research Network  
11 (NRN)” in lieu of Resolution No. R1-403  
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13 **Item 4:** Reaffirm Resolution No. R1-404 “Restore Funding for AHRQ’s National Guidelines  
14 Clearinghouse”  
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16 **Item 5:** Adopt Substitute Resolution No. R1-405 “Increasing Percentage of Women’s  
17 Reproductive Health Topics at American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) National  
18 Conference and the Family Medicine Experience (FMX)” in lieu of Resolution No. R1-405  
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20 **Item 6:** Adopt Substitute Resolution No. R1-406 “Reducing Barriers to Hospital Discharge for  
21 Patients with Opioid Use Disorder with Methadone” in lieu of Resolution No. R1-406  
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23 **Item 7:** Adopt Substitute Resolution No. R1-408 “Adopt a Comprehensive Policy on the Health  
24 Impacts of Immigration Policy” in lieu of Resolution No. R1-408



# Resident 1 Reference Committee Report

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1 **The Resident 1 Reference Committee has considered each of the items referred to it and**  
2 **submits the following report. The committee's recommendations will be submitted as a**  
3 **consent calendar and voted on in one vote. Any item or items may be extracted for**  
4 **debate.**

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6 **ITEM NO. 1: RESOLUTION NO. R1-401: REMOVING REMS CATEGORIZATION ON**  
7 **MIFEPRISTONE**

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9 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians join the American Civil  
10 Liberties Union Foundation lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Health and Human  
11 Services and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration seeking to end the Risk Evaluation  
12 Mitigation Strategies (REMS) classification on mifepristone by endorsing the principle  
13 that the REMS classification on mifepristone is not based on scientific evidence and  
14 limits access to abortion care and to the best evidence for medical management of  
15 miscarriage, and be it further

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17 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians engage in advocacy and  
18 lobbying efforts to overturn the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies classification  
19 on mifepristone.

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21 The reference committee heard testimony in favor of the resolution. The authors reiterated there  
22 is no scientific basis for mifepristone to be restricted and that 16 years of data supports the  
23 safety of this drug.

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25 The reference committee agreed with the spirit of the resolution, but does not believe it is  
26 appropriate to request that the AAFP join the American Civil Liberties Union's lawsuit against  
27 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
28 regarding the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS) classification on mifepristone.

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30 The reference committee expressed its opinion that the AAFP can support efforts to overturn  
31 the mifepristone REMS classification in other ways.

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33 **RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Substitute Resolution**  
34 **No. R1-401 be adopted in lieu of Resolution No. R1-401 which reads as follows:**

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36 **RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians publicly endorse**  
37 **the principle that the REMS classification on mifepristone is not based on**

38 **scientific evidence and limits access to abortion care and the best evidence-based**  
39 **medical management of miscarriage, and be it further**

40  
41 **RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians engage in**  
42 **advocacy efforts to overturn the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies**  
43 **classification on mifepristone.**  
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46 **ITEM NO. 2: RESOLUTION NO. R1-402: BUILDING THE FAMILY MEDICINE RESEARCH**  
47 **WORKFORCE**  
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49 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians make producing new  
50 evidence through original research and building the primary care research workforce  
51 core values and key priorities for the organization, and be it further  
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53 RESOLVED, That the the American Academy of Family Physicians create, sponsor, and  
54 dedicate a stable funding line for family medicine research fellowships to train family  
55 physicians in conducting primary care research in settings that may include, but are not  
56 limited to, academic family medicine, practice-based research networks, community  
57 engagement, health policy, or public health, and be it further  
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59 RESOLVED, That the the American Academy of Family Physicians create pilot funding  
60 opportunities to support family medicine researchers in building a research base for  
61 future grants and high impact research, and be it further  
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63 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create and sponsor a  
64 sustainable, inter-organizational family medicine research engagement task force with  
65 the eight other national family medicine organizations (North American Primary Care  
66 Research Group, Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, American Board of Family  
67 Medicine, Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors, Association of  
68 Departments of Family Medicine, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians,  
69 American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, American Board of Family  
70 Medicine Foundation), to identify and disseminate best practices for training new primary  
71 care researchers and accordingly develop new primary care research training  
72 opportunities, which might include, but are not limited to, interorganizational research  
73 opportunities.  
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75 The reference committee heard testimony in favor of the resolution. It was shared that research  
76 from the family medicine perspective is very important and there are limited opportunities to  
77 access research funding.  
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79 The reference committee agreed that primary care research is important and discussed the  
80 challenges residents have in getting funding to do research due to limited funds.  
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82 The reference committee noted their agreement with the author's intentions and support for the  
83 AAFP to further investigate and seek opportunities for Family Medicine research. In addition, the  
84 reference committee agreed with the author in asking the AAFP to look into more stable funding  
85 for family medicine research fellowships.  
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87 The reference committee expressed its understanding for the need for protected research  
88 dollars for family medicine residents and noted its belief that medical students would benefit  
89 from this as well.

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91 The reference committee expressed support for the investigation of a task force; however, they  
92 noted that the AAFP should have the opportunity to determine the best collaborative groups with  
93 whom to work.

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95 **RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Substitute Resolution**  
96 **No. R1-402 be adopted in lieu of Resolution No. R1-402 which reads as follows:**

97  
98 **RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians seek opportunities**  
99 **to contribute to evidence-based medicine through original research and building**  
100 **the primary care research workforce, and be it further**

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102 **RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investigate a stable**  
103 **funding line for family medicine research fellowships to train family physicians in**  
104 **conducting primary care research in settings that may include, but are not limited**  
105 **to, academic family medicine, practice-based research networks, community**  
106 **engagement, health policy, or public health, and be it further**

107  
108 **RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians create pilot funding**  
109 **opportunities to support medical student as well as family medicine resident and**  
110 **fellow researchers in building a research base for future grants and high impact**  
111 **research, and be it further**

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113 **RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians investiate the**  
114 **creation of a sustainable, inter-organizational family medicine research**  
115 **engagement task force in possible collaboration with the eight other national**  
116 **family medicine organizations (North American Primary Care Research Group,**  
117 **Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, American Board of Family Medicine,**  
118 **Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors, Association of Departments**  
119 **of Family Medicine, American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians,**  
120 **American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, American Board of Family**  
121 **Medicine Foundation) to identify and disseminate best practices for training new**  
122 **primary care researchers and accordingly develop new primary care research**  
123 **training opportunities, which might include, but are not limited to,**  
124 **interorganizational research opportunities.**

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127 **ITEM NO. 3: RESOLUTION NO. R1-403: BOLSTERING THE AAFP NATIONAL RESEARCH**  
128 **NETWORK (NRN)**

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130 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians dedicate a stable,  
131 annual funding stream in its budget to support the National Research Network (NRN)  
132 and collaborate with the NRN to determine the appropriate fiscal amount, and be it  
133 further

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135 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) create a liaison  
136 position for the National Research Network representative responsible for  
137 student/resident/fellow engagement on the AAFP Commission on Education or another

138 more appropriate commission to elevate efforts to expand the family medicine research  
139 workforce.  
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141 The reference committee heard testimony in favor of the resolution. Multiple speakers cited the  
142 limited opportunities within the family medicine specialty to do research on topics specific to  
143 family medicine. The reference committee was in agreement that they would like to see stability  
144 of the National Research Network (NRN), but noted that the determination of a fiscal note for  
145 stability purposes is determinate on discussions between the AAFP and NRN.  
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147 The reference committee observed that the spirit of the second resolved clause was addressed  
148 through the current student and resident representative to the AAFP NRN advisory group. The  
149 committee agreed that this would satisfy the intent of the second resolved clause.  
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151 **RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Substitute Resolution**  
152 **No. R1-403 be adopted in lieu of Resolution No. R1-403 which reads as follows:**  
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154 **RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians dedicate a stable,**  
155 **annual funding stream in its budget to support the National Research Network**  
156 **(NRN) and collaborate with the NRN to determine the appropriate fiscal amount.**  
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158 **ITEM NO. 4: RESOLUTION NO. R1-404: RESTORE FUNDING FOR AHRQ'S NATIONAL**  
159 **GUIDELINES CLEARINGHOUSE**  
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161 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate to the  
162 appropriate bodies to restore funding for the Agency for Healthcare Research and  
163 Quality's (AHRQ) National Guidelines Clearinghouse.  
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165 The reference committee heard limited testimony in support of the resolution. Those who  
166 testified discussed the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) National  
167 Guidelines Clearinghouse's (NGC) immense usefulness in practicing evidence-based primary  
168 care. It was mentioned that NGC ceased operations on July 2018 as a result of discontinued  
169 federal funding through AHRQ. The reference committee acknowledged that the AAFP has  
170 openly supported and advocated for funding of the NGC through AHRQ. The AAFP has a  
171 record of longstanding support of the AHRQ, and it continues to advocate for ongoing federal  
172 funding for the agency.  
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174 **RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Resolution No. R1-404**  
175 **be reaffirmed.**  
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177 **ITEM NO. 5: RESOLUTION NO. R1-405: INCREASING PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN'S**  
178 **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH TOPICS AT AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS**  
179 **(AAFP) NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND THE FAMILY MEDICINE EXPERIENCE (FMX)**  
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181 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians direct the Family  
182 Medicine Experience Curriculum Advisory Panel to remove the 4% cap on the weight of  
183 women's reproductive health topics and increase it at future FMX events, and be it  
184 further  
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186 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) direct the Family  
187 Medicine Experience Curriculum Advisory Panel to openly publish the percentage

188 allocations of session topic categories of live and online AAFP continuing medical  
189 education activities, and be it further

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191 **RESOLVED**, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) increase the  
192 representation of women's reproductive health topics at future AAFP continuing medical  
193 education events including National Conference for Family Medicine Residents and  
194 Medical Students.

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196 The reference committee heard testimony in favor of the resolution. A majority of speakers  
197 specified the need of reproductive health education for their practice, as it comprises a  
198 significant part of their practice. In discussion with staff, the reference committee acknowledged  
199 the role of the Curriculum Advisory Panel and AAFP CME. It was noted that the four percent  
200 cited in the first resolved clause was actually increased to six percent, and that it is not a cap of  
201 the education but the minimum percent of education on the topic for all of AAFP CME.  
202 Therefore, the percentage had already been increased and the reference committee determined  
203 that there was not a cap on the percentage.

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205 The reference committee agreed that they would like to see the percentages from the  
206 Curriculum Advisory Panel on the allocations of topic categories for continuing medical  
207 education for transparency. They were also in agreement with regard to having more education  
208 for the residents and students on the topic of women's reproductive health education at National  
209 Conference. The reference committee was in agreement that continuing medical education is  
210 not relevant for residents and students at National Conference.

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212 **RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Substitute Resolution**  
213 **No. R1-405 be adopted in lieu of Resolution No. R1-405 which reads as follows:**

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215 **RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) direct the**  
216 **Family Medicine Experience Curriculum Advisory Panel to openly publish the**  
217 **percentage allocations of session topic categories of live and online AAFP**  
218 **continuing medical education activities, and be it further**

219  
220 **RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) increase**  
221 **the representation of women's reproductive health topics at future AAFP events**  
222 **including the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical**  
223 **Students.**

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225 **ITEM NO. 6: RESOLUTION NO. R1-406: REDUCING BARRIERS TO HOSPITAL**  
226 **DISCHARGE FOR PATIENTS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDER WITH METHADONE**

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228 **RESOLVED**, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for policies  
229 that prohibit discrimination based on whether a patient is on methadone maintenance  
230 therapy, and be it further

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232 **RESOLVED**, That the American Academy of Family Physicias advocate for and work  
233 with stakeholders to design systems that allow for methadone maintenance treatment to  
234 be initiated in the hospital and continued on discharge to skilled nursing facilities.

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236 The reference committee heard testimony in favor of the resolution. Testimony specified that  
237 the issues and barriers related to the patients who are on methadone maintenance therapy to  
238 go to other facilities upon discharge from the hospital. The reference committee agreed with the

239 spirit of the resolution with regard to advocating for patient care for those receiving treatment  
240 and the issues with patients' post-hospital care. The reference committee stated its belief that  
241 the AAFP has an established policy and engages in advocacy for prohibiting discrimination in  
242 health care.

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244 **RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Substitute Resolution**  
245 **No. R1-406 be adopted in lieu of Resolution No. R1-406 which reads as follows:**

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247 **RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate for and**  
248 **work with stakeholders to design systems that allow for methadone maintenance**  
249 **treatment to be initiated in the hospital and continued on discharge to skilled**  
250 **nursing facilities.**

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253 **ITEM NO. 7: RESOLUTION NO. R1-408: ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON THE**  
254 **HEALTH IMPACTS OF IMMIGRATION POLICY**

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256 RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians author a policy  
257 statement regarding the importance of mitigating negative health impacts of United  
258 States' immigration practices which would include:

- 259 • meeting standards of care without compromising immigrant persons' rights
- 260 • timely access to healthcare for immigrant persons in detention facilities
- 261 • measures to reduce toxic stress associated with threat of detention and deportation,
- 262 • privacy protections for medical records of all immigrant persons whether documented
- 263 or undocumented equal to those afforded to U.S. citizens
- 264 • appropriate payment of physicians for care delivered to immigrant persons and their
- 265 families

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267 The reference committee heard testimony in favor of the resolution. The reference committee  
268 acknowledged the work that the AAFP has done as it relates to immigration. However, they  
269 agreed that in light of recent immigration issues, the AAFP should take a more affirmative stand  
270 in regard to current United States immigration practices and the effect on the immigrant  
271 themselves. The reference committee believed that this would be better utilized through a AAFP  
272 position paper versus a policy statement.

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274 **RECOMMENDATION: The reference committee recommends that Substitute Resolution**  
275 **No. R1-408 be adopted in lieu of Resolution No. R1-408 which reads as follows:**

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277 **RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians author a position**  
278 **paper regarding the importance of mitigating negative health impacts of United**  
279 **States' immigration practices which would include:**

- 280 • **meeting standards of care without compromising immigrant persons' rights**
- 281 • **timely access to healthcare for immigrant persons in detention facilities**
- 282 • **measures to reduce toxic stress associated with threat of detention and**
- 283 **deportation**
- 284 • **privacy protections for medical records of all immigrant persons whether**
- 285 **documented or undocumented equal to those afforded to U.S. citizens**
- 286 • **appropriate payment of physicians for care delivered to immigrant persons**
- 287 **and their families**

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290 **I wish to thank those who appeared before the reference committee to give testimony**  
291 **and the reference committee members for their invaluable assistance. I also wish to**  
292 **commend the AAFP staff for their help in the preparation of this report.**

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294 Respectfully submitted,

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