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CSAPH Report 2: Male Breast Cancer	<p>The Council on Science and Public Health recommends that the following statements be adopted in lieu of Resolution 105 (A-08) and that the remainder of this report be filed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That our American Medical Association (AMA) recognize that breast cancer is a condition that affects males as well as females. (New HOD Policy)</li> <li>2. That our AMA recognize that men who carry a known BRCA mutation, have a strong family history of cancer (especially male breast cancer), have a personal history of breast cancer, or have an altered estrogen-testosterone ratio are at increased risk of developing male breast cancer. (New HOD Policy)</li> <li>3. That our AMA support the utilization of heightened surveillance methods when indicated, and consideration of genetic testing when appropriate, in men who are at increased risk of developing breast cancer. (New HOD Policy)</li> <li>4. That our AMA support physician and patient education about the risks, signs, and symptoms of male breast cancer, and genetic consultation for males at increased risk and for their family members. (New HOD Policy)</li> <li>5. That our AMA support Medicare and insurance coverage for male breast cancer surveillance and diagnostic methods, including clinical breast examination, mammography, genetic consultation, and genetic testing, when indicated. (New HOD Policy)</li> </ol> <p>Fiscal Note: Less than \$500 to update policy.</p>	Support	Adopted
CSAPH Report 3: Disparities in Maternal Mortality	<p>The Council on Science and Public Health recommends that the following be adopted, and the remainder of this report be filed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That our American Medical Association ask the Commission to End Health Care Disparities to evaluate the issue of health disparities in maternal mortality and offer recommendations to address existing disparities in the rates of maternal mortality in the United States. (Directive to Take Action)</li> <li>2. That our AMA rescind D-420.994 (Directive to Take Action)</li> </ol> <p>Fiscal Note: Less than \$500.</p>	Support	Adopted
CSAPH Report 5: The Use of Hormones for “Antiaging”: A Review of Efficacy and Safety	<p>The Council on Science and Public Health recommends that the following recommendations be adopted and that the remainder of this report be filed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That our American Medical Association widely disseminate this report to inform physicians, policy makers, and the public of the current scientific evidence on the use of hormones as antiaging agents. (Directive to Take Action)</li> <li>2. That our AMA take the position that proponents of any hormone or other substance as an antiaging agent have the responsibility to prove that any claims of positive benefit/risk be supported by well-designed, randomized, placebo-controlled clinical trials. (New HOD Policy)</li> <li>3. That Directive D-100.979 be rescinded because it has been effected.</li> </ol> <p>Fiscal Note: \$1,000</p>	Support	Adopted

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Resolution 501: Vaccines and Autism (AACAP, APA, AAPL)	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association reaffirm its support for universal vaccination (Reaffirm HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA ask the Council on Science and Public Health to review the most recent research on vaccines and autism (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA continue to support ongoing research into the etiology and treatment of autism. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Implement accordingly at estimated staff cost of \$10,692.</p>	Support	Adopted as amended with change in title; see <a href="http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/475/a-09-ref-comm-e-annotated.pdf">http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/475/a-09-ref-comm-e-annotated.pdf</a> for exact language
Resolution 502: Newborn Screening (AACAP, APA, AAPL)	<p>RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate for mandatory, comprehensive and uniform screening of newborns for major hereditary disorders (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA advocate for adequate and appropriate funding to support such screening programs (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA work with all appropriate state and specialty societies to enhance public awareness of hereditary disorders and the availability of comprehensive screening procedures. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Implement accordingly at estimated staff cost of \$4,256.</p>	Support	Reaffirmed
Resolution 503: Ultrasound Contrast Agents (AIUM, AACE)	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association recognize the utility and safety of ultrasound contrast agents for diagnosis and management of a variety of medical conditions (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA encourage the US Food and Drug Administration to place the review process for approval of ultrasound contrast agents on their high priority agenda. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Staff cost estimated at less than \$500 to implement.</p>	Monitor/Support	Substitute resolution 503 adopted; see <a href="http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/475/a-09-ref-comm-e-annotated.pdf">http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/475/a-09-ref-comm-e-annotated.pdf</a> for exact language
Resolution 504: Highly Enriched Uranium in Radiopharmaceuticals Production (CA)	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association call on radiopharmaceutical suppliers to expedite universal conversion of isotope production targets and reactor fuel from highly-enriched uranium (HEU) to low-enriched uranium (LEU) as soon as possible, and to refrain from developing new isotope production facilities that use HEU (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA call on radiopharmaceutical distributors and nuclear medicine departments to procure isotopes produced without HEU wherever possible, and to encourage their suppliers to convert to LEU-sourcing. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Staff cost estimated at less than \$500 to implement.</p>	Monitor	Not adopted

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Resolution 505: Influenza Vaccine Distribution (CA)	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association encourage the timely redistribution of state and federally funded influenza vaccines to any regional facility or group willing to appropriately manage and distribute the vaccine to indigent or underserved populations (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA encourage that redistributed state and federally funded influenza vaccine be provided free to patients and physicians (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA work with other public health organizations to address issues of vaccine distribution (Directive to Take Action).</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Staff cost estimated at less than \$500 to implement.</p>	Support	Referred
Resolution 506: Lynch Syndrome (HNPCC) Database Registry (CA)	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support the use of cancer registry databases to identify patients at high risk for Lynch Syndrome and other genetic diseases (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA urge cancer registries to inform patients, in accordance with HIPAA regulations, that they may be at risk for Lynch Syndrome and other genetic diseases so that patients may notify their physician and pursue appropriate testing, intervention or consultation. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Staff cost estimated at less than \$500 to implement.</p>	Monitor	Referred
Resolution 507: Marine Port Pollution Reduction (CA)	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support efforts to reduce particulate air pollution by reducing the amount of sulfur content in the fuel of ocean going vessels and by reducing particulate matter (2.5 microns or less) in the exhaust of these vessels within 200 miles of coastal ports due to their contribution to particulate air pollution (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA support efforts to significantly reduce particulate air pollution by reducing the amount of particulate matter (2.5 microns or less) from diesel sources (including freight trains, long haul trucks, and loading and unloading equipment) within 200 miles of coastal ports due to their contribution to particulate air pollution. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Implement accordingly at estimated staff cost of \$4,505 to research and draft letters to US EPA and state environmental/transportation agencies relevant to coastal ports.</p>	Monitor/Support	Reaffirmed
Resolution 508: State Vaccine Registry Interfaces (CA)	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association encourage collaboration between national, state and local governments and electronic health record vendors to develop standard contract language, including a hold harmless clause, for vaccine registries that assure interoperability (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p>	Support  RECOMMENDED	Reaffirmed

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	<p>RESOLVED, That our AMA encourage all states to build the electronic link which will connect all regional vaccine registries as originally planned when the regional vaccine registries were established. (Directive to Take Action) Fiscal Note: Staff cost estimated at less than \$500 to implement.</p>	FOR REAFFIRMATION CONSENT CALENDAR	
<p>Resolution 509: Clean Air (Int'l College of Surgeons – US)</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association oppose any program which permits the transfer of allowances from a high polluter to a low polluter in order to meet maximum requirements (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA endorse a clean air program that supports these principles (New HOD Policy); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA recommend that any new facilities that are being developed that can create pollution, should not have the capability to produce excess pollution through the purchase of low pollution allowances of other facilities. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Staff cost estimated at less than \$500 to implement.</p>	Monitor/	Reaffirmed
<p>Resolution 510: Methadone Reporting (IN)</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our AMA seek changes to allow states the flexibility to require methadone clinics to report to prescription monitoring programs like the Indiana Scheduled Prescription Electronic Collection and Tracking program (INSPECT). (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Staff cost estimated at less than \$500 to implement.</p>	Monitor/Support	Referred
<p>Resolution 511: Reducing Medication Waste from Extended Care Facilities (MI)</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association work with appropriate agencies and professional associations to develop plans to recover safe, unused, unopened, and unexpired medications. (Directive to Take Action)</p> <p>Fiscal Note: Implement accordingly at estimated staff cost of \$3,633.</p>	<p>Monitor/Support</p> <p>RECOMMENDED FOR REAFFIRMATION CONSENT CALENDAR</p>	Referred
<p>Resolution 512: Expanding Access to Essential Medicines in Low and Middle-Income Countries via Equitable Access Licensing Provisions by Universities (MI)</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association strongly encourage the Association of American Medical Colleges to encourage its medical schools to adopt policies of licensing that guarantee third party manufacturers the ability to provide essential medicines at locally affordable prices in low- and middle-income overseas markets (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p> <p>RESOLVED, That our AMA strongly encourage universities to adopt policies of licensing that guarantee third party manufacturers the ability to provide essential medicines at locally affordable prices in low- and middle-income overseas markets (Directive to Take Action); and be it further</p>	Monitor	Reaffirmed

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	RESOLVED, That our AMA strongly encourage pharmaceutical companies to adopt policies of licensing that guarantee third party manufacturers the ability to provide essential medicines at locally affordable prices in low- and middle-income overseas markets. (Directive to Take Action) Fiscal Note: Implement accordingly at estimated staff cost of \$944.		
Resolution 513: Novel Antibiotics and Antimicrobial Resistance (MSS)	RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association continue to monitor the spread of antibiotic resistance and, if deemed necessary, support mechanisms that would result in the timely development of novel antibiotics. Mechanisms should include a combination of push and pull incentives with legislation modeled after the Orphan Drug Act in conjunction with intensive educational efforts targeting physicians and patients. (Directive to Take Action) Fiscal note: Implement accordingly at estimated staff cost of \$3,042.	Monitor/Support  RECOMMENDED FOR REAFFIRMATION CONSENT CALENDAR	Reaffirmed
Resolution 514: Recognizing the Importance of the Theory of Evolution in Science Education (MSS)	RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association endorse the teaching of the theory of evolution as an integral part of science education. (New HOD Policy)  Fiscal note: Staff cost estimated at less than \$500 to implement.	Oppose	Reaffirmed
Resolution 515: Study the Necessity of the Inclusion of Corn on Allergen Warning Labels (MSS)	RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association examine the prevalence and significance of corn allergy in the US population and determine if the addition of allergen warning labels to corn-containing and corn-derived products is justified. (Directive to Take Action)  Fiscal Note: Implement accordingly at estimated staff cost of \$968.	Monitor/Support	Not adopted
Resolution 516: Advocating and Support for Light Pollution Control Efforts and Glare Reduction for Both Public Safety and Energy Savings (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)	RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association advocate that all future outdoor lighting be of energy efficient designs to reduce waste of energy and production of greenhouse gasses that result from this wasted energy use (New HOD Policy); and be it further RESOLVED, That our AMA support light pollution reduction efforts and glare reduction efforts at both the national and state levels (New HOD Policy); and be it further RESOLVED, That our AMA support efforts to ensure all future streetlights be of a fully shielded design or similar non-glare design to improve the safety of our roadways for all, but especially vision impaired and older drivers. (New HOD Policy)  Fiscal Note: Staff cost estimated at less than \$500 to implement.	Monitor/Support	Adopted
Resolution 517: Mandatory HIV Testing During Labor (NC)	RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association adopt policy supporting states that have deemed it advisable to protect the public health and, specifically, newborn babies at risk by mandating testing for HIV of all pregnant women in labor with no record of an HIV test during the current pregnancy (New HOD Policy); and be it further	Monitor	Referred

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	RESOLVED, That the AMA urge its component societies to advocate for the serious consideration within their respective states for adoption of laws, rules or regulations, as appropriate, to require an HIV test under these conditions. (Directive to Take Action) Fiscal Note: Staff cost estimated at less than \$500 to implement.		
Resolution 518: Generic Drugs From Foreign Manufacturers Sold in the US (PA)	RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association investigate the substitution of foreign-made generic medications by US pharmacies, take our concerns about possible risks to our patients from foreign-made generic medications to the US Food and Drug Administration, and educate physicians about the prevalence and legality of generic drug substitution by US pharmacies so that we may appropriately counsel our patients. (Directive to Take Action) Fiscal Note: Implement accordingly at estimated staff cost of \$3,406.	Monitor/Support  RECOMMENDED FOR REAFFIRMATION CONSENT CALENDAR	Reaffirmed
Resolution 519: Interoperability of Medical Devices (RFS, ASA, MO)	RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association adopt the following statement on the Interoperability of Medical Devices: "The AMA believes that intercommunication and interoperability of electronic medical devices could lead to important advances in patient safety and patient care, and that the standards and protocols to allow such seamless intercommunication should be developed fully with these advances in mind. The AMA also recognizes that, as in all technological advances, interoperability poses safety and medico-legal challenges as well. The development of standards and production of interoperable equipment protocols should strike the proper balance to achieve maximum patient safety, efficiency, and outcome benefit." (New HOD Policy)	Support	Adopted as amended; see <a href="http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/475/a-09-ref-comm-e-annotated.pdf">http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/475/a-09-ref-comm-e-annotated.pdf</a> for exact language
Resolution 520: Disease Transmission Via Foods: Public Health Disaster in Waiting (AmAssocPublHealthP hys)	RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association publicly call for and closely monitor Congressional review and enhancement of the protocols, authority, oversight, funding and public health leadership at the FDA, the USDA and other federal agencies charged with regulation of the food industry and maintenance of a safer food supply (Directive to Take Action); and be it further RESOLVED, That our AMA support transparency, tracking from the origin of produce and raw materials to the point of distribution and timely coordination in activities of multiple federal agencies involved in the regulation of the food industry and maintenance of a safer food supply (New HOD Policy); and be it further RESOLVED, That our AMA report back on the progress made on assuring a safer food supply for the American public at the 2010 Annual Meeting. (Directive to Take Action) Fiscal Note: Implement accordingly at estimated staff cost of \$4,365.	Support	Adopted as amended with report back at A-10; see <a href="http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/475/a-09-ref-comm-e-annotated.pdf">http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/475/a-09-ref-comm-e-annotated.pdf</a> for exact language
Resolution 521: Obstructive Sleep Apnea (AmAcadSleepMed)	RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association: 1. Define OSA as a major public health issue; 2. Encourage a national public education campaign by appropriate federal agencies and relevant advocacy groups; 3. Encourage research into the association of OSA with metabolic and cardiovascular disease; 4. Encourage that all physicians become knowledgeable about the diagnosis and	Support	Adopted as amended; see <a href="http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/475/a-09-ref-comm-e-annotated.pdf">http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/475/a-09-ref-comm-e-annotated.pdf</a> for

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	management of OSA; and 5. Support House Resolution 384, introduced by Congressman Bilirakis (R-FL) on April 30, 2009, requesting that the House of Representatives “support raising public awareness of sleep apnea and encourages all Americans to educate themselves and others about the consequences of sleep apnea and its potential treatments.” (Directive to Take Action)  Fiscal Note: Implement accordingly at estimated staff cost of \$2,254.		exact language
Resolution 522: Depression as a Risk Factor in Cardiovascular Disease (AmPsychAssoc, AmAcadChildPsych, AmAcadPsych&Law)	RESOLVED, That the body of evidence linking depression and heart disease needs to be translated into changes in clinical practice (New HOD Policy); and be it further RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association work with all appropriate state and specialty societies to enhance public and professional awareness about the role of depression as a significant risk factor for the development of coronary artery disease and other forms of cardiovascular disease, and for increased morbidity and mortality in patients with pre-existing heart disease. (Directive to Take Action)  Fiscal Note: Implement accordingly at estimated staff and meeting cost of \$6,872.	Support	Not adopted
Resolution 523: Protective NAAQS Standard for NOx (Am Thoracic Soc)	RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association (1) submit comments during the public comment period on the NAAQS standards supporting the establishment of a new hourly standard for NOx, and (2) specifically support an hourly standard in the range of 50-75 ppb. (Directive to Take Action)  Fiscal Note: Implement accordingly at estimated staff cost of \$1,996.	Monitor/Support	Adopted as amended with change in title; see <a href="http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/475/a-09-ref-comm-e-annotated.pdf">http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/475/a-09-ref-comm-e-annotated.pdf</a> for exact language
Resolution 524: Recognizing the Importance of the Theory of Evolution in Science Education (NY)	RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association endorse the teaching of the theory of evolution as an integral part of science curriculum throughout the continuum of the educational experience. (Directive to Take Action)  Fiscal Note: Staff cost estimated at less than \$500 to implement.	Oppose	Reaffirmed
Resolution 525: Research Visa Waiver for Physician Scientists (IMG section)	RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association urge Congress to create a new visa waiver program exclusively for research for IMG physicians who choose to pursue a research career in medicine, which will help improve the shortage of physician scientists in the US. (Directive to Take Action)  Fiscal Note: Implement accordingly at estimated staff cost of \$2,000.	Monitor	Reaffirmed