

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution:
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Introduced by: Pennsylvania Medical Society
International Medical Graduates Section

Subject: Universal Hospital Emergency Paging Codes

Referred to: Reference Committee _____
(_____, Chair)

- 1 Whereas, Hospital emergency paging codes are used to alert staff to various emergency
2 situations conveying essential information quickly and clearly, while minimizing concern
3 among hospital visitors; and
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5 Whereas, Hospital paging codes are frequently identified by color, denoting different
6 emergencies; and
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8 Whereas, Different hospitals, even those in close proximity to one another, may not
9 utilize a consistent coding system; and
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11 Whereas, Physicians who have privileges at more than one facility are expected to be
12 versed in the emergency paging codes of each facility; and
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14 Whereas, This may cause confusion in the event of a code announcement; therefore be
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17 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association aggressively pursue efforts to
18 develop and encourage implementation of universal hospital emergency paging codes.