AMA in the News: January 2021

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Is anything being done to stop another pandemic emerging from China?
FOX News, Jan. 18, 2021

Last week, American Medical Association (AMA) President Susan R. Bailey, MD, underscored in a national address that a "coordinated, comprehensive federal response" is pivotal, as is the need for a "science-based" basis for decision making.

Trump administration will let more doctors prescribe drug to fight opioid addiction
National Public Radio, Jan. 15, 2021

The American Medical Association also praised the move, saying it will allow earlier intervention by doctors treating patients suffering addiction.

"With this change, office-based physicians and physician-led teams working with patients to manage their other medical conditions can also treat them for their opioid use disorder," Patrice Harris, MD, MA, who heads the AMA’s opioid task force, said in a statement.

Trump administration will let nearly all doctors prescribe addiction medicine buprenorphine
STAT, Jan. 14, 2021
“The AMA strongly endorses today’s decision by HHS to allow physicians to prescribe without a waiver highly effective medication for the treatment of patients with opioid use disorder,” Patrice Harris, MD, the organization’s former president, said in a statement. “Patients are struggling to find physicians who are authorized to prescribe buprenorphine; the onerous regulations discourage physicians from being certified to prescribe it.”

AMA President: Biden team must create national pandemic strategy  
_MDEdge_, Jan. 13, 2021

The incoming Biden administration must formulate an effective national strategy for the COVID-19 pandemic, Susan R. Bailey, MD, president of the American Medical Association (AMA), said in a speech delivered Jan. 12 at the National Press Club in Washington. (Free registration is required to view content.)

American Medical Association president on COVID-19 recovery  
_C-SPAN_, Jan. 12, 2021

American Medical Association President Dr. Susan Bailey discussed the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccine distribution at a virtual event hosted by the National Press Club. She talked about disparities in the health care system, calling racism the biggest threat to public health care, and later answered questions on the vaccine, partisan politics, and the road to recovery.

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_Medscape_, Jan. 12, 2021

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AMA President makes call to action on coronavirus pandemic  
_HealthLeaders Media_, Jan. 12, 2021


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In a wide-ranging address today, the president of the American Medical Association highlighted multiple challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic.