AMA in the News: November 2022

AMA in the News covers media coverage and mentions about the American Medical Association. Find articles recognizing our efforts in health care, advocacy, medical education and improvements in public health. Read coverage on the achievements of our leadership and the members of the AMA community.

1. **AMA President Dr. Jack Resneck and Dr. Susan Taylor on biases in dermatological care**
   *Bloomberg, Nov. 29, 2022*
   
   Jack Resneck Jr., MD, president, American Medical Association; professor & chair of dermatology, UCSF and Susan C. Taylor, MD, FAAD, Bernett Johnson Endowed professor of dermatology & vice chair for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the department of dermatology, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania address issues of biases in dermatological care with Bloomberg’s Ann-Hunter van Kirk at Bloomberg Prognosis: Advancing Health Equity in Dermatology.

2. **Is spreading medical misinformation a doctor’s free speech right?**
   *New York Times, Nov. 20, 2022*
   
   The American Medical Association has blamed disinformation for worsening the pandemic’s toll. In June, it adopted a policy that, among other things, called for empowering state licensing boards to discipline doctors who spread it in their capacity as health professionals. (Publication subscription is required for full or unlimited access.)

3. **'Enough is enough': AMA pushes prior authorization fix**
   *Becker's Hospital Review, Nov. 18, 2022*
   
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AMA President Jack Resneck Jr., MD, called the report "totally maddening."

"Patients who are not getting care because of prior auth will actually get the care they need and that's a negative—totally frustrating," he said in the post. Dr. Resneck said AMA's data shows that the average physician across all specialties now does 41 prior authorizations a week. "This burden has really spiraled out of control and enough is enough," he said.

AMA adopts policy to curb influence of private equity on new doctor training

*Fierce Healthcare*, Nov. 18, 2022

The American Medical Association (AMA) passed a new policy aimed at protecting new residents who train at teaching hospitals acquired by private equity firms.

AMA chief: Stop the harassment and threats against doctors

*Medical Economics*, Nov. 16, 2022

The AMA is a non-partisan agency and that's not going to change, Jack Resneck Jr., MD, said. But he said the AMA won’t look the other way in the face of disinformation and attacks that are increasing burnout among physicians.

“Make no mistake,” Dr. Resneck said. “When politicians insert themselves in our exam rooms to interfere with the patient-physician relationship … when they politicize deeply personal health decisions or criminalize evidence-based care … we will not back down.”

“We will always stand up for our policies … for physicians … and for our patients,” he said.

Exasperated AMA President: 'We will not back down'

*Health Leaders Media*, Nov. 15, 2022

In an impassioned speech before the Interim Meeting of the American Medical Association House of Delegates, AMA President Jack Resneck Jr., MD, denounced disinformation campaigns and government interference in the patient-physician relationship.
AMA pledges more action against gun violence

Crain’s Chicago Business, Nov. 15, 2022

The new policy will establish an AMA-led task force to focus on gun violence prevention. The AMA will also support and possibly provide grants to evidence-based firearm violence-interruption programs in communities, schools, hospitals and clinics, the statement said. (Publication subscription is required for full or unlimited access.)

AMA president condemns disinformation and government interference

Healthcare Finance, Nov. 14, 2022

American Medical Association president Jack Resneck Jr., MD, decried laws that stop physicians from providing reproductive health care, during an Interim Meeting of the American Medical Association House of Delegates.

Hospital ransomware attacks putting patients at risk

NBC News, Nov. 2, 2022

AMA President, Jack Resneck Jr., MD, is interviewed about the impact of ransomware attacks on hospitals.

AMA calls on Congress to prevent cuts to Medicare physician payment system

Healio, Nov. 2, 2022

“The Medicare payment schedule released today puts Congress on notice that a nearly 4.5 percent across-the-board reduction in payment rates is an ominous reality unless lawmakers act before Jan. 1,” AMA President Jack Resneck Jr., MD, said in a press release, noting the rate cuts “would create immediate financial instability in the Medicare physician payment system and threaten patient access to Medicare-participating physicians.”
AMA President Jack Resneck Jr., MD, said in an AMA press release that “unchecked market power among insurers is a formula for higher premiums, lower coverage, and inadequate levels of patient care, concerns of great relevance to MA. Most large MA insurers are accused of fraud and flouting the authority of federal agencies. The new AMA study shines a light on the lack of competition in MA markets across the country and will help regulators and lawmakers better scrutinize anticompetitive insurer behavior that harms patients and physicians in an industry where exploitative business practices are already commonplace.”