AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: 301
(A-18)

Introduced by: Illinois

Subject: Protecting Medical Trainees from Hazardous Exposure

Referred to: Reference Committee C
(__________, Chair)

Whereas, It is not uncommon for medical students and resident physicians to have occupational hazardous/biohazard exposure; and

Whereas, There is no standardized education of medical students, resident physicians, and teaching attending physicians regarding the effects of occupational hazardous/biohazard exposure and the deleterious effects on individuals and/or their unborn child, beyond blood-borne infections; and

Whereas, There has been an increase in the number of female trainees in medicine, who may desire to maintain their medical history in privacy; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association call for the mandatory education of students, residents, physicians and surgeons on the deleterious effects of exposure to hazardous materials (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA encourage the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and Liaison Committee on Medical Education to create standards that allow students and trainees to voluntarily avoid exposure to hazardous/biohazard materials without negatively impacting their standing in school or training programs (New HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA support and encourage the specific option for students or trainees to be able to excuse themselves from exposure to Methylmethacrylate if they are or think they may be pregnant without negatively impacting their standing in their school or training programs (New HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA support and encourage constant updating of the protection of medical trainees, physicians and surgeons from exposure to hazardous materials during the course of their medical school training and practice, using standards published by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and other Centers for Disease Control and Prevention agencies; the College of American Pathologists; and the American College of Radiology, as well as other relevant resources available for health workers. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Minimal - less than $1,000.

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