Introduction by: GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality

Subject: Creation of LGBTQ Health Specialty Section Council

Referred to: Reference Committee F
(Julia V. Johnson, MD, Chair)

Whereas, The AMA House of Delegates (HOD) allows for the creation of Specialty Section Councils composed of member organizations with common medical interests or specialty training (B-9.1); and

Whereas, The AMA HOD currently recognizes thirty-one (31) Specialty Section Councils within the House of Delegates (B-14.0.1); and,

Whereas, LGBTQ Health has become a fully acknowledged subspecialty of medical practice, spanning a range of medical specialties including, but not limited to, internal medicine, pediatrics, geriatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, endocrinology, plastic surgery; and

Whereas, The study and practice of LGBTQ Health as a recognized subspecialty is vital due to the presence of well-established medical disparities that affect this population; and

Whereas, The AMA Foundation, recognizing the importance of LGBTQ specific medical training, has chosen to utilize the LGBT Honor Fund to establish the creation of subspecialty fellowship training programs in LGBTQ Health; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association House of Delegates establish a Specialty Section Council on LGBTQ Health. (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

B-9.1 Purpose.
9.1.1 Specialty Section Councils shall be established by the House of Delegates. Specialty Section Councils shall provide for deliberation and study of scientific educational and other appropriate interests and concerns of the specialty disciplines and the specialty societies representing these disciplines within the AMA.
9.1.2 The Section Council shall, on request, submit to the Board of Trustees nominations for AMA representatives to serve on approved Specialty Certifying Boards.

B-9.2 Composition.
9.2.1 National medical specialty societies represented in the House of Delegates may appoint representatives to the Specialty Section Councils for the medical specialty in which the specialty society participates. Such representatives must be members of the AMA.
9.2.2 Upon recommendation of the Specialty Section Council and approval of the Board of Trustees, national medical specialty societies that are not represented in the House of Delegates may appoint representatives to the Specialty Section Council for the medical specialty in which the specialty society participates. Such representatives must be members of the AMA.

B-9.3 Specialty Society Delegate.
The AMA delegate(s) and alternate delegate(s) from each national medical specialty society represented in the House of Delegates shall also serve in the Specialty Section Council of their respective specialty.

B-9.4 Chair and Vice Chair.
Each Specialty Section Council shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair from within its membership.

Glossary of Terms. B-14.0.1
Section Council - Specialty Section Councils have been recognized by the House of Delegates for the following specialties: Allergy; Anesthesiology; Cardiovascular Disease; Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics; Dermatology; Digestive Diseases; Disease of the Chest; Emergency Medicine; Endocrinology; Family and General Practice; Federal and Military Medicine; General Surgery; Genetics; Internal Medicine; Neurological Surgery; Neurology; Nuclear Medicine; Obstetrics and Gynecology; Ophthalmology; Orthopedic Surgery; Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery; Pain and Palliative Medicine; Pathology; Pediatrics; Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation; Plastic, Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery; Preventive Medicine; Psychiatry; Radiology; and Urology.