Whereas, Trichomoniasis is the most common curable sexually transmitted infection (STI) in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the most common non-viral sexually transmitted infection (STI) in the world according to the World Health Organization, with a rate of reinfection increasing to 31% among women treated for Trichomonas vaginalis; and

Whereas, Trichomoniasis is not a reportable STI and “partner notification programmes are not available in most clinic settings”; and

Whereas, The most recent CDC 2015 STD treatment guidelines state, “concurrent treatment of all sex partners is critical for symptomatic relief, microbiologic cure, and prevention of transmission and reinfections, […] EPT might have a role in partner management for Trichomoniasis and can be used in states where permissible by law”; and

Whereas, Metronidazole is an effective, curative, easy, and safe treatment for Trichomonas vaginalis with recommended regimens yielding cure rates of approximately 84%–98%, and expedited partner therapy has been shown to decrease rates of reinfection; and

Whereas, Current AMA policy already supports state legislation that permits physicians to provide partner therapy for gonorrhea and/or chlamydia infections, both of which are less common than Trichomoniasis (AMA Policy H-440.868); and

Whereas, Expedited partner therapy potentially abrogates the standard informed consent process (Ethical Opinion E-8.9, “Expedited Partner Therapy”), and appropriate use of this therapy ultimately improves public health through management of sexually transmitted diseases; therefore be it

7 CDC. Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines, 2015. MMWR, 64(RR-03):1-137. https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6403a1.htm
RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association amend policy H-440.868 by addition and deletion to read as follows:

H-440.868 Expedited Partner Therapy
Our AMA supports state legislation that permits physicians to provide expedited partner therapy to patients diagnosed with gonorrhea, and/or chlamydia, and/or Trichomoniasis infection. (Modify Current HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

H-440.868 Expedited Partner Therapy
Our AMA supports state legislation that permits physicians to provide expedited partner therapy to patients diagnosed with gonorrhea and/or chlamydia infection. Citation: Sub. Res. 928, I-07 Reaffirmed: CSAPH Rep. 01, A-17

H-440.979 Control of Sexually Transmitted Infections
The AMA urges increased efforts at all levels of organized medicine to bring sexually transmitted infections under control, through professional and public education, and support of the efforts of state Departments of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and other appropriate organizations. Citation: Res. 84, A-84 Reaffirmed by CLRPD Rep. 3 - I-94 Reaffirmation A-99 Modified and Reaffirmed: CSAPH Rep. 1, A-09 Reaffirmation A-10

See also: H-440.983 Update on Sexually Transmitted Infections; H-440.996 Sexually Transmitted Disease Control; E-8.9 Expedited Partner Therapy