Resolved: 307  
(A-17)

Introduced by: International Medical Graduates Section

Subject: Formal Business and Practice Management Training During Medical Education

Referred to: Reference Committee C  
(Kenneth M. Certa, MD, Chair)

Whereas, Current training curriculums for physicians are designed to ensure the development of clinical skills necessary to become competent practitioners, yet there is no clearly defined process to encourage and sustain business and practice management skills essential to successful practice across the continuum of medical school, residency, fellowship and independent practice; and

Whereas, Appropriate business skills and knowledge in conjunction with effective leadership are vital to creation and maintenance of an optimal environment for providing high-quality patient care; and

Whereas, Physicians who acquire insufficient understanding and knowledge of business and practice management skills within the clinical, operational and financial spheres of practice may face greater challenges in navigating the ever-changing United States healthcare environment and in maintaining high standards of care while minimizing healthcare disparities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association encourage the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME), the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and other entities responsible for medical education to advocate for and support the creation of a more standardized process and approach for training and education in business and practice management skills for medical practitioners across the continuum of medical school, residency, fellowship and independent practice (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA encourage LCME, ACGME, AAMC and other entities responsible for the education of future physicians, to provide educational resources and programs on business administration and practice management in their medical education curriculum, (Directive to Take Action)

Fiscal Note: Minimal – less than $1,000

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References:

RELEVANT AMA POLICY

AMA Mission and Vision G-625.010
Mission: To promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.
Core Values: (1) Leadership; (2) Excellence; and (3) Integrity and Ethical Behavior.
Vision: To be an essential part of the professional life of every physician.

AMA Sponsored Leadership Training for Hospital Medical Staff Officers and Committee Chairs H-225.972
It is the policy of the AMA (1) to offer, both regionally and locally, extensive training and skill development for emerging medical staff leaders to assure that they can effectively perform the duties and responsibilities associated with medical staff self-governance; and (2) that training and skill development programs for medical staff leaders be as financially self-supporting as feasible.

See also:
Management and Leadership for Physicians D-295.316
Initiative to Transform Medical Education: Strategies for Medical Education Reform H-295.871
Physician Employment Trends and Principles H-225.947
Physicians’ Ability to Negotiate and Undergo Practice Consolidation H-383.988
Practice Options and Skills Curriculum for Residents H-310.953
Physician Managers H-405.990