Women Physicians Section
Delegate’s Report from the 2017 Annual Meeting

The AMA Women Physicians Section (WPS) was an integral part of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) meeting in Chicago. The WPS authored six resolutions that were considered by the HOD during the 2017 Annual Meeting:

- Resolution 002: Care of Women and Children in Family Immigration Detention
- Resolution 305: Reduction of Caregiver Burnout
- Resolution 503: Women and Mental Health
- Resolution 504: Research into Preterm Birth and Related Cardiovascular (CV) and Cerebrovascular (CVD) Risks in Women
- Resolution 505: Recognition of Sepsis in the Community
- Resolution 706: Concurrent and Overlapping Surgery

The WPS also testified on several important items of business. The WPS position is listed parenthetically and the final action taken by the AMA HOD in bold.

Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws
- Resolution 002: Care of Women and Children in Family Immigration Detention (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)
- Resolution 009: Commercial Exploitation and Human Trafficking of Minors (Active Support, Adopted)

Reference Committee A (Medical Service)
- Resolution 101: Eliminating Financial Barriers for Evidence-Based HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (Active Support, Resolution 101 adopted as amended with a change in title to read as follows: “Eliminating Barriers For Evidence-Based HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis”)
- Resolution 110: Over-the-Counter Contraceptive Drug Access (Active Support with Amendment, Referred)
- Resolution 113: The AMA Will Support Payment Parity at Medicare Levels for All Medicaid Service (Active Support, Existing Policy Reaffirmed)
- Resolution 114: Coverage for Preventive Care and Immunizations (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)
- Resolution 115: Out-of-Network Care (Active Support, Substitute Resolution adopted in lieu of Resolutions 108, 115, 118 and 127)
- Resolution 122: Reimbursement for the Pre-Colonoscopy Visit (Active Support, Existing Policy Reaffirmed)
- Resolution 123: Improving the Prevention of Colon Cancer by Insuring the Waiver of the Co-Payment in all Cases (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)
- Resolution 125: Medicaid Substance Use Disorder Coverage (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)
- Resolution 126: Insurance Coverage for Compression Stockings (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)

Reference Committee B (Legislation)
No items for active support or active oppose

Reference Committee C (Medical Education)
- Resolution 301: Mental Health Disclosures on Physician Licensing Applications (Active Support with Amendment, Recommendation B Referred, and the remainder of Resolution 301 adopted as amended)
- Resolution 305: Reduction of Caregiver Burnout (Active Support with Amendment, Adopted as Amended)
- Resolution 310: Breast Pump Accommodations During Medical Licensing Exams (Active Support with Amendment, Policy H-295.861 adopted as amended in lieu of Resolution 310)
• Resolution 314: Educating a Diverse Physician Workforce (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)
• Resolution 315: Inclusion of Developmental Disabilities Curriculum in Undergraduate, Graduate and Continuing Medical Education of Physicians (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)

Reference Committee D (Public Health)
• Resolution 401: Use of Phrase "Gun Violence Mitigation" in Lieu of "Gun Control" (Active Support, Policies H-145.991 and H-145.999 adopted as amended in lieu of Resolution 401)
• Resolution 416: Policy and Economic Support for Early Child Care (Active Support, Referred)

Reference Committee E (Science and Technology)
• Resolution 503: Women and Mental Health (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)
• Resolution 504: Research into Preterm Birth and Related Cardiovascular (CV) and Cerebrovascular Risks (CVD) in Women (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)
• Resolution 505: Recognition of Sepsis in the Community (Active Support, Resolution 522 adopted as amended in lieu of Resolution 505 with a change in title to read as follows “Improved Treatment of Sepsis”)
• Resolution 514: Retinoblastoma Due to Pre-Natal Residential Pesticide Exposure (Active Support, Policy H-135.926 reaffirmed in lieu of Resolution 514)
• Resolution 515: Safe Use, Storage and Disposal of Leftover Opioids and Other Controlled Substances (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)

Reference Committee F (AMA Governance and Finance)
• BOT Report 23: Anti-Harassment Policy (Active Support, Adopted)
• Resolution 601: Reinstate the AMA Commission to Eliminate Health Care Disparities (Active Support, Referred)
• Resolution 602: Studying Healthcare Institutions that Provide Child Care Services (Active Support, Adopted as Amended)

Reference Committee G (Medical Practice)
• Resolution 706: Concurrent and Overlapping Surgery (Active Support with Amendment, Substitute Resolution adopted in lieu of Resolution 706)
• Resolution 717: Allowing Exceptions to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ Locum Tenens 60-Day Limit (Active Support, Adopted)

Complete final actions on each of these can be found on the AMA HOD website at https://www.ama-assn.org/about-us/business-ama-house-delegates-2017-annual-meeting.

In addition, I would like to thank our volunteers who participated in the WPS Policymaking and HOD Handbook Review committees. The Policymaking Committee facilitates the development of resolutions for the WPS. The HOD handbook review process lays the groundwork for our positions and makes sure that every issue is looked at for WPS relevance. I hope that everyone will consider volunteering some of your valuable time for these WPS functions. Our resolutions and positions as a Section are an important part of ensuring that AMA policy remains relevant for women physicians.

If you have any questions on the actions of the WPS or would like to become more involved in the WPS policy process, please do not hesitate to contact wps@ama-assn.org to find out more.

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