



Young Physicians Section Delegate's Report from the 2016 Annual Meeting

The Young Physicians Section (YPS) of the AMA was again an active and integral part of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) meeting in Chicago. The preliminary handbook review committee recommendations were made available to members of the YPS assembly prior to the meeting. This process affords each YPS assembly member an opportunity to review the proffered YPS position on each resolution prior to coming to the Assembly. Our vigorous debate on these issues is important to developing the YPS position on each resolution and report. YPS delegates then offered testimony in all of the HOD reference committees based on the Assembly's direction to actively support or oppose relevant reports and resolutions. Our team approach allows more young physicians to speak on behalf of the YPS in front of the reference committees, and it enables our members to bring YPS issues to their state and specialty caucuses. An action document with talking points for all YPS active positions was created for members to use throughout the meeting. Without the assistance of members of our Assembly, your delegate and alternate delegate would have been unable to speak to all of these items. Thank you to all who participated, we simply could not do it without you.

Before we discuss our regular items of business we would be remiss not to discuss Emergency Resolution 1011: Gun Violence as a Public Health Crisis.

RESOLVED, That our AMA (1) will immediately make a public statement that gun violence represents a public health crisis which requires a comprehensive public health response and solution; and (2) will actively lobby Congress to lift the gun violence research ban. (**Adopted as Amended**)

This resolution was authored by Joshua Cohen, one of our YPS members, and was widely supported by YPS members, state, and specialty organizations. While at the Annual meeting, your YPS Governing Council also agreed to be an initial co-author of this resolution. The resolution received more national publicity than all other AMA items of business this past meeting. We are proud of the leadership role in which we as your delegate and alternate delegate along with many other YPS members were able to play in this process.

In our YPS Reference Committee we considered seven reports and three resolutions:

- **Report A: Governing Council Activities/Action Plan Update**
Report A provided a compilation of activities accomplished by the AMA-YPS since the 2015 Interim Meeting. Updates on AMA-YPS objectives are organized under five main categories: focus; communications; leadership development; membership; and participation.
- **Report B: State Medical Society Representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly**
Report B was an informational report and includes the 2016 allocations for state society representation in the AMA-YPS.
- **Report C: Specialty Society Representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly**
Report C presented the criteria for specialty society representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly and discusses strategies to gain new society representation. Report C included the following recommendations:
 1. The YPS Governing Council will continue to connect with AMA members that are part of the specialties not represented in the AMA-YPS and encourage them to serve as a liaison to the young physicians in their society or identify someone in their society for further outreach.
 2. The YPS Governing Council will continue to reach out to societies that are eligible for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have not sent a representative in the past two years.

- **Report D: Strengthening The MSS-RFS-YPS Relationship (AMA-YPS Resolution 2-A-15)**

Report D proposed that the following recommendations be adopted in lieu of YPS AMA-YPS Resolution 2-A-15 and that the remainder of the report be filed:

1. The Governing Council ~~through the Delegate and Alternate Delegate~~ will continue to ~~represent the YPS in the informal~~ advocate for formalizing a MSS-RFS-YPS caucus that occurs each HOD meeting.
2. That this report be distributed at the MSS-RFS-YPS Annual 2016 caucus and discussed at the will of the caucus leadership.

- **Report E: Endorsing AMA Board of Trustees and Elected Councils Candidates**

Report E recommended that the following statements be adopted and that the remainder of this report be filed:

1. That the AMA-YPS Assembly approve the new process for endorsing AMA Board of Trustees and Elected Councils candidates.
2. That the AMA-YPS Assembly ratify the updated YPS Internal Operating Procedures language for Sections IX.A and B, "Endorsing AMA Board of Trustees and Elected Councils Candidates."

- **Report F: AMA-YPS Finance Report**

Report F was an informational report on the AMA-YPS budget and finances.

- **Report G: AMA-YPS Strategic Plan**

Report G proposed that the AMA-YPS Assembly adopt the following recommendations:

1. That our AMA-YPS GC work to implement the proposed actions outlined in this report.
2. That our AMA-YPS GC make the AMA-YPS 2016-2021 Strategic Plan available on the AMA-YPS Web site.
3. That our AMA-YPS GC monitor the effectiveness of the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan and update the strategic plan in five years with report to the AMA-YPS Assembly at the 2021 Annual meeting.

- **YPS Resolution 1: Parity in Reproductive Health Insurance Coverage for Same-Sex Couples**

Resolution 1 asks the AMA to support parity in insurance coverage for fertility treatments for same-sex couples, when insurance provides coverage for fertility treatments. This resolution also asks the AMA to support local and state efforts to promote parity in reproductive health insurance coverage for same-sex couples when insurance provides coverage for fertility treatments.

Resolution 1 was passed by the Assembly and will be submitted for the 2016 Interim Meeting.

- **YPS Resolution 2: Unforeseen Consequences of Core Measures**

Resolution 2 asks the AMA to call for the immediate suspension of the SEP-1 core measure as well as related financial incentives and penalties. This resolution also asks the AMA to discourage the implementation of protocols, core measures, or directives relating to the care of patients in the outpatient or inpatient settings without structured trials designed to identify unforeseen costs and potential patient harms. In addition, this resolution asks the AMA to discourage the implementation of indiscriminant and not medically indicated screening or testing for "pre-existing" infection in patients in order to avoid financial penalties. This resolution also asks the AMA to support any physician who refuses to perform testing or treatment that they feel is not medically

indicated or potentially harmful to patients. Further, this resolution requested immediate consideration at the 2016 Annual HOD Meeting. This resolution was considered as Resolution 717, which was subsequently referred.

- **YPS Resolution 3: Equality**

Resolution 3 asks the AMA to only consider towns, cities, counties, and states that do not discriminate. Resolution 3 was adopted as amended to read as follows:

RESOLVED, That all future meetings and conferences organized and/or sponsored by our American Medical Association, not yet contracted and finalized, only be held in towns, cities, counties, and states that do not have discriminatory policies ~~discriminate~~ based on race, color, religion, ethnic origin, national origin, language, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and gender expression, disability, or age. ~~in employment, housing, education, credit, public accommodations, jury service, and federally funded programs.~~ (New HOD Policy)

Resolution 3 will be submitted for the 2016 Interim Meeting.

The **final actions** of the YPS items of business may be found in the enclosed document.

As directed by the YPS Assembly, the section also testified on the following items of business:

Reference Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

CBB Report 2: Options for Informational Reports submitted to the House (Resolution 606-A-15) (Active Support with Amendment in Recommendation 2, **Adopted as Amended**)

Resolution 001: Support for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Transitioning to Adulthood (Active Support, **Adopted with a change in title to read: "Support for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities"**)

Resolution 002: Clarification of Medical Necessity for Treatment of Gender Dysphoria (Active Support, **Resolution 005 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 002**)

Resolution 005: Clarification of Medical Necessity for Treatment of Gender Dysphoria (Active Support, **Resolution 005 Adopted as Amended in Lieu of Resolution 002**)

Resolution 008: Updating Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Policies (Active Support, **Adopted**)

Reference Committee A: Medical Service

Resolution 101: Increasing Availability and Coverage for Immediate Postpartum Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive Placement (Active Support with Amendment, **Adopted as Amended**)

Resolution 102: Developing Measures for Good Access to Care (Active Support, **Adopted as Amended**)

Resolution 106: Education About Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV (Active Support with Amendment, **Adopted as Amended**)

Reference Committee B: Legislative Advocacy

Resolution 202: Supporting Legislation to Create Student Loan Savings Accounts (Active Support, **Adopted**)

Resolution 204: USP Compounding Rules (Active Support, **Adopted as Amended**)

Resolution 227: Physician-Patient SMS Text Messaging and Non-HIPAA Compliant Electronic Messaging (Active Support, **Adopted as Amended with a Change in Title to Read: "Physician-Patient Text Messaging and Non-HIPAA Compliant Electronic Messaging"**)

Reference Committee C: Medical Education

CME Report 2: Update on Maintenance of Certification and Osteopathic Continuous Certification (Resolutions 309-A-15, 318-A-15, 903-I-15, 924-I-15 and 925-I-15) (Active Support, **Adopted**)

Resolution 301: Recognizing the Actual Costs of Student Loans (Active Support of Resolved Clauses 1, 2, and 3, **Adopted as Amended**)

Resolution 304: Evaluation of Factors during Residency and Fellowship that Impact Routine Health Maintenance (Active Support, **Referred**)

Reference Committee D: Public Health

Resolution 410: Baby-Friendly Health Care Delivery and Breastfeeding Rights (Active Support with Amendment to Delete Resolved Clause 1, **Adopted as Amended with a Change in Title to Read: "Primary Care Interventions to Support Breastfeeding"**)

Resolution 416: Timely and Transparent Data Sharing for Drinking Water Testing (Active Support, **Alternate Resolution 409 "Safe Drinking Water" adopted in lieu of Resolutions 409, 413, 414, 415, and 416**)

Resolution 422: Sunscreen Use at Schools and Summer Camps (Active Support with Amendment, **Adopted**)

Reference Committee E: Science and Technology

Resolution 506: Heart Disease and Women (Active Support, **Adopted as Amended**)

Resolution 507: Interventions for Opioid Dependent Pregnant Women (Active Support, **Alternate Resolution 507 Adopted in Lieu of Resolution 507**)

Resolution 521: Transgenerational Effects of Environmental Toxins on Reproductive Health (**Adopted as Amended**)

Reference Committee F: AMA Finance and Governance

Resolution 601: Childcare at the AMA Meetings (Active Support with Amendment, **Adopted as Amended**)

Reference Committee G: Medical Practice

CMS Report 7: Prior Authorization Simplification and Standardization (Resolutions 705-A-15 and 712-A-15) (Active Support, **Adopted as Amended**)

Resolution 701: Online Access to Prescription Drug Formularies (Active Support with Amendment, **Adopted as Amended**)

Resolution 717: Unforeseen Consequences of Core Measures (Active Support, **Referred**)

Reference Committee on Code Modernization

No items for active support or active oppose

Complete final actions on each of these can be found on the AMA HOD website at: <http://www.ama-assn.org/sub/meeting/reportsresolutions.html>.

As you can see, as a section we are very successful advocates, the YPS testified on 23 items of business and the HOD was aligned with the YPS positions on almost all of the of the reports and resolutions. Those items of business not adopted were referred.

For future meetings, I would like to personally encourage everyone to stay for as much of the HOD meeting as possible. Your testimony and influence in your states, specialty societies, caucuses, sections, and councils are an essential part of achieving our objectives in the HOD, multiplying the voice of young physicians in our AMA. By staying for the HOD, you play an integral part in making sure young physicians' needs are heard and considered in every decision the AMA makes.

In addition, I would like to thank everyone for participating in the HOD handbook review process, particularly if you participated in a handbook review committee. This important process lays the groundwork for our positions and makes sure that every issue is looked at for YPS relevance. I hope that everyone will consider volunteering some of your valuable time to this important YPS function. Most importantly, our positions as a Section are an important part of ensuring that AMA policy remains relevant for young physicians.

If you have any questions on the actions of the YPS or would like to become more involved in the YPS policy process, please do not hesitate to contact me at hilaryfair@gmail.com to find out more.

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