



## **Young Physicians Section Delegate's Report from the 2012 Interim Meeting**

The Young Physicians Section (YPS) of the AMA was again an active part of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) meeting in Honolulu. This year for the first time the preliminary handbook review committee recommendations were made available to members of the YPS assembly prior to the meeting. This process should hopefully allow each YPS assembly member to come prepared to discuss each resolution prior to coming to the Assembly. Our vigorous debate on these issues is key to developing the YPS position on each resolution and report. Testimony on behalf of the YPS was offered in several HOD reference committees based on the Assembly's direction to actively support or actively oppose relevant reports and resolutions. Our team approach allows more young physicians to speak on behalf of the YPS in their state and specialty caucuses, as well as in HOD reference committees. 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 the assembly, the delegate and alternate delegate would have been unable to speak to all of these items as well as other resolutions deemed relevant to the section.

The YPS considered *Resolution 1: Conforming Birth Certificate Policies to Current Medical Standards for Transgender Patients*. Resolution 1, adopted by the YPS at the 2012 Interim Meeting, asks the AMA to support policies that allow for a change of sex designation on birth certificates for transgender individuals based upon verification by a health care provider that the individual has undergone gender transition according to applicable medical standards of care. Resolution 1 will be brought forward to the HOD for deliberation during the 2013 Annual 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 several other important items of business, including: Resolution 209: Eliminate ICD-10 and Resolution 216: Recommend the US Move Directly to ICD-11 and Skip ICD-10 (active support); Resolution 219: Electronic Health Records (active support of original with amendment to Resolved 2); BOT Report 6: AMA Principles for Physician Employment (active support); Resolution 809: Medicaid Expansion (active support); and Resolution 917: Accreditation/Certification Cost and Convenience (active support). Final actions on each of these can be found on the AMA HOD website at: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/meeting/reports-resolutions-listing.shtml>.

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 YPS are an important part of ensuring that AMA policy remains relevant for young physicians.

If you have any questions as to the actions of the YPS, please do not hesitate to contact me ([ypsdelegate@gmail.com](mailto:ypsdelegate@gmail.com)) to find out more. We also hope that after reading this report, you will be inspired to write your own resolutions for consideration at future meetings.

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