

## AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION (I-19)

### Report of AMA-YPS Reference Committee

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1 Your AMA-YPS Reference Committee recommends the following consent calendar for  
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4 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

- 5 1. Report C: Pilot AMA-YPS Electronic Balloting Process  
6 2. Report D: AMA-YPS Directives Proposed for Sunset  
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8 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED**

- 9 3. Resolution 1: Increasing Public Umbilical Cord Blood Donations in Transplant  
10 Centers  
11 4. Resolution 2: Fertility Preservation Benefits for Active-Duty Military Personnel  
12 5. Resolution 3: Opt-in/Opt-Out Paper Copies of Young Physicians Section (YPS)  
13 Assembly Materials  
14 6. Late Resolution 1: Preserving Childcare at AMA Meetings  
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16 **RECOMMENDED FOR FILING**

- 17 7. Report A: Governing Council Activities/Action Plan Update  
18 8. Report B: AMA Advocacy Efforts

**(1) REPORT C: PILOT AMA-YPS ELECTRONIC BALLOTING PROCESS**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that the recommendations in Report C be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

**FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED**

Report C provides an overview of Internal Operating Procedures (IOP) language for the AMA-Young Physicians Section (YPS) election process. Members of the Assembly have raised concerns about not being able to vote due to other commitments during the set time for in-person YPS balloting. Report C recommends that the election procedures outlined in the YPS IOP (Section V. Subsections E and F) be suspended in order to conduct a pilot of an online balloting process during the 2020 Annual meeting.

Limited but supportive commentary was provided during the online forum, and your Reference Committee recommends that Report C be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

**(2) REPORT D: AMA-YPS DIRECTIVES PROPOSED FOR SUNSET**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that the recommendations in Report D be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

**FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED**

Report D presents recommendations by your AMA-YPS Governing Council (GC) to sunset the following AMA-YPS directives:

1. Your Governing Council recommends that the AMA-YPS sunset the directive, Financial Counseling and Assistance for Young Physicians (GC Report, I-87)
2. Your Governing Council recommends that the AMA-YPS update the directive, AMA-YPS Governing Council Activities (Report E-I-99).

Commentary provided during the online forum was limited and expressed concern that sunsetting these directives could potentially create a gap in deliverables to be provided by the AMA and the AMA-YPS GC.

Your Reference Committee wishes to note that the initiatives cited in the aforementioned directives have been integrated into YPS activities for numerous years and will remain a part of the section's operations. As an example, YPS Report D notes that the AMA-YPS governing council will continue to explore, propose and promote financial-related AMA products and services that will benefit early career physicians. Further, a comprehensive

report of the section's activities will be provided on an annual basis in lieu of a biannual update. In addition, monthly updates to the Assembly on AMA and AMA-YPS activities will continue. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report D be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

**(3) RESOLUTION 1: INCREASING PUBLIC UMBILICAL CORD  
BLOOD DONATIONS IN TRANSPLANT CENTERS**

RECOMMENDATION A:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that the second Resolve be amended by substitution:

RESOLVED, That our AMA encourage the availability of altruistic cord blood donations in all states. (Directive to Take Action)

RECOMMENDATION B:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 1 be adopted as amended.

**FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

Resolution 1 asks the AMA to encourage all hospitals with obstetrics programs to make community cord blood donations available and to reduce barriers for providing these donations. Further, Resolution 1 asks the AMA to work with appropriate entities to establish the formal availability of public cord blood donations as a quality metric for stem cell transplant programs.

While your Reference Committee supports the intent of this resolution, there is concern that various factors (e.g., financial constraints) may adversely influence the availability of in-house public cord blood donation for many hospitals. Further, the introduction of quality metrics may further exacerbate constraints facing many hospitals.

Your Reference Committee concurs with the comments offered during the online forum and believes that deleting the second Resolve would strengthen this resolution. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 1 be adopted as amended.

**(4) RESOLUTION 2: FERTILITY PRESERVATION  
BENEFITS FOR ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL**

RECOMMENDATION A:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that the first Resolve be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:

~~RESOLVED, That our AMA work with the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and American~~

Urological Association) and other interested organizations to encourage TRICARE to cover fertility preservation procedures (cryopreservation of sperm, oocytes, or embryos) for medical indications, for active-duty military personnel and other individuals covered by TRICARE (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RECOMMENDATION B:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that the second Resolve be amended by deletion to read as follows:

RESOLVED, That our AMA work with ~~the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and American Urological Association)~~ and other interested organizations to encourage TRICARE to cover gamete preservation prior to deployment for active-duty military personnel (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RECOMMENDATION C:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 2 be adopted as amended.

**FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

Resolution 2 asks the AMA to work with interested organizations to encourage TRICARE to cover medically necessary fertility preservation procedures for active-duty military personnel and other eligible individuals. This resolution also asks the AMA to work with interested organizations to encourage TRICARE to provide coverage for gamete preservation for active-duty military personnel prior to deployment. Lastly, a report back on this issue at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates was requested.

Comments received during the online forum expressed concern that specifying certain organizations may be too prescriptive. Your Reference Committees concurs with these concerns and recommends striking the list of specific organizations from the first and second Resolve clauses. Additionally, your Reference Committee recommends the addition of "individuals" in the first Resolve to provide clarity. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 2 be adopted as amended.

**(5) RESOLUTION 3: OPT-IN/OPT-OUT PAPER COPIES OF YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION (YPS) ASSEMBLY MATERIALS**

RECOMMENDATION A:

Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that the first Resolve be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:

1 RESOLVED, That our YPS Governing Council ~~take actions~~  
2 ~~to move to pilot at the 2020 Annual meeting~~ an opt-in/opt-  
3 out system to determine distribution of printed Assembly  
4 materials (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

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6 RECOMMENDATION B:

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8 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends the addition of a third  
9 Resolve Clause to read as follows:

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11 RESOLVED, That our YPS Governing Council report back on the results of the  
12 opt-in/opt-out pilot at the 2020 Interim Assembly meeting. (Directive to Take  
13 Action)

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15 RECOMMENDATION C:

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17 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that  
18 Resolution 3 be adopted as amended.

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20 **FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

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22 Resolution 3 asks that the YPS Governing Council take actions to move to an opt-in/opt-  
23 out system to determine distribution of printed Assembly materials. This resolution also  
24 asks the YPS Governing Council to poll meeting attendees upon registration for the YPS  
25 Assembly to determine if they would like a printed copy of Assembly meeting materials.

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27 Although the online forum responses were generally supportive of Resolution 3, it was  
28 noted that a significant number of participants had concerns or were not in favor of  
29 moving to an opt-in/opt-out system for printed Assembly materials. Your Reference  
30 Committee acknowledges that both printed as well as electronic distribution of meeting  
31 materials is associated with benefits and challenges. To better understand the impact of  
32 an opt-in/opt-out system on the section, your Reference Committee proposes that the  
33 YPS GC conduct a pilot for the 2020 Annual meeting and follow up with a report back to  
34 the YPS Assembly at the 2020 Interim meeting.

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36 Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 3 be adopted as  
37 amended.

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39 **(6) LATE RESOLUTION 1: PRESERVING CHILDCARE AT AMA**  
40 **MEETINGS**

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42 RECOMMENDATION A:

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44 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends  
45 that the second Resolve be amended by addition and  
46 deletion to read as follows:

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48 RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association offer  
49 on-site supervised childcare at no cost to ~~participants~~ AMA  
50 members and staff for Annual and Interim meetings (New  
51 HOD Policy); and be it further

1 RECOMMENDATION B:

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3 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that  
4 Late Resolution 1 be adopted as amended.

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6 **FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**  
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8 Late Resolution 1 asks the AMA to continue with arrangements for on-site supervised  
9 childcare at AMA Annual and Interim meetings. This resolution also asks the AMA to  
10 offer on-site supervised childcare at no cost to participants of the Annual and Interim  
11 meetings. Further, Late Resolution 1 calls for immediate forwarding to the AMA House of  
12 Delegates for consideration at the 2019 Interim meeting  
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14 **(7) REPORT A: GOVERNING COUNCIL ACTIVITIES/ACTION**  
15 **PLAN UPDATE**  
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17 RECOMMENDATION:

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19 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that  
20 Report A be filed.

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22 **FINAL ACTION: FILED**  
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24 Report A is a compilation of activities accomplished by the AMA-YPS since the 2019  
25 Annual Meeting. Updates on AMA-YPS objectives are organized under four main  
26 categories: focus; communications; leadership development; and membership and  
27 involvement. No comments were provided during the online forum, and your Reference  
28 Committee recommends that Report A be filed.  
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30 **(8) REPORT B: AMA ADVOCACY EFFORTS**  
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32 RECOMMENDATION:

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34 Mr. Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that  
35 Report B be filed.

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37 **FINAL ACTION: FILED**  
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39 Report B describes AMA and AMA-YPS advocacy efforts undertaken since the 2018  
40 Interim Meeting.  
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42 Limited commentary requested the inclusion of YPS resolutions under consideration at  
43 the 2019 Interim meeting in Report B. Your Reference Committee wishes to note that  
44 Report B concludes with a notation that YPS policy activities can be found in the 2019  
45 Annual [Delegates Report](#). The YPS Delegates Report includes detail on the disposition  
46 of YPS items of business considered while “AMA Advocacy Efforts” provides a high-level  
47 overview of advocacy and policy activities. “AMA Advocacy Efforts” is not intended to  
48 duplicate the content included in the YPS Delegates Report.  
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50 Of note, Section VI.H.9 of the YPS IOP states “...Where a resolution to the HOD is  
51 specified (and where there is no timeline), the YPS Delegate and Alternate Delegate

1 shall determine the best timing for submission. Each adopted resolution shall be  
2 forwarded to the HOD within a year, including the meeting immediately following the  
3 YPS meeting at which the resolution was adopted." In lieu of amending Report B, the  
4 2019 Annual Delegates Report will be updated to note the timeline for the YPS  
5 resolutions under consideration at the 2019 Interim meeting. When suitable, a notation  
6 will be added to future iterations of the YPS Delegates Report regarding the timing of  
7 items that will be forwarded to the HOD.

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9 Accordingly, your Reference Committee recommends that Report B be filed.

- 1 Mr. Speaker, this concludes the report of the AMA-YPS Reference Committee. I would
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