

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
2 acceptance:

3 **4 RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

5 1. Report C: Pilot AMA-YPS Electronic Balloting Process
6 2. Report D: AMA-YPS Directives Proposed for Sunset

7 **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

15 **16 RECOMMENDED FOR FILING**

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

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

3 RECOMMENDATION:

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

7 **FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED**

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

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

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

19 RECOMMENDATION:

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

23 **FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED**

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 RECOMMENDATION A:

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

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

16 RECOMMENDATION B:

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

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21 **FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

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

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

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

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

41 RECOMMENDATION A:

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

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46 RESOLVED, That our AMA work with the American
47 Society for Reproductive Medicine (and American College
48 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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