

PRIORITIZATION MATRIX

Top Priority Resolution: One of the very most important resolutions

- Affects most or all physicians and/or their patients.
- Not acting at this meeting is likely to have a seriously deleterious impact.
- Fits squarely within our mission and strategic plan, would be considered a “core activity.”
- Calls for near-term important action and requires new policy to implement.
- No current policy exists on this topic, and it is an important issue on which to have policy.
- AMA action or policy statement will have a positive impact.
- AMA is most appropriate to tackle this issue (i.e. issue is not better handled by a specialty society or other group/organization)

High Priority Resolution: Important issue but not a top priority

- Affects many physicians and/or their patients or has a major impact on a significant group of physicians and/or their patients (underrepresented or disadvantaged populations).
- Negative impact possible if we do not act now.
- Consistent with our mission and strategic plan.
- Calls for action that is likely to have meaningful impact and requires new policy or modification of existing policy to implement.
- Significant modification of current policy which has realistic potential to have positive impact on an important issue.
- AMA has some policy on this issue, but an important gap exists.
- An AMA resolution is one of the most appropriate avenues to address this issue.

Medium Priority Resolution: Somewhat important issue, medium priority.

- Affects a smaller group or subgroup of physicians (by mode of practice, specialty, or geography) and/or their patients (perhaps a smaller subgroup but underrepresented or disadvantaged).
- Need for the resolution at this time is unclear.
- Consistent with our mission and strategic plan, but is not a core activity.
- Resolution has some potential to have positive impact or is of enough importance that AMA should consider taking a stand.
- Policy on the general topic exists but would benefit from clarification or addition.
- An AMA resolution is one possible avenue to address the issue.
- Issue raised is the topic of other resolutions that may be able to be combined or another resolution on the same issue is already prioritized.

Low Priority Resolution: Lower priority issue, there is likely little impact

- Affects only a few physicians or patients or has minimal effect on larger groups.
- No apparent need for resolution at this time.
- Peripheral to our core mission and strategic plans
- Action called for in this resolution is important but current policy on the issue is adequate. The subtle nuance, change, or clarification of current policy is of little impact.
- Study of an issue on which there is little urgency for a report back.
- Request to monitor a lower priority issue or seemingly stable situation.
- An AMA resolution is not necessarily the best avenue and other groups may be better equipped or more appropriate to address the issue.
- Other resolutions to be considered at this meeting provide a better avenue for discussion on the topic. Poorly worded resolution that may confuse the discussion.

Not a Priority Resolution: This is not a priority at this time

- Perhaps a priority issue but resolution has little chance for meaningful impact (i.e., achieve world peace or end hunger).
- Delay in consideration will not cause harm. Can clearly wait until the next in-person meeting.
- Is not within our mission/strategic plan. Would not be considered a “core activity.”
- Resolution will have little to no potential to have a positive impact.
- Resolution is reaffirmation of current policy with little to no change.
- Asks to monitor or report on an ongoing but unchanging situation.
- Potentially important issue but our AMA has no realistic chance of meaningful impact.
- Beyond the scope of our AMA or AMA is not the correct entity to address.
- A resolution is not the appropriate method with which to deal with the issue.