

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION

Report of AMA-YPS Reference Committee

Kyle P. Edmonds, MD, Chair

Your Reference Committee recommends the following consent calendar for acceptance:

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

1. Report C: AMA-YPS Directives Proposed for Sunset
2. Report D: Update on the Pilot AMA-YPS Electronic Balloting Process
3. Report E: Update on Opt-in/Opt-Out Paper Copies of Young Physicians Section (YPS) Assembly Materials (Resolution 3-I-19)

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED

4. Resolution 1: Encouraging discussion of family-building plans and pre-conception counseling with all individuals, as part of United States Preventive Services Task Force recommended routine health maintenance

RECOMMENDED FOR FILING

5. Report A: AMA Advocacy Efforts
6. Report B: AMA-YPS Internal Operating Procedures: Update on the 2022 Review Cycle

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

- (1) REPORT C: AMA-YPS DIRECTIVES PROPOSED FOR SUNSET

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendations in Report C be adopted and the remainder of the Report be filed.

FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED

Your Governing Council recommends that the AMA-YPS sunset the directive, AMA-YPS Yearly Finance Report (I-04).

No commentary was provided on the recommendation to sunset the directive calling for the AMA-YPS Governing Council to prepare a financial statement of the AMA-YPS annual budget. Your Reference Committee recommends that Report C be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

- (2) REPORT D: UPDATE ON THE PILOT AMA-YPS ELECTRONIC BALLOTING PROCESS

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendations in Report D be adopted and the remainder of the Report be filed.

FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED

Your Governing Council recommends that the following statements be adopted and that the remainder of the report be filed.

1. That the AMA-YPS continue with electronic balloting for AMA-YPS elections, with an allowance for paper balloting when necessary.
2. That the Section V. Elections (Subsections E and F) of the AMA-YPS Internal Operating Procedures be updated to provide guidelines for electronic balloting in AMA-YPS elections.
3. That the Section V. Elections (Subsection G) of the AMA-YPS Internal Operating Procedures be updated to reflect the role of the Credentials Committee in the balloting process for AMA-YPS elections.
4. That the Section VI. YPS Assembly Meeting (Subsection K) of the AMA-YPS Internal Operating Procedures be updated to reflect the process for electronic ballot distribution during the AMA-YPS Assembly meetings.

No comments were offered in the online forum concerning the plan to transition to electronic balloting for AMA-YPS elections. Your Reference Committee recommends that Report D be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

(3) REPORT E: UPDATE ON OPT-IN/OPT-OUT PAPER COPIES OF YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION (YPS) ASSEMBLY MATERIALS (RESOLUTION 3-I-19)

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendations in Report E be adopted and the remainder of the Report be filed.

FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED

Your Governing Council recommends that the following statements be adopted and that the remainder of the report be filed.

1. That the AMA-YPS continue with electronic distribution of AMA-YPS Assembly meeting materials.
2. That the Sections VI. YPS Assembly Meeting (Subsections G and L) of the AMA-YPS Internal Operating Procedures be updated to reflect the use of electronic distribution for AMA-YPS meeting materials.

Report E provides an overview of the continued progression toward electronic distribution of meeting materials. This report indicates that the Report of the YPS Reference Committee and the YPS HOD Handbook Review Grids were provided through electronic means for the last four Assembly meetings. Additionally, the YPS Assembly meeting handbook has been distributed electronically for the past 10 years. During this timeframe, no requests for printed copies of the YPS Assembly meeting handbook were received.

Further, the report notes that minimizing paper use for YPS Assembly meetings supports AMA Policy [Conservation, Recycling and Other "Green" Initiatives G-630.100](#) and contributes to protecting our environment.

No comments were provided in the online forum, and your Reference Committee recommends that Report E be adopted and the remainder of the report be filed.

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED

- (4) RESOLUTION 1: ENCOURAGING DISCUSSION OF FAMILY-BUILDING PLANS AND PRE-CONCEPTION COUNSELING WITH ALL INDIVIDUALS, AS PART OF UNITED STATES PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE RECOMMENDED ROUTINE HEALTH MAINTENANCE

RECOMMENDATION A:

Resolution 1 be amended by addition and deletion:

RESOLVED, That our AMA work with other stakeholders interested organizations to advocate for the United States Preventive Services Taskforce to encourage discussion of family-building plans and pre-conception ~~pro-pregnancy~~ family planning counseling with all interested individuals with reproductive potential starting at age 30, as part of routine health maintenance (Directive to Take Action) (Establish New HOD Policy).

RECOMMENDATION B:

Resolution 1 be adopted as amended with a change in title to read as follows:

ENCOURAGING DISCUSSION OF ~~FAMILY BUILDING PLANS AND PRE-CONCEPTION~~ FAMILY PLANNING COUNSELING WITH ALL INDIVIDUALS, AS PART OF UNITED STATES PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE RECOMMENDED ROUTINE HEALTH MAINTENANCE

FINAL ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That our AMA work with other interested organizations to advocate for the United States Preventive Services Taskforce to encourage discussion of family-building plans and pre-conception counseling with all individuals starting at age 30, as part of routine health maintenance (Establish New HOD Policy).

Online commentary was generally supportive of the resolution's intent. However, concerns were raised about the development of a United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendation, appropriate age to initiate discussion on family building as well as pre-conception counseling, and presumed patient interest on this topic.

Moreover, online testimony raised concern over available evidence that demonstrates the public health benefits of family building and pre-conception counseling. It was also stated that the frequency of discussions on family building and pre-conception counseling does not appear to be well documented.

1 Your Reference Committee wishes to note that the development of a USPSTF
2 recommendation is a stringent, evidence-based process that focuses on topics within a
3 particular scope. According to the [USPSTF Procedure Manual](#), topics must relate to a
4 service that is meant to support primary or secondary prevention and address a disease
5 with a substantial health burden. Further, if a topic is accepted, the development of a
6 USPSTF recommendation could take two to three years to complete. Hence, your
7 Reference Committee proffered an amendment to address the concerns noted in the
8 online forum and allow the AMA more flexibility to address this important issue. Your
9 Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 1 be adopted as amended.

RECOMMENDED FOR FILING

(5) REPORT A: AMA ADVOCACY EFFORTS

RECOMMENDATION:

Report A be filed.

FINAL ACTION: FILED

At the 2005 Annual Meeting of the AMA-YPS Assembly, the AMA-YPS Governing Council was directed to report annually on the section's advocacy efforts. Report A is an informational report that provides an overview of advocacy efforts accomplished by the AMA and AMA-YPS. No online commentary was provided for Report A. Therefore, your Reference Committee recommends that Report A be filed.

(8) REPORT B: AMA-YPS INTERNAL OPERATING PROCEDURES: UPDATE ON THE 2022 REVIEW CYCLE PHYSICIANS

RECOMMENDATION:

Report B be filed.

FINAL ACTION: FILED

Report B is an informational report intended to provide a status update on the activities of the YPS Ad Hoc Committee on Internal Operating Procedures. This report summarizes the work of the committee to date and outlines the next steps for the YPS IOP review cycle. No comments were provided in the online forum, and your Reference Committee recommends that Report B be filed.

- 1 This concludes the report of the AMA-YPS Reference Committee. I would like to thank
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