

**AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEDICAL STUDENT SECTION  
(Interim 2025)**

Report of the Medical Student Section Reference Committee Addendum

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1 Your Reference Committee recommends the following consent calendar for acceptance:

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3 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**

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5 1. Late Resolution 001 - Pending Transmittal Update: "Overemphasis on Research  
6 in Trainee Selection"

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8 **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED**

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10 2. Late Resolution 002 - Upholding Professional Integrity and Ethical Leadership  
11 Through Continued Publication of the AMA Journal of Ethics  
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## RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

(1) LATE RESOLUTION 001 – PENDING TRANSMITTAL UPDATE:  
“OVEREMPHASIS ON RESEARCH IN TRAINEE SELECTION”

### RECOMMENDATION:

**Late Resolution 001 be adopted.**

RESOLVED, That our AMA supports efforts to ensure the prompt delivery of humanitarian

RESOLVED, that pending MSS transmittal “Overemphasis on Research in Trainee Selection” (306-I-24-MSS) be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association support efforts and work with relevant parties to:

- a) Improve the holistic and equitable consideration of research, advocacy, service, teaching, mentorship, and other non-research domains in medical school and residency/fellowship selection;~~Improve residency/fellowship application services to allow applicants to differentiate between non-research domains of experience such as advocacy and service, as well as research experiences; and~~
- b) ~~R~~reduce the emphasis on the quantity of research expectations for applicants; and
- c) Improve medical school and residency/fellowship application services to allow applicants to comprehensively showcase the non-research domains that best align with their experiences and career goals.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that 310.063MSS “Overemphasis on Research in Trainee Selection” be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:

AMA-MSS will ask that our American Medical Association support efforts and work with relevant parties to:

- a) Improve the holistic and equitable consideration of research, advocacy, service, teaching, mentorship, and other non-research domains in medical school and residency/fellowship selection;~~Improve residency/fellowship application services to allow applicants to differentiate between non-research domains of experience such as advocacy and service, as well as research experiences; and~~
- b) ~~R~~reduce the emphasis on the quantity of research expectations for applicants; and

1 c) Improve medical school and residency/fellowship application services to  
2 allow applicants to comprehensively showcase the non-research domains  
3 that best align with their experiences and career goals.  
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5 Your Reference Committee agrees that this resolution is timely because updates to ERAS  
6 will remove the ability of applicants to list publications that are not peer reviewed. We  
7 believe the MSS should amend our pending transmittal to reflect updates based on  
8 AAMC's update this past month. AMA-MSS members hold a myriad of engagement and  
9 leadership roles in the AMA as well as other organizations. Residency/fellowship  
10 applications should allow applicants to accurately portray their engagement and  
11 leadership roles. Your Reference Committee recommends Late Resolution 001 be  
12 adopted.  
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**RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED**

- (2) LATE RESOLUTION 002 – UPHOLDING PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP THROUGH PUBLICATION OF THE AMA JOURNAL OF ETHICS

**RECOMMENDATION A:**

The second Resolve of Late Resolution 002 be deleted:

~~RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association maintain current funding and operations of the *AMA Journal of Ethics* through at least the end of fiscal year 2027; and be it further~~

**RECOMMENDATION B:**

The third Resolve of Late Resolution 002 be deleted:

~~RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association study and report back with recommendations on how our organization can maintain leadership in medical ethics education, including an investigation of more sustainable or alternative publishing models for the *AMA Journal of Ethics*; and be it further~~

**RECOMMENDATION C:**

Late Resolution 002 be amended by the addition of a Resolve:

RESOLVED, that our AMA support the continued work, dissemination, and publication of the *AMA Journal of Ethics*; and be it further

**RECOMMENDATION D:**

Late Resolution 002 be adopted as amended.

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association reaffirm its commitment to sustaining accessible, physician-led education and discourse on the ethical challenges in medicine; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association maintain current funding and operations of the *AMA Journal of Ethics* through at least the end of fiscal year 2027; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association study and report back with  
2 recommendations on how our organization can maintain leadership in medical ethics  
3 education, including an investigation of more sustainable or alternative publishing models  
4 for the *AMA Journal of Ethics*; and be it further

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6 RESOLVED, that our AMA-MSS immediately forward this resolution to the I-25 House of  
7 Delegates.

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10 Your Reference Committee agrees that the resolution is timely and urgent given that the  
11 *AMA Journal of Ethics* is set to cease publication of new content after December 2025.  
12 We believe this resolution is important to continue the *AMA Journal of Ethics* and provide  
13 transparency on any changes. We agreed on deletion of the second and third resolve  
14 clauses to replace them with a broader ask to continue the work of the journal. Your  
15 Reference Committee recommends Late Resolution 002 be adopted as amended.