

RESOLUTIONS FOR REAFFIRMATION

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AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION'S RE-ENTRY PROGRAM FOR ACGME TRAINED D.O.'S

RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association's House of Delegates calls upon the American Osteopathic Association to streamline and expedite the process of returning ACGME trained osteopathic physicians to the Osteopathic Family.

RESOLUTION 2003-02; revised & reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18

PEDIATRIC AND ADULT OBESITY

RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association's House of Delegates goes on record supporting a campaign within the state of Texas to educate osteopathic physicians, students, patients and the general population; with special emphasis on elementary, middle and high school students, regarding the seriousness of obesity and the importance of proper nutrition and exercise; and, RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates encourages all osteopathic physicians to do a BMI and provide nutritional information to all of their patients at least annually.

RESOLUTION 2003-05 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18

REDUCING STRESS IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association's House of Delegates goes on record supporting activities that prevent family stress and promote health and well-being such as, but not limited to: family reading, home cooking, gardening as a family, participating in the youth organizations; participation in community activities to help provide a safe place after school for children and adolescents; and, participation in family-centered indoor and outdoor games and activities.

RESOLUTION 2003-06 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18

OMT IN VETERANS HOSPITALS AND CLINICS

RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association's House of Delegates calls upon the U.S. Veterans Administration to reverse the policy of prohibiting the use and documentation of OMT by physicians in all of its health care facilities.

RESOLUTION 2003-07 revised & reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18

HEALTH CARE FOR U.S. VETERANS

RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association's House of Delegates goes on record supporting adequate health care funding by the federal government to take care of all U.S. Veterans at veterans hospitals and clinics or alternate health care sites.

RESOLUTION 2003-08 revised & reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18

MANDATORY PROFICIENCY TESTING OF PHYSICIANS

RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association's House of Delegates opposes the concept of mandatory proficiency testing as a condition of licensure for any professional group unless it applies to all professional groups in the State of Texas.

RESOLUTION 2003-09 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18

1 **PAYMENT FOR INFLUENZA VACCINE**

2 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association’s House of Delegates calls upon the CMS to
3 increase the current payments by 150% to physicians who supply the influenza vaccine to Medicare
4 beneficiaries.

5 **RESOLUTION 2003-11 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

6 **INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR INJECTABLES**

7 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association’s House of Delegates calls upon TOMA staff
8 to work to change third party payer policies on injectables so that once the price of the drug falls below
9 the actual acquisition cost, it will no longer be considered a covered service.

10 **RESOLUTION 2003-12 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

11 **OBESITY IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS**

12 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association’s House of Delegates urges Texas
13 osteopathic physicians as well as parents, grandparents, schools, day care centers, and fast food
14 restaurants to take action to help prolong the lives of children without significant health-related illness
15 as a result of obesity.

16 **RESOLUTION 2003-14 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

17 **FLAME RETARDANT CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN**

18 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association’s House of Delegates supports federal
19 legislation that requires all children’s sleep and lounge clothing to be flame retardant.

20 **RESOLUTION 2003-15 revised & reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

21 **ACCESS TO APPROVED POLICIES OF THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION**

22 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates supports development of a process that will afford all
23 members of the American Osteopathic Association opportunity for access to approved resolutions and
24 policies; and,

25 RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association list and update approved resolutions on their
26 website.

27 **RESOLUTION 2003-17 revised & reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

28 **ANY WILLING PROVIDER**

29 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association House of Delegates supports the American
30 Osteopathic Association to work with the insurance industry so that physicians would be given the
31 option of providing services at the same price that the insurance carrier has contracted with its other
32 providers.

33 **RESOLUTION 2003-18; revised & reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

34 **PROPER NUTRITION IN TEXAS SCHOOLS**

35 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates calls upon the State of Texas to provide instruction in
36 proper nutrition to all Texas students, and,

37 RESOLVED, that Texas schools be required to prepare nutritional, well-balanced, and healthful school
38 meals.

39 **RESOLUTION 2003-21 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; Sunset 18**

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1 **SCHOOL COUNSELING FOR “AT RISK” STUDENTS**

2 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates calls upon the State of Texas to increase the funding for
3 school counseling programs designed to identify “at-risk” Texas students to help prevent development
4 of criminal behavior.

5 **RESOLUTION 2003-22 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

6 **TEXAS DATABASE FOR PHYSICIANS**

7 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates goes on record urging the TMB to limit database access
8 of confidential information, only allowing the release of biographical and contact data, TMB actions
9 taken against a physician, and the status of the physician’s license.

10 **RESOLUTION 2003-24 revised and reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

11 **ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONER**

12 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates goes on record opposing reimbursement of mid-level
13 practitioners at a rate comparable to unrestricted licensed physicians when performing similar medical
14 services in the State of Texas.

15 **RESOLUTION 2003-26; revised & reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

16 **GENERIC SUBSTITUTION OF TYPE B DRUGS**

17 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates goes on record opposing generic substitution for brand
18 name products with type "B" drug products.

19 **RESOLUTION 2003-27 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

20 **MEDICARE PROVIDER MANDATORY**

21 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates goes on record opposing any attempt to tie licensure in
22 the State of Texas to mandatory participation in state or federally funded health care programs.

23 **RESOLUTION 2003-29 revised & reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

24 **MEDICAL STAFF BYLAWS**

25 RESOLVED, the TOMA House of Delegates oppose any state regulation that would allow hospital
26 governing boards to appoint a medical director who has authority over the medical staff; and,
27 RESOLVED, the TOMA House of Delegates oppose the concept that hospital and corporate bylaws can
28 supersede legitimate functions of the medical staff as spelled out in medical staff bylaws; and,
29 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates goes on record opposing unilateral changing of hospital
30 medical staff bylaws or any attempt to destroy medical staff self-governance.

31 **RESOLUTION 2003-30 revised and reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

32 **PHYSICIAN DIRECTED PEER REVIEW**

33 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates goes on record as supporting physician directed medical
34 peer review that guarantees confidentiality of medical records, due process for all potentially sanctioned
35 health care providers, and educational rather than punitive methods to correct inappropriate patterns
36 of medical care when an imminent danger to patients does not exist.

37 **RESOLUTION 2003-33 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

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1 **POLICY STATEMENTS**

2 RESOLVED, that the policy statements be printed in their entirety, when adopted, as a standard feature
3 in the TOMA Annual Directory, and,

4 RESOLVED, that the policy statements relating to health care, health planning and health delivery be
5 reviewed by the TOMA House of Delegates every five years or as often as deemed necessary by the
6 Resolutions Committee for affirmation, revision or deletion.

7 **RESOLUTION 2003-34 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

8 **TAX INCENTIVES FOR LONG TERM CARE COVERAGE**

9 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates supports the concept of giving tax breaks to consumers
10 who buy long term care insurance.

11 **RESOLUTION 2003-35 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

12 **CRIMINAL LITIGATION FOR CLINICAL MISTAKES**

13 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates goes on record opposing criminal prosecution of clinical
14 decision - making and support model state legislation to prohibit such cases.

15 **RESOLUTION 2003-40 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

16 **MEDICARE EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT RULES**

17 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates goes on record supporting the development of Medicare
18 E&M documentation rules that will only require documentation which is directly related to the health
19 care provided, and,

20 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates goes on record opposing Medicare carriers from
21 punishing physicians who have made honest coding mistakes for fraud and abuse.

22 **RESOLUTION 2003-41 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

23 **MEDICARE PRIVATE CONTRACTS**

24 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates goes on record supporting private contracting between
25 seniors and their physicians for Medicare covered services without the two year nonparticipation
26 requirement.

27 **RESOLUTION 2003-42 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

28 **REIMBURSEMENT FOR COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING**

29 RESOLVED, that the TOMA House of Delegates recommends that it be mandated by law that all private
30 payers should join Medicare in reimbursing for CRC screening.

31 **RESOLUTION 2003-43 reaffirmed 08; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

32 **INCREASING OSTEOPATHIC GME TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE STATE OF TEXAS**

33 RESOLVED, that TOMA work with the AOA to encourage legislative and non-legislative changes to
34 increase funding for GME programs; and be it further,

35 RESOLVED, that the increased funding be directed toward increasing osteopathic residency positions at
36 existing GME programs, the opening of new osteopathic GME programs including dual-accredited
37 programs, and all other avenues.

38 **RESOLUTION 2008-02; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

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1 **NURSE PRACTITIONER LICENSE UNDER THE TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD**

2 RESOLVED, that TOMA seek legislation to place Advanced Practice Nurses (APN's) who provide direct
3 patient care and with prescriptive authority in the State of Texas under the authority, licensure and
4 discipline of the Texas Medical Board.

5 **RESOLUTION 2008-04; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

6 **PEER REVIEW FOR THE TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD**

7 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association work with the Texas Medical Board to
8 provide the names of Osteopathic physicians who are qualified and willing to perform Peer Review for
9 the Texas Medical Board.

10 **RESOLUTION 2008-06; reaffirmed 13; reaffirmed 18**

11 **TOMA AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO MAKE NOMINATIONS**

12 RESOLVED, that the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association House of Delegates allows members of the
13 TOMA Awards and Scholarship Committee to make nominations for TOMA awards, and that the
14 nominating person recuses himself/herself from the vote.

15 **RESOLUTION 2008-07; reaffirmed 13; Sunset 18**