

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS
MEDICAL STUDENT SECTION RESOLUTIONS
FORWARDED TO THE AMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**2000 ANNUAL MEETING
CHICAGO, IL**

AMA RESOLUTION 120 – AMENDMENT TO AMA POLICY H-370.985: COVERAGE OF IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE MEDICATIONS FOR THE LIFE OF THE TRANSPLANTED ORGAN

HOD ACTION: SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 120 ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association amend Policy H-370.985 to read that “the American Medical Association supports seeking federal legislation mandating the Health Care Financing Administration to cover ~~reinstate~~ under Medicare drugs used in the maintenance of organ transplants ~~to be furnished in subsequent years after the first year following a covered transplant~~ for the life of the transplanted organ.

AMA RESOLUTION 205 – AN ALTERNATIVE TO TORT SYSTEM REFORM FOR MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

HOD ACTION: SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION 205 ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the American Medical Association Policy H-435.969 be modified to read: The AMA reaffirms its support for investigating promising Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms, in the context of demonstration projects designed to evaluate whether they resolve medical liability claims fairly and in a more timely and cost effective manner. The AMA strongly recommends that if cost containment goals are to be achieved, ADR proposals designed to provide greater access to legal process must incorporate effective mechanisms to: a) identify non-meritorious claims and dispose of them; b) decrease the proportion of cases being litigated; c) increase the portion of any settlement payment received by the patient; and d) identify appropriate guidelines for the payment of damages.

AMA RESOLUTION 404 – HEALTH INITIATIVES ON ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

HOD ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That our AMA urge existing federal agencies, commissions and Asian American and Pacific Islander health organizations to study how to improve the collection, analysis and dissemination of public health data on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA expand its minority health policies to include Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

AMA RESOLUTION 505 – ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH’S NATIONAL CENTER FOR COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE’S CLASSIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE PRACTICES

HOD ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That the AMA utilize the National Institutes of Health’s National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine’s classification system of alternative medicine, “Major Domains of Complementary and Alternative Medicine,” in order to promote future discussion and research about the efficacy, safety, and use of alternative medicine.

AMA RESOLUTION 506 – POLICY STATEMENT ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION REPARATIVE (CONVERSION) THERAPY

HOD ACTION: ADOPTED AS AMENDED

RESOLVED, That the AMA oppose the use of “reparative” or “conversion” therapy that is based upon the assumption that homosexuality per se is a mental disorder or based upon the a priori assumption that the patient should change his/her homosexual orientation.

AMA RESOLUTION 619 – PRESERVING THE AMA’S GRASSROOTS LEGISLATIVE AND POLITICAL MISSION

HOD ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLVED, that the American Medical Association ensure that all Washington activities including lobbying, political education, grassroots communications and membership activities be staffed and funded so that all reasonable legislative missions and requests by AMA members and constituent organizations for political action and training can be met in a timely and effective manner.

AMA RESOLUTION 804 – PROVISION OF INTERPRETING SERVICES FOR NON-ENGLISH PROFICIENT PATIENTS

HOD ACTION: NOT ADOPTED

RESOLVED, That the AMA amend AMA policy 215.982 to read as follows:

The AMA encourages ~~hospitals~~ health care facilities that serve persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) populations with a significant number of non-English speaking patients to provide trained translator services interpreting and translation services.

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the title of AMA Policy 215.982 be changed to “Interpreting and Translation Services in Health Care Facilities.”