American Osteopathic Association
House of Delegates
Committee on Public Affairs

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CONSENT AGENDA – FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Mr. Speaker, I present the following Consent Agenda, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED:

H-402 PUBLIC EDUCATION REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE AND SAFETY OF VACCINES FOR INFANTS, CHILDREN, AND ADULTS
H-405 PROTECTION OF SAFE WATER SUPPLY
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And I so move.
H-400 INTERFERENCE IN THE PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP BY PERSONAL INJURY ATTORNEYS AND INSURANCE AGENTS

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H-400, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 4… WHEREAS, some patients who have already established care with a DO or MD physician may

Line 7… WHEREAS, other patients of DO or MD physicians may consult with a personal injury

Lines 15-19… RESOLVED WHEREAS, that insurance agents, attorneys, and any other party with vested financial interests related to personal injury cases who then advise injured persons regarding choice of medical provider, diagnostic study, or course of medical treatment have demonstrated an ethical conflict of interest and have interfered in the DO- or MD PHYSICIAN-patient relationship; and, be it further

Lines 20-21… RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association opposes any interference in the DO- or MD PHYSICIAN-patient relationship by persons with financial and business interests regarding a

Explanatory Statement: Amended to ensure that the rights and privileges of licensed physicians are protected.

And I so move.

H-401 OSTEOPATHIC NAME AND IDENTITY

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H-401, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 28… WHEREAS, some American M.D. medical doctors have already attended AOA ACCREDITATED OR sponsored

Page 2 - Lines 11-13… RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) proceed henceforth with negotiations and actions with sensitivity in regards to the preservation of the unique terminology that references the osteopathic medical profession; and, be it further

Page 2 - Lines 14-20… RESOLVED, that while acknowledging that M.D.s will participate in osteopathic recognized residencies, the ACGME will develop terminology that defines the practices of M.D. medical school graduates who complete such programs, as manual medicine or medical manipulation or the like, while respecting the identity and the terminology of our respective, separate professions, consistent with the existing AOA Resolution H630 on Teaching Osteopathic Philosophy, Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment and Manual Therapy THAT THE AOA ADVISES THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION (ACGME) THAT MDS WHO COMPLETE OSTEOPATHIC-RECOGNIZED RESIDENCIES
SHOULD DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS "MDS WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN OSTEOPATHIC MANIPULATIVE MEDICINE" AND NOT AS OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS OR DOS; and, be it further.

Page 2 - Lines 21-23… RESOLVED, that the AOA advocate that the legitimate use of the words “osteopathy,” “osteopath,” “osteopathic,” or any other term derived thereof, resides with the determination of the American Osteopathic Association.

Explanatory Statement: MDs who are trained in osteopathic residencies should indicate that they practice osteopathic manipulative medicine, but they should not call themselves osteopathic physicians.

And I so move.

H-403 SUPPORT FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES (ACIP) RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H-403, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 29… Report (MMWR) and should not use ADVOCATE alternative schedules.

Explanatory Statement: Alternative immunization schedules are not encouraged. However, it is recognized that physicians must use judgement when caring for their patients.

And I so move.

H-404 VACCINATION RATES – DAYCARE NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H-404, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 13… level that requires daycare facilities to notify parents (IN COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) REGULATIONS AND STATE REGULATIONS WHERE APPLICABLE) that their facility has in its care

Explanatory Statement: Language was added to protect the identity of individuals.

And I so move.

H-407 ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H-407, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:
Line 26... to choose the right antibiotics; and to administer APPROPRIATELY them in the right way in every case.

Explanatory Statement: Editorial

And I so move.

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H-449 COUNCIL ON MINORITY HEALTH ISSUES

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H-449, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Explanatory Statement: IN THE EVENT OF BUREAUS, COUNCILS, AND COMMITTEES (BCC) CONSOLIDATION, THE BCC RESPONSIBLE FOR MINORITY HEALTH ISSUES SHOULD HAVE A DESIGNATED SEAT IN HONOR OF WILLIAM G. ANDERSON, DO.

And I so move.

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H-450 AMENDMENT OF AOA POLICY H-312 - A/2013 FIREARM VIOLENCE

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H-450, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Lines 15-16... WEAPONS AND FIREARMS WITH LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINES; (6) AOA ENCOURAGES ENHANCED EDUCATION OF GUN SAFETY AND SAFE HANDLING OF FIREARMS; and (46) (7) approves the attached Policy Statement on Firearm Violence. 2013

Explanatory Statement: This committee believes that enhanced education for the public is necessary.

And I so move.

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H-410 STILLBIRTH AWARENESS (H-326-A/10)

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H-410, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

SUBJECT: H326-A/10 STILLBIRTH INTRAUTERINE FETAL DEMISE AWARENESS

Line 3...H326-A/10 STILLBIRTH INTRAUTERINE FETAL DEMISE AWARENESS
Line 4-6...The American Osteopathic Association supports increasing public awareness of the risk for stillbirth INTRAUTERINE FETAL DEMISE and encourages the director of the National
Institutes of Health to allocate more resources to stillbirth INTRAUTERINE FETAL DEMISE research. 2010.

Explanatory Statement: Amended in alignment with American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists terminology.

And I so move.

H-413 ANIMALS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH (H402-A/10)

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H-413, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:


Explanatory Statement: The use of animals for medical research is becoming obsolete.

And I so move.

H-425 TANNING DEVICES (H413-A/10)

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H-425, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Lines 4-7…. The American Osteopathic Association endorses appropriate governmental action to impose those safety precautions and educational materials which are needed regarding the use of tanning devices, SPECIFICALLY AS THESE REGULATIONS RELATE TO USE BY MINORS.

WHEREAS, OUTSIDE OF USE IN CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS, THERE IS NO LEGITIMATE USE FOR ULTRAVIOLET (UV) LIGHT EMITTING TANNING DEVICES; AND

WHEREAS, UV LIGHT EMITTING TANNING DEVICES ARE KNOWN TO CAUSE SKIN CANCER; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION STANDS OPPOSED TO THE PERSONAL USE OF UV LIGHT EMITTING TANNING DEVICES FOR COSMETIC PURPOSES.

Explanatory Statement: Increased personal use of UV light emitting tanning devices poses significant health risks. Therefore, unsupervised use should be discouraged except as prescribed by a physician.

And I so move.
H-431 END OF LIFE CARE – POLICY STATEMENT ON (H420-A/10)

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H-431, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 24… OSTEOPATHIC MANUAL MANIPULATIVE MEDICINE.

Explanatory Statement: Editorial

And I so move.

H-436 COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE BY NON-PHYSICIANS (H425-A/10)

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H-436, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Lines 7-8… of complementary and alternative medicine with their patients in a non-judgmental manner that is personally respectful and culturally sensitive MANNER; (3) encourages the continued performance of

Explanatory Statement: This committee recognizes that physicians must exercise judgment in caring for patients. However, care must be delivered in a respectful and culturally appropriate way.

And I so move.

H-441 SODIUM CHLORIDE CONSUMPTION (H433-A/10)

Mr. Speaker, I present for consideration Resolution No. H-403, and the Committee recommends that it be APPROVED with the following AMENDMENTS:

Line 2… following policy be REAFFIRMED DELETED:

Explanatory Statement: With the improvement in health education, sodium content is now placed on all food labels. Therefore, consumers can make informed decisions with the advice and consultation of their physician.

And I so move.
Mr. Speaker, this concludes the Committee’s report. I would like to thank the members of the Committee.

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