

NOSC Leadership Panel Reference Committee Recommendation

Consent Agenda

Resolution #	Resolution Title	NOSC Reference Committee Recommendation
H-200	Develop and Implement Curriculum on the Care of People with Developmental Disabilities (SR-Source:H211-A/18)	Support
H-201	DO Degree Designation (SR-Source:H204-A/18)	Support
H-202	Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT) by Osteopathic Medical Students During Medical School Rotations, Promoting use of (SR-Source:H200-A/18)	Support
H-203	Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training in all Specialty Areas (SR-Source:H202-A/18)	Support
H-204	Peer-To-Peer Suicide Prevention Training Amongst Osteopathic Medical Schools (SR-Source:H212-A/18)	Support
H-205	Sex and Gender Based Medicine (SR-Source:H214-A/18)	Support

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Discussion Agenda

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H-211	Exploring the Impact of Virtual Residency Interviews on Osteopathic Residency Match Rate	Support as Amended	<p>The Reference Committee supports the proposed amendments by the AOA BOT, which suggest adding verbiage to better "analyze the impact of the virtual interview process on the osteopathic medical student match rate." If that proposed language is not adopted, we recommend amending the verbiage on line 35 to include "and match trends" to more accurately represent and assess the impact of virtual interviewing on both DO student success in the match and overall participation.</p>
H-339	Special Licensing Pathways for Physicians – Opposition to – Source: H363-A/18	Support for Reaffirmation as Amended	<p>The Reference Committee recommends supporting the reaffirmation as amended to protect the distinctiveness of osteopathic medicine and uphold the integrity and high standards of the osteopathic profession and physicians' practice. However, the Committee wishes to acknowledge the challenges and special circumstances faced by osteopathic medical students who are unable to match but successfully graduate and find employment opportunities through state pathways that allow them to practice under licensed physician supervision.</p>
H-343	Workplace Violence Against Healthcare Providers	Not Support as Written	<p>The Reference Committee does not recommend supporting this resolution as written due to its financial impact and the coverage of existing AOA policy already addressing the extent of the resolution's requests. Instead, we recommend amending the current policy to include advocacy for prosecuting workplace violence as a felony. Additionally, the Committee believes that the verbiage should be amended to more accurately reflect the position and goals of the AOA, which may include using "advocate" instead of "lobby."</p>

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H-344	Task Force for National Epinephrine Legislation	No Recommendation at this time	The Reference Committee has reached out to the resolution authors to seek further clarification. This is in order to develop a more informed recommendation for our osteopathic student members. The committee seeks clarification on the specific role and goals of the Task Force, as well as how that role will evolve over time.
H-345	AOA Support for the Fair Access in Residency (Fair) Act, H.R. 751	No Recommendation at this time	The Reference Committee wholeheartedly embraces the positive intent of this resolution. They acknowledge the diverse perspectives and approaches within our organization when it comes to finding a solution. Therefore, the Committee believes it is best to empower students and their organizations to independently express their views on this matter. This approach ensures that their unique voices and positions are accurately represented.

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<p align="center">H-347</p>	<p>Advocate Congress to close the Title IV loophole that has been used to enable funds to cover the cost of attendance at for profit Medical Schools that would otherwise be Ineligible</p>	<p align="center">Support as Written</p>	<p>Recommend supporting the resolution as written. The Ref Com acknowledges the challenges faced by medical students seeking admission at offshore, for-profit Caribbean medical schools. These students are encouraged to pursue second degrees at US colleges, borrow federal loans to cover living expenses and tuition, resulting in undue hardship and debt. This also allows Title IV funding to flow to ineligible foreign for-profit medical schools. Note that newer DO programs in the US with pre-accreditation would not be affected by this position.</p>
<p align="center">H-417</p>	<p>Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment of Somatic Dysfunction of the Head, Safety in (SR-Source:H420-A/18)</p>	<p align="center">Support for Reaffirmation as Amended</p>	<p>The Reference Committee recommends reaffirming this resolution as amended to include the practice of appropriate patient education and disclosure, the encouragement of health care laws, and the provision of OMT for treating "somatic dysfunction of the head" and performing "osteopathic cranial manipulative medicine." These practices should be qualified by the requirements of a "professional clinical diagnosis, a complete medical treatment plan, professional ethics, and appropriate follow-up care."</p>

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<p align="center">H-419</p>	<p>Policy Statement on End-of-Life Care - Referred Sunset Res. No. H424-A/2022 (SR-Source:H438-A/17)</p>	<p align="center">Not Support for Reaffirmation as Amended</p>	<p>The Reference Committee recommends not supporting the verbiage change and subsequent amendment, specifically in line 27. While acknowledging the sensitivity of the topic, we believe it is important to uphold our responsibility in recognizing and supporting cultural diversity in perspectives on death, suffering, bereavement, and rituals at the end of life. This should include incorporating cultural assessment into the comprehensive evaluation of the patient and family. Considering the core Tenets of Osteopathic Medicine, which emphasize the unity of body, mind, and spirit, as well as the growing diversity and need for cultural awareness and competency in a changing population, we believe that the language used by the AOA should reflect this sentiment by retaining the original verbiage of "urges" instead of "encourages." If this change is made, we would support reaffirmation.</p>
<p align="center">H-424</p>	<p>Artificial Intelligence in Health Care – Task Force</p>	<p align="center">No Recommendation at this time</p>	<p>The Reference Committee has contacted the resolution authors to seek further clarification. This is necessary to provide a well-informed recommendation for our osteopathic student members, including addressing the rationale behind the fiscal impact associated with in-person meetings versus virtual meetings. We also recommend amending the verbiage in lines 20-21 to specify the inclusion of members with expertise in "osteopathic medicine." This is in line with the previously mentioned recognition of "the potential impact of AI on the practice of osteopathic medicine" and the need for individuals with the corresponding knowledge to study the matter, rather than relying solely on expertise in "AI, medical ethics, and medical law."</p>

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<p align="center">H-427</p>	<p>Voter Registration as a Social Determinant of Health</p>	<p align="center">Support as Amended</p>	<p>Recommend this resolution be supported as amended with verbiage change in line 13 to read as follows: delete "establish a" and replace with "determine the" as means of addressing the concern raised by the AOA BOT that "inclusion of voter registration as a social determinant of health seen as too much of an extension." Specifically, the question was raised regarding the topic of causation versus correlation, and Ref Com believes this amendment would allow for the AOA to more effectively acknowledge and address the issue of voting as a social determinant of health.</p>
<p align="center">H-428</p>	<p>Amendment to H444-A/20 "Adopting and Promoting Non-Stigmatizing Language for Substance Use Disorders"</p>	<p align="center">Support as Written</p>	<p>The Reference Committee believes that this resolution appropriately expands upon the current AOA policy while considering the need for ongoing flexibility due to the evolving nature of language and terminology. Therefore, we recommend supporting the resolution as written.</p>
<p align="center">H-429</p>	<p>Supporting Access to Over-the-Counter Oral Contraceptive Pills</p>	<p align="center">Support as Amended</p>	<p>It is recommended that this resolution be supported as amended, per the AOA BOT recommendation, to change the verbiage of lines 10-11 and line 14 as follows: delete "without an age restriction" and replace it with "consistent with FDA guidelines."</p>
<p align="center">H-628</p>	<p>In Support of Training and Advocacy for Diverse Patient Populations Including but Not Limited to LGBTQ2+ Within Residency</p>	<p align="center">Support as Written</p>	<p>Recommend supporting the resolution as written, as the language and requests of this resolution are in line with existing AOA policy. Additionally, the Reference Committee feels that it is representative of, and in accordance with, the osteopathic tenets, which recognize that a person is a unit of body, mind, and spirit, inclusive of sexual orientation and gender identity.</p>

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<p align="center">H-631</p>	<p>Implementing Land Acknowledgements at American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Events</p>	<p align="center">Support as Written with Amendment Consideration</p>	<p>The Reference Committee recommends supporting this resolution as written. We note that ANAMS utilizes a free app to develop their own land acknowledgements, addressing potential cost concerns raised by the AOA BOT. Additionally, the recurring annual national events, such as DO Day on Capitol Hill and the AOA HOD, which take place in the same locations with corresponding historical lands of Indigenous Peoples and tribes, will help minimize the effort and cost associated with developing land acknowledgements for these events. While the Committee supports the resolution as written, it suggests that the authors consider revising the wording to allow them to assist the AOA in developing land acknowledgements for AOA events, thus reducing the cost and time expenditures for AOA staff.</p>
<p align="center">H-632</p>	<p>Increasing Access to Affordable Insurance for Undocumented Immigrants</p>	<p align="center">Support as Written with Amendment Consideration</p>	<p>Recommend support as written due to the different verbiage and asks of this resolution as opposed to existing AOA Policy, namely H338/A18. Specifically, the Ref Com felt although there are similarities between the two regarding the issue of increasing "access to affordable health care coverage", verbiage of the aforementioned AOA policy asks the AOA to "support" existing federal and state efforts as opposed to the ask specified in this resolution that the AOA actively "advocate" for increased access and availability of affordable health care services, and specifically for "undocumented immigrants seeking care." Nevertheless, as means of addressing AOA BOT concerns while also seeking to increase the scope of this resolution, the Reference Committee recommends the authors consider amending their current ask in favor of modifying existing AOA Policy H338/A18 in order to broaden/clarify that scope.</p>

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Secondary Discussion Agenda

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H-508	Amendments to the American Osteopathic Association Constitution – Article X (First Read)	No Recommendation at this time	Although the Reference Committee has no formal recommendation at this time, we would include these resolutions for consideration at the conclusion of the Discussion Agenda, time permitting. These resolutions are in conjunction with H-503 regarding Article X - Gender Disclaimer of the AOA Constitution.
H-523	Amendments to the American Osteopathic Association Bylaws – Article XII		

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