

**RESOLUTION 12.2019-21 (A-20)
PATIENTS' RIGHTS TO KNOW FULL CREDENTIALS OF HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN THEIR CARE**

ISMS Board Action Taken on 07/18/2020

Did not adopt Resolution 12.2019-21 (A-20).

**Council on Education & Health Workforce Recommendation to
ISMS Board on 07/18/2020**

The Council had initially recommended adoption as amended, as the Council was supportive of the idea of promoting transparency in the professional qualifications of the individuals providing patient care.

At the January 2020 meeting, members of the Board expressed concerns that some of the actions called for in the resolution may be impractical at the practice level (e.g., maintaining up-to-date signage throughout the work day as schedules fluctuate, changing billing arrangements, and securing multiple consent-to-treat authorizations), and could undermine efforts to deliver care by appropriately managed physician-led health care teams. It was also noted that Illinois law already requires all health care professionals to wear identification badges that indicate professional licensure, as called for in the final resolve.

The Council believes that existing law requiring clear identification of medical professionals substantially addresses the issues raised in this resolution, without mandating how medical facilities or practices manage their team-based care arrangements. The Council agreed to recommend against adoption of the resolution.

The Council on Education & Health Workforce recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees not adopt Resolution 12.2019-21 (A-20).

ISMS Board Action Taken on 01/25/2020

Referred Resolution 12.2019-21 (A-20), Patients' Rights to Know Full Credentials of Health Professionals Involved in Their Care, back to the Council for further consideration.

Council on Education & Health Workforce Recommendation to
ISMS Board on 01/25/2020

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The Council on Education and Health Workforce was supportive of the resolution and its goal of promoting transparency of professional qualifications of individuals providing patient care. The Council agreed with the author that the actions called for in the resolution would help educate patients and policymakers about the critical difference in education, experience and qualifications between physicians and non-physician practitioners.

The Council on Education & Health Workforce recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 12.2019-21 (A-20), as amended:

RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society advocate that facilities staffed with NPPs – non physician providers – must have signage clearly indicating that no physician is present, so that patients may choose to stay or not; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS advocate that patients will not be billed for a visit if they scheduled with a physician, but then were seen by a non-physician provider; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS advocate that facilities may not bill a physician charge unless physician did NOT see the patient but was "available"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS advocate that patients be made aware during the informed consent process of the level of training and licensure of health care professionals who may provide care, and have the option of limiting their consent to care provided by a physician ~~consent to treat documentation include clearly give an option for patients to choose if they want only physicians, or non-physician providers. A facility may not change this choice without prior approval of the patient;~~ and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS advocate that all health care professionals be required to wear identification badges, which clearly indicate professional licensure.