

**RESOLUTION 01.2020-28 (A-20)**  
**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING**

**ISMS Board Action Taken on 01/25/2020**

**Adopted Substitute Resolution 01.2020-28 (A-20), as recommended by the Council on Communications & Membership Advocacy.**

Council on Communications & Membership Advocacy Recommendation to  
ISMS Board on 01/25/2020

The Council on Communications and Membership Advocacy found merit to the proposal. However, the Council expressed concern related to the resolved clauses being too narrow. Furthermore, the Council expressed concern about potential liability with endorsing a specific educational course on the topic of mental health crisis intervention, as well as the possibility of laying the groundwork for additional CME requirements.

The Council on Communications & Membership Advocacy recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Substitute Resolution 01.2020-28 (A-20) in lieu of Resolution 01.2020-28 (A-20), as follows:

RESOLVED, that our ISMS encourage physicians and medical students to train in mental health crisis intervention through programs such as the Mental Health First Aid skills initiative and/or through clinical training, as appropriate. ISMS is similarly encouraged to offer in this area educational courses for physicians, fellows, residents and medical students in this area; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS work with other like-minded delegations to prompt our AMA to encourage physician and medical student training in mental health crisis intervention through programs such as the Mental Health First Aid initiative and/or through clinical training, as appropriate. ISMS is to similarly encourage the AMA to offer education courses in this area for physicians, fellows, residents, and medical students in this area; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS work to ensure that informal training in mental health crisis intervention not be construed as an expertise that would expose participating health professionals to medical liability lawsuits.