

**RESOLUTION 09.2020-16 (A-21)**  
**REDUCING FINANCIAL BURDEN TO MEDICAL STUDENTS OF**  
**MEDICAL LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS**

**ISMS Board Action Taken on 10/24/2020**

**Adopted Resolution 09.2020-16 (A-21), as amended by the Board of Trustees (with title change):**

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Council on Education & Health Workforce Recommendation to ISMS Board on  
10/24/2020

The Council was sympathetic to the intent of this resolution, and agreed that the costs to students for exams and related materials should be limited to what it reasonably costs the testing entities to administer the tests. The Council agreed that the AMA would be the most appropriate entity to advocate for fairness and transparency in the costs associated with board exams. The Council agreed to an amended resolution with a change in title.

The Council on Education & Health Workforce recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 09.2020-16 (A-21), as amended with title change:

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