

**RESOLUTION 12.2020-21 (A-21)**  
**INAPPROPRIATE POLITICAL INTERFERENCE IN MEDICAL CARE**

**ISMS Board Action Taken on 01/30/2021**

**Did not adopt Resolution 12.2020-21 (A-21).**

Medical Legal Council Recommendation to ISMS Board on 01/30/2021

The author of the resolution did not participate in the meeting, nor were any additional written comments provided. Council members sympathized with the author, and acknowledged the issue of the politicization of medicine. However, the members were hesitant to support the first resolved due to freedom of speech concerns. The members were supportive of the intent of the second resolved and offered friendly amendments.

The Medical Legal Council recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 12.2020-21 (A-21), as amended:

~~RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society call upon the American Medical Association (AMA) to establish policy that the political interference of governments and media in the prescribing of treatment by physicians be considered inappropriate and unacceptable; and be it further~~

RESOLVED, that the ISMS request the AMA to condemn the termination of employment of physicians for following what they feel is providing proper care for their patients when appropriate scientific evidence is utilized in the professional opinion of the physician.