

**RESOLUTION 12.2020-24 (A-21)**  
**MAINTAINING MEDICAL EDUCATION DURING A PANDEMIC**

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

**Adopted Resolution 12.2020-24 (A-21), as amended by the Council on Education and Health Workforce.**

Council on Education and Health Workforce Recommendation to  
ISMS Board on 01/30/2021

The author of the resolution, Mr. Jared Hendren, was available for explanation and comments on the resolution. Mr. Hendren stated that the purpose of the resolution is to address concerns expressed by medical students during the pandemic. The goal is to ask ISMS to support better communication on the part of the medical schools to the students, encourage the engagement of medical students in the creation and adoption of a curriculum timeline, provide in-person clinical skills practice with appropriate safety measures, advocate for in-person clinical practices and the creation of supplemental virtual clinical skills resources, provide an educational network infrastructure to support medical students, and support and advocate for sufficient PPE and timely vaccinations.

The Council was in support of the overall goals of the resolution and suggested amending the resolution to promote the use of telemedicine to provide additional opportunities for enhanced clinical contact.

The Council on Education and Health Workforce recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 12.2020-24 (A-21), as amended:

RESOLVED, that our ISMS support medical school transparency and timely communication with students regarding the education curriculum timeline and expectations during a pandemic and support the creation of a pandemic medical education plan by medical schools to maintain medical student education during future pandemics; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our ISMS advocate for the inclusion and active engagement of medical students in the creation and adoption of the medical school curriculum timeline and expectations during a pandemic, and in the creation of a pandemic medical education plan to maintain medical student education during future pandemics; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our ISMS advocate for in-person clinical skills practice with

41 appropriate safety measures in place for pre-clinical medical students during a pandemic  
42 and advocate for the creation of supplemental virtual clinical skills resources by medical  
43 schools in the event students are unable to engage in direct patient contact; and be it  
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46 RESOLVED, that our ISMS advocate for increased opportunities for medical  
47 students to engage in patient contact and enhance clinical skills via participation in  
48 telemedicine consultations during a pandemic; and be it further

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50 RESOLVED, that our ISMS support medical schools providing necessary and  
51 reliable educational network infrastructure (hardware, software, and network  
52 bandwidth) for their medical students to deliver curriculum and advocate for medical  
53 students who do not have adequate internet access and technology to complete their  
54 courses; and be it further

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56 RESOLVED, that our ISMS support the principles for medical education as  
57 outlined in the AMA guiding principles to protect learners responding to COVID-19  
58 document (listed under AMA guidelines below), including but not limited to (a) schools  
59 should provide reasonable accommodations to learners who are unable to participate in  
60 required coursework involving direct patient contact (b) medical students should be  
61 included in conversations as direct patient interaction activities are being explored,  
62 developed, and implemented (c) health systems and medical schools should support the  
63 wellbeing of all providers and recognize that learners face an added stressor of  
64 uncertainty about their educational pathways (d) medical schools should work with the  
65 LCME to identify viable options to assess students' competency and meet curricular  
66 requirements in order to avoid, to the extent possible, any delay in medical students'  
67 graduation or progression in medical school; and be it further

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69 RESOLVED, that our ISMS support and advocate for sufficient PPE and timely  
70 vaccination for medical students involved in direct patient contact activities during a  
71 pandemic.