

**RESOLUTION 12.2020-27 (A-21)**  
**NEUTRAL STANCE ON MEDICAL AID IN DYING**

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

**Did not adopt Resolution 12.2020-27 (A-21).**

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

As background, the Council was reminded that it reviewed a highly similar resolution – Resolution 01.2020-43 (A-20), Neutral Stance on Medical Aid in Dying – at its January 15, 2020 meeting.

At that January 15, 2020 meeting, the Council received a copy of Resolution 09.2019-12 (A-20), Reaffirmation of the Most Recent Position Regarding Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide, which the Council had considered at its October 7, 2019 meeting. The Council had previously recommended and the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution 09.2019-12 (A-20) at its October 26, 2019 meeting. After consideration, the Council recommended and the Board of Trustees approved non-adoption of Resolution 01.2020-43 (A-20) at its January 25, 2020 meeting.

Due to COVID-19, ISMS did not have a formal Annual Meeting in 2020. Instead, the actions by the Board of Trustees were provided to the membership in a consent calendar, sent in two separate batches. Both Resolution 01.2020-43 (A-20), Neutral Stance on Medical Aid in Dying and Resolution 09.2019-12 (A-20), Reaffirmation of the Most Recent Position Regarding Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide, were extracted for further debate during the upcoming 2021 Annual Meeting.

Council members were provided with a copy of the resolution and the results of a survey of members. None of the authors participated in the discussion or provided written comments to the Council. The Council members took note of the prior history and the fact that an exceedingly similar resolution had been extracted and will be debated at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

The Medical Legal Council recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees not adopt Resolution 12.2020-27 (A-21).