

**RESOLUTION 09.2020-09 (A-21)**  
**INCREASING EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL STAFF TO RECOGNIZE**  
**PRODROMAL SYMPTOMS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA IN TEENS AND YOUNG**  
**ADULTS TO INCREASE EARLY INTERVENTION**

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

**Adopted Resolution 09.2020-09 (A-21), as amended by the Council on Medical Service.**

Council on Medical Service Recommendation to ISMS Board on 10/24/2020

The Council is strongly supportive of the goal of the resolution, and believes early intervention, including by school staff, is an important factor in reducing homelessness. The Council discussed other efforts to encourage screening for schizophrenia, including the American Psychiatric Society’s (APA) “Notice, Talk, Act” campaign. Some Council members believe that adding another responsibility onto already existing responsibilities for teachers and school staff would be too burdensome, especially considering the already high prevalence of other mental illnesses.

However, because the resolution only calls for research into early recognition symptom recognition training by high school and university staff rather than implementation of such a program, the Council recommends the adoption of the resolution, with an amendment directing the American Medical Association to work with the APA and other appropriate entities on the research.

The Council on Medical Service recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 09.2020-09 (A-21), as amended:

RESOLVED, that the ISMS advocate for research funding to investigate outcomes of implementation of early symptom recognition training by high school and university staff; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Illinois Delegation to the AMA draft a resolution directing the AMA to work with the American Psychiatric Association and other entities to support research of establishing education programs to teach high school and university staff to recognize the early prodromal symptoms of schizophrenia to increase early intervention.