

**RESOLUTION 02.2021-34 (A-21)**  
**STATE LEGISLATION PROPOSAL FOR SCOPE OF PRACTICE**  
**LIMITATION FOR NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN INITIAL SPECIALIST**  
**ASSESSMENT**

**ISMS Board Action Taken on 10/22/2022**

**Adopted Substitute Resolution 02.2021-34 (A-21) in lieu of Resolution 02.2021-34 (A-21), as recommended by the Chair of the Board.**

Chair of the Board Recommendation to ISMS Board on 10/22/2022

In October 2021, the Board rejected a recommendation from the Governmental Affairs Council to adopt Resolution 02.2021-34 (A-21), State Legislation Proposal for Scope of Practice Limitation for Nurse Practitioners in Initial Specialist Assessment. Prior to its consideration by the Governmental Affairs Council, the resolution had also previously been reviewed by the Council on Education and Health Workforce. The Board instead directed the creation of an ad hoc work group of council members from relevant ISMS councils to review and develop an alternative recommendation.

The ad hoc work group was formed, consisting of two members each from the Council on Education and Health Workforce and the Governmental Affairs Council. The work group met and developed a recommendation for the Board:

Recommendation: That the Board of Trustees adopt Substitute Resolution 02.2021-34 (A-21) in lieu of Resolution 02.2021-34 (A-21):

RESOLVED, that it is the policy of ISMS that a patient referred to a specialist physician should be seen by that specialist physician, and a report should be sent to the referring physician or hospitalist from the referred specialist physician or designated physician; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS survey its members to gather feedback regarding this policy that a patient referred to a specialist should be seen by that specialist physician, and a report should be sent to the referring physician or hospitalist from the referred specialist physician or designated physician; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS support legislation that removes barriers on the practice of medicine, such as ensuring that when requested by a referring physician, a patient is seen by a specialist physician.

38 On February 5, 2022, the Board discussed the recommendation of this group, and after  
39 a lengthy discussion, referred this item back to the ad hoc work group for further  
40 discussion and a refined recommendation.

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42 The work group has met and subsequently agreed to recommend adoption of a substitute  
43 resolution.

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45 The Chair of the Board recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Substitute  
46 Resolution 02.2021-34 (A-21), in lieu of Resolution 02.2021-34 (A-21):

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48 RESOLVED, that it is the policy of ISMS that a patient referred to a specialist  
49 should be seen by a physician (rather than a mid-level provider) practicing in that  
50 specialty when the referring physician specifies the need for a physician consultation in  
51 the referral documentation.