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ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

Resolution 09.2021-08
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Introduced by: Aquilla Chase, Amanda Bjornstad, Megan Gjertsen, and Rasa Valiauga, ISMS Members

Subject: Medical Student, Resident and Fellow Suicide Reporting

Referred to: Council on Medical Service

RESOLVED, that the ISMS write a resolution to the American Medical Association (AMA) to advocate for the amendment of D-345.983 as follows:

Study of Medical Student, Resident, and Physician Suicide D-345.983

Our AMA will: (1) explore the viability and cost-effectiveness of regularly collecting National Death Index (NDI) data and confidentially maintaining manner of death information for physicians, residents, and medical students listed as deceased in the AMA Physician Masterfile for long-term studies; (2) monitor progress by the Association of American Medical Colleges, the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to collect data on medical student and resident/fellow suicides to identify patterns that could predict such events; (3) support the education of faculty members, residents and medical students in the recognition of the signs and symptoms of burnout and depression and supports access to free, confidential, and immediately available stigma-free mental health and substance use disorder services; ~~and~~ (4) collaborate with other stakeholders to study the incidence of and risk factors for depression, substance misuse and addiction, and suicide among physicians, residents, and medical students; ~~and~~ (5) work with appropriate stakeholders to develop a standardized reporting mechanism for the confidential collection of pertinent suicide information of trainees in medical schools, residency, and fellowship programs, along with current wellness initiatives, to inform and promote meaningful interventions at these institutions; and (6) create a publicly accessible database that stratifies medical institutions based on relative rate of trainee suicide over a period of time, in order to raise awareness and promote the

implementation of initiatives to prevent medical trainee suicide, while maintaining confidentiality of the deceased.