

RESOLUTION 08.2022-10 (A-23)
CARE PARTNER ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS

ISMS Board Action Taken on 10/22/2022

Adopted Resolution 08.2022-10 (A-23), as submitted.

Council on Medical Service Recommendation to ISMS Board on 10/22/2022

The Council heard from the author that physicians often have difficulties in facilitating care partners' or other approved caregivers' proxy access to the patient's medical record, usually through existing electronic health record (EHR) portals. Much of this is due to tight security imposed by EHR vendors. The author explained that the current process of obtaining permission to access hospital medical records can often be burdensome, thus, causing caregivers without access to make uninformed decisions on patient care.

It was noted that different health systems impose different types of proxy access procedures on their EHR vendors, and that concerns are always being raised about the security of EHRs and fears of malware that might compromise them. Overall, the Council agreed with much of what the author seeks, and thus recommended adoption of this resolution.

The Council on Medical Service recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 08.2022-10 (A-23), as submitted.