

**Board Adopted Substitute Resolution 01.2020-28 (A-20)
in lieu of Resolution 01.2020-28 (A-20)
(January 2020)
(Affirmed; 2020 Annual Meeting)**

ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

**Resolution 01.2020-28
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Introduced by: Aquilla Chase, Akshay Patke, Susmitha Kowligy and Benjamin Parker, ISMS Members

Subject: Mental Health First Aid Training

Referred to: Council on Communications & Membership Advocacy

1 ~~RESOLVED, that our ISMS encourage physician acquisition of Mental Health~~
2 ~~First Aid skills by offering education courses for physicians, fellows, residents and~~
3 ~~medical students; and be it further~~

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5 ~~RESOLVED, that ISMS work with other like-minded delegations to support our~~
6 ~~AMA to encourage physician acquisition of Mental Health First Aid skills by offering~~
7 ~~education courses for physicians, fellows, residents, and medical students.~~

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9 RESOLVED, that our ISMS encourage physicians and medical students to train
10 in mental health crisis intervention through programs such as the Mental Health First
11 Aid skills initiative and/or through clinical training, as appropriate. ISMS is similarly
12 encouraged to offer in this area educational courses for physicians, fellows, residents
13 and medical students in this area; and be it further

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15 RESOLVED, that ISMS work with other like-minded delegations to prompt our
16 AMA to encourage physician and medical student training in mental health crisis
17 intervention through programs such as the Mental Health First Aid initiative and/or
18 through clinical training, as appropriate. ISMS is to similarly encourage the AMA to
19 offer education courses in this area for physicians, fellows, residents, and medical
20 students in this area; and be it further

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22 RESOLVED, that ISMS work to ensure that informal training in mental health
23 crisis intervention not be construed as an expertise that would expose participating
24 health professionals to medical liability lawsuits.