

**Board Adopted Substitute Resolution 01.2020-40 (A-20)
in lieu of Resolution 01.2020-40 (A-20)
(January 2020)
(Affirmed; 2020 Annual Meeting)**

ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

**Resolution 01.2020-40
(A-20)**

Introduced by: Amy Derick, MD, ISMS Member
Subject: Protecting Patients through Transparent Credentials
Referred to: Council on Education & Health Workforce

1 ~~RESOLVED, that Illinois State Medical Society support the board certification~~
2 ~~drafter's note of the AMA "Truth In Advertising and Professional Credential~~
3 ~~Disclosure" model legislation, which reads as follows:~~

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5 ~~*A medical doctor or doctor of osteopathic medicine may not hold oneself out to the*~~
6 ~~*public in any manner as being certified by a public or private board including but not*~~
7 ~~*limited to a multidisciplinary board or "board certified," unless all of the following*~~
8 ~~*criteria are satisfied:*~~

- 9 ~~*(a) The advertisement states the full name of the certifying board.*~~
10 ~~*(b) The board either:*~~

- 11 ~~*1. Is a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) or the*~~
12 ~~*American Osteopathic Association (AOA); or*~~
13 ~~*2. Is a non ABMS or non AOA board that requires as prerequisites for issuing*~~
14 ~~*certification: (i) successful completion of a postgraduate training program*~~
15 ~~*approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)*~~
16 ~~*or the AOA that provides complete training in the specialty or subspecialty*~~
17 ~~*certified by the non ABMS or non AOA board; and be it further*~~

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19 ~~RESOLVED, that Illinois State Medical Society affirm AMA policy H-35.965.~~

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21 RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society adopt the following as ISMS
22 policy:

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24 A medical doctor or doctor of osteopathic medicine may not hold oneself out to
25 the public in any manner as being certified by a public or private board including but

1 not limited to a multidisciplinary board or “board certified,” unless all of the following
2 criteria are satisfied:

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4 (a) The advertisement states the full name of the certifying board.

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6 (b) The board either:

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8 1. Is a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties
9 (ABMS) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA); or

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11 2. Is a non-ABMS or non-AOA board that requires as prerequisites for
12 issuing certification: (i) successful completion of a postgraduate training
13 program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical
14 Education (ACGME) or the AOA that provides complete training in the
15 specialty or subspecialty certified by the non-ABMS or non-AOA board;
16 and be it further

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18 RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society will advocate in support of
19 maintaining the authority of medical licensing and regulatory boards to regulate the
20 practice of medicine through oversight of physicians, physician assistants and related
21 medical personnel; (2) oppose legislative efforts to establish autonomous regulatory
22 boards meant to license, regulate and discipline physician assistants outside of the
23 existing state medical licensing and regulatory bodies' authority and purview; and (3)
24 oppose efforts by organizations to board certify physician assistants in a manner that
25 misleads the public to believe such board certification is equivalent to medical specialty
26 board certification.