

**Board Did Not Adopt Resolution  
(January 2020)  
(Affirmed; 2021 Annual Meeting)**

**ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY**

**Resolution 01.2020-43  
(A-20)**

Introduced by: Christine Y. Todd, MD, ISMS Member

Subject: Neutral Stance on Medical Aid in Dying

Referred to: Medical Legal Council

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1           RESOLVED, that the ISMS adopt a position of engaged neutrality regarding  
2 legislative efforts to authorize medical aid in dying provided that physicians shall not be  
3 required to perform medical aid in dying if it violates personally held ethical principles  
4 in order to represent the opinions of its membership; and be it further

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6           RESOLVED, that should medical aid in dying become legal in Illinois, the ISMS  
7 will educate its members about the law and advocate for physicians who choose to  
8 participate as well as those who opt out; and be it further

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10          RESOLVED, that the ISMS reject use of the terms “physician-assisted suicide”  
11 or “assisted suicide” in official communications when referring to the practice of  
12 medical aid in dying.