

**Board Adopted Substitute Resolution 12.2019-24 (A-20)  
in lieu of Resolution 12.2019-24 (A-20)  
(January 2020)  
(Affirmed; 2020 Annual Meeting)**

**ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY**

**Resolution 12.2019-24  
(A-20)**

Introduced by: Barbara G. Jericho, MD, FASA and A. Jay Chauhan, DO, FAOCO,  
ISMS Members

Subject: Physician Medical Conditions and Questions on Applications for  
Medical Licensure, Specialty Boards and Institutional Privilege

Referred to: Council on Education & Health Workforce

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1       ~~RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society and the Illinois Delegation~~  
2 ~~to the American Medical Association educate and support State Legislatures in 2020 to~~  
3 ~~introduce legislation to have medical licensure bodies and medical specialty boards~~  
4 ~~change all new and renewal state medical licensure applications and mandate~~  
5 ~~institutional privilege applications and medical specialty boards to change all inquiries~~  
6 ~~of a physician's mental or physical health impairment to the following:~~

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8 ~~“Do you have a medical condition that currently impairs your ability to practice~~  
9 ~~medicine?”; and be it further~~

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11       ~~RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society advocate for, and cause to~~  
12 ~~be introduced, legislation that brings all Illinois state medical licensure applications into~~  
13 ~~compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act standards by limiting inquiries~~  
14 ~~about physician mental and physical health to those conditions that currently impair their~~  
15 ~~ability to practice.~~

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17       RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society encourages specialty boards,  
18 hospitals, and other organizations involved in credentialing, as well as state licensing  
19 boards, to require disclosure of mental health conditions only when a physician is  
20 suffering from a condition that currently impairs his/her ability to practice medicine,  
21 consistent with the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act and  
22 recommendation of the Federation of State Medical Boards.