

**(Board Action Not Affirmed;
Original Resolution Adopted as Submitted; 2023 Annual Meeting)
Board Reaffirmed Existing Policy and Did Not Adopt Resolution
(January 2023)**

ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

**Resolution 12.2022-36
(A-23)**

Introduced by: Scott H. Pasichow, MD, Mahesh C. Patel, MD and Santosh Yajnik,
MD, ISMS Members

Subject: Neutral Stance on Medical Aid in Dying

Referred to: Medical Legal Council

RESOLVED, that ISMS neither oppose nor support legislative efforts to authorize medical aid in dying, provided that the proposed legislation does not require physicians to participate in medical aid in dying if it violates personally held religious or ethical principles; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that the ISMS will use legally congruent terminology when referring to the practice of medical aid in dying as defined in state statute.