

**ISMS BOARD ACTION**  
**04/05/2019**

**RESOLUTION 02.2019-31 (A-19), CLARIFY ADVERTISING AND CONTENTS OF HERBAL REMEDIES AND DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS**

**Adopted Resolution 02.2019-31 (A-19), as follows:**

1           RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) adopt policy that  
2 the ingredients of all herbal remedies and dietary supplements sold over-the-counter to  
3 the public be analyzed and their contents indicated on the labels; and be it further  
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5           RESOLVED, that ISMS adopt policy that no herbal remedy or dietary  
6 supplement be advertised in such a way as to lead consumers to believe it has a  
7 therapeutic effect beyond its nutritional value; and be it further  
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9           RESOLVED, that the ISMS Delegation to the American Medical Association  
10 (AMA) request the AMA to work with the National Center for Complementary and  
11 Integrative Health (NCCIH), the federal agency responsible for oversight of herbal  
12 remedies and dietary supplements, to institute stricter guidelines for advertising and  
13 labeling of these products so that consumers will be informed of what they are  
14 purchasing; and be it further  
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16           RESOLVED, that the ISMS request the AMA to support a licensing body  
17 through legislation for manufacturers of dietary supplements and herbal remedies, with  
18 the requirement that those manufacturers must supply proof that their products have  
19 health benefits; and be it further  
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21           RESOLVED, that the AMA urge that the increased cost of a stricter NCCIH  
22 program on dietary supplements and herbal remedies be paid for by the manufacturers  
23 who produce them.  
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