

1 **Fall '21 BOG Resolutions: Business Meeting Recommendations to the Board of Regents**

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3 **Resolution 3-F20. Readdressing the Issue of Hospital Patient Status**

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5 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents advocates for support of decreased complexity of**
6 **inpatient and observation status, and recommends a transparent, consistent reimbursement**
7 **of appropriate care; and be it further**

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9 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents advocates for the development of clinical standards for**
10 **assigning inpatient and observation status that are based on best available evidence.**

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12 The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 3-F20 as amended.
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14 **Resolution 4-F20. Advocating for Coverage of Mental Health Counselor and Marriage and Family**
15 **Therapist Services under Medicare**

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17 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents advocates for the passage of federal regulation and/or**
18 **legislation to mandate Medicare coverage of licensed mental health counselor and marriage**
19 **and family therapist services.**

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21 The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 4-F20 as amended.
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23 **Resolution 10-F20. Seeking Federal Protection for Those that Administer Vaccines**

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25 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents work with other medical, non-physician clinician, and**
26 **public health organizations to seek federal protection for physicians, other clinicians, public**
27 **health professionals, and associated team members who educate on, administer or distribute**
28 **vaccines, which includes but is not limited to seeking similar legislation to the Freedom of**
29 **Access to Clinic Entrances Act for vaccine providers.**

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31 The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 10-F20 as amended.
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33 **Resolution 11-F20. Formalizing the Residency Program Closure Process and Preventing Hardships for**
34 **Trainees**

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36 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents work with the ACGME, CMS, and other relevant**
37 **stakeholders to create a formal and transparent residency program closure process,**
38 **delineating a hospital's responsibility to prevent hardships for trainees including, but not**
39 **limited to, a reasonable amount of notice to trainees, attempts to relocate trainees prior to**
40 **closure, allowing trainees to start work at their accepting institution at a reasonable time**
41 **before the day of closing, and assistance in filing for visa extensions.**

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43 The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 11-F20 as amended.
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45 **Resolution 1-F21. Collaborating to Determine Optimal Ways to Incorporate Training in Physician**
46 **Leadership and Public Policy Advocacy into Internal Medicine Curricula**

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48 **RESOLVED, that ACP collaborate with the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine and the**
49 **Association of Program Directors in Internal Medicine to determine optimal ways to**
50 **incorporate training in physician leadership and public policy advocacy into internal medicine**
51 **curricula and that ACP uses its expertise to assist in developing this advocacy curriculum.**
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53 The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 1-F21 as a substitute
54 resolution.

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56 **Resolution 2-F21. Advocating for Inclusion of Antimicrobial Resistance and Stewardship Education in**
57 **Medical School Curriculum and Internal Medicine Residency**

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59 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents collaborate with the Association of American Medical**
60 **Colleges, the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, the Liaison**
61 **Committee on Medical Education, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education,**
62 **the Infectious Diseases Society of America, American College of Clinical Pharmacy, and other**
63 **pertinent stakeholders, to continue to promote and advocate for education on antimicrobial**
64 **resistance and stewardship as an enhanced component of the curriculum for medical students**
65 **and internal medicine residents.**

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67 The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 2-F21 as amended.
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69 **Resolution 4-F21. Supporting a Policy to Avoid Conflicts of Interest for Physician Solicitation of**
70 **Financial Contributions from Patients**

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72 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents support the creation of a policy, and more detailed guidance**
73 **in the ACP Ethics Manual, regarding physician involvement in fundraising from patients, which**
74 **limits any real or perceived conflict of interest with patient care including, but not limited, to a)**
75 **prohibiting physician financial incentives and b) ensuring that physician participation is voluntary**
76 **and without repercussions.**

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78 The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 4-F21.
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80 **Resolution 5-F21. Addressing Concerns about Private Equity Firms and Their Effect on Medical Care**

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82 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents work actively on developing specific policies for**
83 **encouraging the collection of data on the scope of private equity group purchases of medical**
84 **entities, including but not limited to:**
85 **1. Contacting other relevant medical organizations such as the American Medical Association**
86 **and the American Academy of Family Physicians regarding ways to work together to**
87 **encourage collection of relevant data.**
88 **2. Asking ACP chapters to contact their membership using a methodology developed by national**
89 **ACP to better understand how the purchase of medical practices and organizations by private**
90 **equity groups affects our members, patient care, and healthcare access, equity and costs.**

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92 The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 5-F21 as amended.

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94 **Resolution 6-F21. Facilitating Research and Treatment of Individuals with Post-Acute Covid-19**
95 **Syndrome (PACS)**

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97 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents take the following actions to facilitate research and**
98 **treatment of individuals with Post-Acute Covid-19 Syndrome (PACS):**

- 99 **1. Commend the NIH on its plan to fund comprehensive and coordinated basic research**
100 **into the prolonged health consequences of SARS-Cov-2 infection, and strongly**
101 **encourage the NIH to proceed as fast as is considered scientifically appropriate with the**
102 **funding of well-designed treatment trials, including community-based sites, in light of**
103 **the anticipated widespread amount of human suffering expected from this condition.**

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105 The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 6-F21 as amended.

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107 **Resolution 7-F21. Advocating for Pan Asian/Asian American Racial/Ethnicity Data Inclusion and**
108 **Representation to Promote Health Equity**

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110 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents advocates, in collaboration with other stakeholders**
111 **(including but not limited to the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine**
112 **[NASEM], and other organized medicine societies), for the collection and inclusion of the Pan**
113 **Asian/Asian American communities' disaggregated racial/ethnic data in health systems,**
114 **health surveys, public health and medical studies, whenever such surveys and studies provide**
115 **data on other communities of color. This advocacy can also include requests for major funders**
116 **of scientific studies to set standards for data collection ensuring inclusion of Pan Asian/Asian**
117 **American communities' disaggregated racial/ethnic data.**

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119 The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 7-F21.

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121 **Resolution 9-F21. Providing Educational Material to Physicians on the Changes to the "Stark Law" as**
122 **Announced by CMS in November 2020**

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124 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents prepare educational material for ACP members which**
125 **explain the changes in the Stark Law, as well as to provide examples of how these changes**
126 **may enable ACP members to increase quality and comprehensiveness of care.**

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128 The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 9-F21 as amended.

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130 **Resolution 12-F21. Providing Support for Lactating Physicians**

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132 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents develop a position statement that highlights the**
133 **importance of supporting physicians in achieving their breastfeeding goals, including**
134 **encouraging hospitals and clinics to develop policies that provide private lactation spaces in**
135 **close proximity of workspaces and equipped with a phone and computer to address**
136 **productivity goals, and to offer physicians protected time for lactation without affecting**
137 **income.**

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139 The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents adopt Resolution 12-F21 as amended.

140 **Fall 2020 Resolutions Referred for Study and Report Back to the Board of Governors:**

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142 **Resolution 3-F21. Removing Criteria that Disqualifies Applicants for Invited Fellowship for Lapsed**
143 **Payment of Dues**

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145 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents redact the lapsed dues payment exclusion criteria from**
146 **the Invited Fellowship application process and consider payment of dues at the time of**
147 **advancement to fellowship to be instituted as new policy.**

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149 The Board of Governors recommends that Resolution 3-F21 be referred for study.

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151 **Resolution 8-F21. Facilitating Physicians in Providing Medical Care to Their Out-of-State Patients**
152 **Without Imposing Undue Burdens or Compromising Doctor-Patient Relationships**

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154 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents investigate current initiatives being pursued, such as the**
155 **“Interstate Medical Licensure Compact” program, and provide recommendations that address**
156 **how initiatives can be developed that allow physicians to provide medical care to their**
157 **patients when they are out of state through a system which is not onerous but still protective**
158 **of the doctor-patient relationship.**

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160 The Board of Governors recommends that the Board of Regents refer Resolution 8-F21 for study.

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162 **Resolution 10-F21. Promoting Policy Standards for Reporting Diagnostic Errors of Hospitalized and**
163 **Ambulatory Patients**

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165 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents:**

- 166 • **Advocate for automated use of health information technology (HIT) to securely report**
167 **diagnostic errors in healthcare organizations (HCO).**
- 168 • **Promote engagement and support of the organizations’ leadership and stakeholders at all**
169 **levels.**
- 170 • **Promote continuous analysis of the reported diagnostic errors, understand how diagnostic**
171 **errors occur and subsequently create system fixes that can prevent them from happening**
172 **again; and be it further**

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174 **RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents:**

- 175 • **Promote a safety culture around patient safety events related to diagnostic errors.**
- 176 • **Promote proper education and training on diagnostic errors reporting systems as part of**
177 **organizations’ safety culture.**
- 178 • **Promote medical education around diagnostic errors as part of medical schools and**
179 **internal medicine residency programs curriculum.**

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181 The Board of Governors recommends that Resolution 10-F21 be referred for study.