

## Actions of the 2023 House of Delegates

**Bylaw Amendment 01-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended**

Title: "Elections of Speaker and Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates"

**Resolution No. 01-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended**

Title: "Folate Supplementation of Non-Cereal Staple Flour"

Author: Michael Feldman, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine

**Resolution No. 02-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted**

Title: "TMA Resolution on Establishing a Physician Wellness Committee"

Author: Edward Capparelli, MD, Ex-Officio Delegate

**Resolution No. 03-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted As Amended**

Title: "2023 Resolution to Increase State Tobacco Tax"

Author: Bob Vegors, MD, Tennessee Chapter, American College of Physicians

**Resolution No. 04-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted**

Title: "Resolution to Support Adult and Pediatric Vaccination Recommendations by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices"

Author: Bob Vegors, MD, Tennessee Chapter, American College of Physicians

**Resolution No. 05-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended**

Title: "Resolution to Improve Women's Healthcare and Foster Care System"

Author: Bob Vegors, MD, Tennessee Chapter, American College of Physicians

**Resolution No. 06-23**

HOD Action: **Not Adopted**

Title: Requirement of Air Conditioning as an Essential Utility for All Leases in the State of Tennessee

Author: Hannah Huth, Memphis Medical Society

**Resolution No. 07-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended**

Title: "Resolution Opposing Criminalization of Physicians Providing Care within Their Scope of Training and the Accepted Standard of Medical Care for Their Specialty"

Author: Katherine Frederick-Dyer, MD; Nicole Schlechter, MD, Michael Beckham, MD & James Powers, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine

**Resolution No. 08-23**

HOD Action: **Referred to the Board**

Title: "Proposal to Move TMA House of Delegates to a Fall Date"

Author: Edward Capparelli, MD, Ex-Officio Delegate

**Resolution No. 09-23**

HOD Action: **Not Adopted**

Title: "Surcharge on Ammunition Sales to Provide Financial Support for Mental Health Services"

Author: Bob Vegors, MD, Tennessee Chapter, American College of Physicians

**Resolution No. 10-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended**

Title: "State Ban on the Sale of High-Capacity Firearm Magazines"

Author: Bob Vegors, MD, Tennessee Chapter, American College of Physicians

**Resolution No. 11-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted**

Title: "Promoting Use of 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Number"

Author: Ralph Alvarado, MD, Ex-Officio Delegate & Adele Lewis, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine

**Resolution No. 12-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted**

Title: "Collaborative Practice Agreements for Physician Assistants"

Author: M. Kevin Smith, MD, Ex-Officio Delegate

**Resolution No. 13-23**

HOD Action: **Referred to the Board**

Title: "Climate Change and Health"

Author: Katherine Frederick-Dyer, MD

**Substitute Resolution No. 14-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended**

Title: "Reducing Firearm Related Deaths and Improving Public Policy Regarding Firearm Safety in Tennessee"

Author: Christin Giordano McAuliffe, MD; Amy Gordon Bono, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine; Jason Yaun, MD; Kelsey Gastineau, MD; Dorothy Sinard, MD Tennessee Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics; Anuj Chandra, MD, Chattanooga Hamilton-County Medical Society

**Resolution No. 15-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended**

Title: "Protection of Access to Contraception and Expanding Access to Emergency Contraception"

Author: Laura Andreson, DO, Heather Rupe, DO, Barbara Dentz, MD, Williamson County Medical Society & Amy Suppinger, MD, Ex-Officio Delegate

**Resolution No. 16-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted**

Title: "Organ Donation"

Author: Charles Leonard, MD, Lakeway Medical Society

**Resolution No. 17-23**

HOD Action: **Referred to the Board**

Title: "Prescribing Buprenorphine Products Off-Label for Chronic Pain Management"

Author: Daniel Ragheb, Nashville Academy of Medicine

**Resolution No. 18-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted**

Title: "Resident & Fellow Retention"

Author: Charles Gober, MD, Ex-Officio Delegate & Brett Smith, DO, Young Physician Section

**Resolution No. 19-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended**

Title: "Improving Telehealth Education in Medical Training"

Author: Rahul Shah, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine

**Resolution No. 20-23**

HOD Action: **Withdrawn by Author**

**Resolution No. 21-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted**

Title: "Reducing Contact Sexual Violence in Tennessee"

Author: Wiley Robinson, MD, Ex-Officio Delegate

**Resolution No. 22-23**

HOD Action: **Withdrawn by Author**

**Resolution No. 23-23**

HOD Action: **Referred to the Board**

Title: "Resolution to Ensure Adherence to Federal EMTALA Standards Among Tennessee EMS Providers"

Author: J. Michael Rothwell, MD, Knoxville Academy of Medicine

**Resolution No. 24-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended**

Title: "Health Care Needs of Transgender Tennesseans"

Author: James McKenzie, DO, Nashville Academy of Medicine

**Resolution No. 25-23**

HOD Action: **Not Adopted**

Title: "Physician Autonomy from Corporate Medical Practice"

Author: David Cannon, MD, Memphis Medical Society

**Resolution No. 26-23**

HOD Action: **Referred to the Board**

Title: "Age-Restricted Access to Smartphones"

Author: David Cannon, MD, Memphis Medical Society

**Resolution No. 27-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted as Amended**

Title: "Abortion as an Essential Component of Health Care"

Author: Amy Gordon Bono, MD, Nicole Schlechter, MD, Nashville Academy of Medicine & Laura Andreson, DO, Williamson County Medical Society

**Resolution No. 28-23**

HOD Action: **Referred to the Board**

Title: "Transparency in Use of Specialty Titles in Healthcare Advertising"

Author: George Woodbury, Jr., Memphis Medical Society

**Resolution No. 29-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted**

Title: Mifepristone is an Essential Medication for Management of Miscarriage

Author: Elise Boos, MD, Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

**Resolution No. 30-23**

HOD Action: **Adopted**

Title: "Expanding Access to Physician-Led Care in Shortage Areas by Exploring and Supporting Financial Incentives"

Author: Sachin Sanam, Nashville Academy of Medicine

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Bylaw Amendment No. 01-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** M. KEVIN SMITH, MD, CHAIR  
COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

**SUBJECT:** ELECTIONS OF SPEAKER AND VICE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
DELEGATES

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**RESOLVED,** That TMA Bylaw Chapter IV, Section B.1 be amended by insertion and deletion to read as follows:

Sec. 1. Elections for speaker of the House of Delegates and vice-speaker shall be by vote of the House of Delegates and the majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. The House of Delegates shall elect the speaker and vice speaker of the House of Delegates from a slate of nominee(s) certified by the Nominating Committee at least thirty calendar days prior to the date of the opening session of the House of Delegates, ~~and~~ The eligibility of any nomination properly made during the first a session of the House of Delegates and thereafter shall be certified by the Nominating Committee a committee comprised of the nominated tellers of the House of Delegates prior to the taking of a vote.; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That TMA Bylaw Chapter IV, Section B.2.e, be amended by insertion and deletion to read as follows:

e) By December 1 of each year, submit nominees to the chief executive officer for open positions for: speaker and vice-speaker of the TMA House of Delegates, president-elect, councilors, and board of trustees. The Nominating Committee may reconvene to certify nominations for speaker and vice speaker up to thirty calendar days prior to the date of the opening session of the House of Delegates. ~~Eligibility for election as speaker or vice speaker must be verified prior to the vote for any candidate nominated from the floor.~~

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 01-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** MICHAEL FELDMAN, MD  
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

**SUBJECT:** FOLATE SUPPLEMENTATION OF NON-CEREAL STAPLE FLOUR

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association supports legislation that promotes enhanced availability of folate-supplemented corn masa flour in Tennessee through production and retail incentives; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association further supports legislation promoting a long-term objective of ensuring all corn masa and non-cereal enriched flour products available in the state of Tennessee contain folate supplementation, as already exists both state-wide and nationally for cereal enriched flours.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 02-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** EDWARD CAPPARELLI, MD  
EX-OFFICIO DELEGATE

**SUBJECT:** TMA RESOLUTION ON ESTABLISHING A PHYSICIAN WELLNESS  
COMMITTEE

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**RESOLVED,** That Resolution No. 05-22 be rescinded in favor of adoption of this Resolution 02-23; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association deem physician wellness an association priority issue; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association establish a standing Physician Wellness Committee to focus on strengthening and expanding current regional physician well-being programs developed by metropolitan TMA component medical societies, and that this committee include, but not limited to, member physicians from each of the four metropolitan component medical societies and the Tri-Cities; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That TMA advocate to increase access to a hotline for anonymous access to mental health services statewide; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That it is association policy that TMA advocate to destigmatize mental illness that impact Tennessee physicians; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That this Resolution be referred to the TMA Board of Trustees for action.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 03-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** BOB VEGORS, MD  
TENNESSEE CHAPTER, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

**SUBJECT:** 2023 RESOLUTION TO INCREASE STATE TOBACCO TAX

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**RESOLVED,** That Tennessee Medical Association (TMA) advocate for legislation for a significant increase in the state tax rate on tobacco products, and that any increase in revenue be used for preventive care programs and mental health programs in the state.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 04-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** BOB VEGORS, MD  
TENNESSEE CHAPTER, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ADULT AND PEDIATRIC VACCINATION  
RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION  
PRACTICES

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**RESOLVED,** That Tennessee Medical Association adopt a standing policy of publicly supporting the vaccination recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 05-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** BOB VEGORS, MD  
TENNESSEE CHAPTER, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE AND FOSTER CARE  
SYSTEM

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**RESOLVED,** That Tennessee Medical Association (TMA) advocate for legislation to provide financing and other resources for the improvement of preventive clinical care for Tennessee women, including access to psychological counseling during pregnancy; and money and resources for sexual healthcare for women including contraception for both men and women; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That TMA advocate for legislation to provide financing and other resources to improve our foster care system, including decreasing discriminatory practices, regulatory obstacles and expense involved in adopting a child.

Sunset: 2030

**NOT ADOPTED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 06-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** HANNAH HUTH  
MEMPHIS MEDICAL SOCIETY

**SUBJECT:** REQUIREMENT OF AIR CONDITIONING AS AN ESSENTIAL UTILITY FOR ALL  
LEASES IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

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**RESOLVED,** That Tennessee Medical Association advocate that residential leases being offered to the public in the state of Tennessee must, by definition, be required to provide functional air conditioning services and corresponding maintenance.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 07-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** KATHERINE FREDERICK-DYER, MD, DELEGATE  
NICOLE SCHLECHTER, MD, DELEGATE  
MICHAEL BECKHAM, MD, DELEGATE  
JAMES POWERS, MD, DELEGATE  
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION OPPOSING CRIMINALIZATION OF PHYSICIANS  
PROVIDING CARE WITHIN THEIR SCOPE OF TRAINING AND THE  
ACCEPTED STANDARD OF MEDICAL CARE FOR THEIR SPECIALTY

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association affirms that government and other third-party interference in evidence-based medical care compromises the sanctity of the physician-patient relationship and undermines the provision of quality health care; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association opposes any government regulation or legislative action which would criminalize physicians for providing evidence-based medical care within the accepted standard of care.

Sunset: 2030

**REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 08-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** EDWARD CAPPARELLI, MD, EX-OFFICIO DELEGATE

**SUBJECT:** PROPOSAL TO MOVE TMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES TO A FALL DATE

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**RESOLVED,** Beginning in 2024, the Tennessee Medical Association hold its Annual House of Delegates meeting in late summer or early fall to increase delegate attendance, while allowing delegates more time to formulate and submit meaningful resolutions after the conclusion of the Tennessee General Assembly.

Sunset: 2030

**NOT ADOPTED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 09-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** BOB VEGORS, MD  
TENNESSEE CHAPTER, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

**SUBJECT:** SURCHARGE ON AMMUNITION SALES TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT  
FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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**RESOLVED,** That Tennessee Medical Association advocate for a five percent surcharge on the sale of all ammunition; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the tax money collected be used specifically to support mental health services and preventive healthcare programs in Tennessee.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 10-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** BOB VEGORS, MD  
TENNESSEE CHAPTER, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

**SUBJECT:** STATE BAN ON THE SALE OF HIGH-CAPACITY FIREARM MAGAZINES

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**RESOLVED,** That TMA support statewide regulation on the sale of large capacity firearm magazines.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 11-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** RALPH ALVARADO, MD, EX-OFFICIO DELEGATE  
COMMISSIONER, TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
ADELE LEWIS, MD, DELEGATE  
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

**SUBJECT:** PROMOTING USE OF 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS LIFELINE NUMBER

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association advocate that physicians, particularly psychiatrists and primary care physicians, promote the use of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number by offering it as an option to callers on their outgoing message from call centers, answering machines, or voicemails.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 12-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** M. KEVIN SMITH, MD, EX OFFICIO DELEGATE

**SUBJECT:** COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association advocate for continued rules that require each physician assistant to be formally associated in a collaborative practice agreement with a same specialty primary physician partner along with possible secondary physician partners.

Sunset: 2030

**REFERRED TO THE BOARD APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 13-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** KATHERINE FREDERICK-DYER, MD  
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

**SUBJECT:** CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association will join the membership of the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health, an organization with dozens of member medical societies who have come together to advance the goals of protecting human health through sustainability and climate action in healthcare.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Substitute Resolution No. 14-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** CHRISTIN GIORDANO MCAULIFFE, MD, DELEGATE  
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE  
AMY GORDON BONO, MD, MPH, DELEGATE  
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE  
ANUJ CHANDRA, MD, DELEGATE  
CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY  
JASON YAUN, MD, DELEGATE  
KELSEY GASTINEAU, MD, DELEGATE  
DOROTHY SINARD, MD, DELEGATE  
TENNESSEE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

**SUBJECT:** REDUCING FIREARM RELATED DEATHS AND IMPROVING PUBLIC POLICY  
REGARDING FIREARM SAFETY IN TENNESSEE

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association promote firearm safety policy measures including extreme risk protection orders, safe storage laws including child access protection laws, and background check legislation and support legislation allowing for the implementation of extreme risk protection orders and improved background checks to reduce the impact of firearm-related death upon Tennessee children and families; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association, in conjunction with the Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, work together with other professional medical organizations to promote and support improved public health policy regarding firearm safety in Tennessee.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 15-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** LAURA ANDRESON, DO, DELEGATE  
HEATHER RUPE, DO, DELEGATE  
BARBARA DENTZ, MD, DELEGATE  
WILLIAMSON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY  
AMY SUPPINGER, MD, MPH, EX-OFFICIO DELEGATE

**SUBJECT:** PROTECTION OF ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTION AND EXPANDING ACCESS  
TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association (TMA) support the protection of patient access to the full range of contraceptives approved by the Food and Drug Administration, with the preferred method to be determined by shared decision-making between patient and physician; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the TMA support policies that reduce administrative and financial barriers to obtaining contraception and increasing the practical availability of emergency contraception, with insurance coverage for over-the-counter products that is equivalent to the same products sold by prescription; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the TMA oppose any government regulation or legislative action which would criminalize or restrict physicians who provide evidence-based contraceptive care within the accepted standard of care according to nationally recognized professional practice guidelines and within the scope of a physician's training and professional judgment.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 16-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** CHARLES LEONARD, MD  
LAKEWAY MEDICAL SOCIETY

**SUBJECT:** ORGAN DONATION

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association petition the State Department of Revenue to modify the portion of the driver's license application or renewal form to better support organ donors to read as follows

*"Organ donor Yes \_\_\_ or No \_\_\_ ,  
Organ donor contribution \$\_\_\_\_\_. (Optional)"*

Sunset: 2030

**REFERRED TO THE BOARD APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 17-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** DANIEL RAGHEB, STUDENT DELEGATE  
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

**SUBJECT:** PRESCRIBING BUPRENORPHINE PRODUCTS OFF-LABEL FOR CHRONIC  
PAIN MANAGEMENT

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association recognize the use of buprenorphine for the treatment of chronic pain as a safe and effective alternative to traditional opioids and advocate with both the state legislative and executive branches to allow off-label prescription of oral buprenorphine/naloxone formulations for chronic pain management; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association advocate for increased funding towards research and education efforts to further understand the benefits and limitations of using buprenorphine for chronic pain management.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 18-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** CHARLES GOBER, MD, EX-OFFICIO  
BRETT SMITH, DO, YOUNG PHYSICIAN SECTION DELEGATE

**SUBJECT:** RESIDENT AND FELLOW RETENTION

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association work to find creative solutions to support residents and fellows as they transition from their training into the Tennessee state workforce.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 19-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** RAHUL SHAH, MD  
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

**SUBJECT:** IMPROVING TELEHEALTH EDUCATION IN MEDICAL TRAINING

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**RESOLVED,** That our Tennessee Medical Association support the integration of robust telehealth clinical experiences into the undergraduate and graduate medical education curriculum.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 21-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** WILEY ROBINSON, MD, EX-OFFICIO DELEGATE

**SUBJECT:** REDUCING CONTACT SEXUAL VIOLANCE IN TENNESSEE

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association through its Public Health Committee collaborate with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to reduce the backlog of sexual evidence testing and prevent future backlogs of sexual evidence testing.

Sunset: 2030

**REFERRED TO THE BOARD APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 23-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** J. MICHAEL ROTHWELL, MD, FACS  
KNOXVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE DELEGATE

**SUBJECT:** RESOLUTION TO ENSURE ADHERENCE TO FEDERAL EMTALA STANDARDS  
AMONG TENNESSEE EMS PROVIDERS

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association work to educate the Tennessee General Assembly about the current and increasing crisis occurring statewide involving emergency medical services with regards to transportation of patients with emergency medical conditions; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association advocate to the Tennessee General Assembly for the development of statewide standards for adequate and available Emergency Medical Service (EMTs) personnel and available ambulance vehicles; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association work with the Tennessee Hospital Association to reinforce adherence to Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) regulations for emergency departments to ensure sufficient hospital personnel to accept patients from EMTs for screening and stabilization of patients with emergency medical conditions; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association advocate to the Tennessee General Assembly for the statewide standard of reporting every incident of an ambulance crew being detained on a hospital campus to render ongoing care because of the Emergency Department's inability to receive/accept responsibility of the patient's care at the time of their arrival to the Tennessee Department of Health, the same department that tracks when hospitals are placed on diversion status, for clear and accurate determination of the scope of this problem.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 24-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** JAMES MCKENZIE, DO, DELEGATE  
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

**SUBJECT:** HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF TRANSGENDER TENNESSEANS

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association opposes legislation interfering with medical decisions made within the patient-doctor relationship, including, but not limited to, care for transgender patients.

Sunset: 2030

**NOT ADOPTED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 25-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** DAVID CANNON, MD  
MEMPHIS MEDICAL SOCIETY

**SUBJECT:** PHYSICIAN AUTONOMY FROM CORPORATE MEDICAL PRACTICE

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**RESOLVED,** That Tennessee Medical Association advocate that physicians, and physician practices, shall not be employed by, or owned in any part by, hospitals, insurance companies, or private equity groups in the State of Tennessee.

Sunset: 2030

**REFERRED TO THE BOARD APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 26-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** DAVID CANNON, MD, DELEGATE  
MEMPHIS MEDICAL SOCIETY

**SUBJECT:** AGE-RESTRICTED ACCESS TO SMARTPHONES

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association advocate to the Tennessee General Assembly to pass age-restricted legislation on smartphone use in a similar manner as it has been done with voting, tanning, alcohol, tobacco, exposure to sexualization, getting married, and operating a motor vehicle.

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED AS AMENDED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 27-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** AMY GORDON BONO, MD, MPH, DELEGATE  
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE  
LAURA ANDRESON, DO, DELEGATE  
WILLIAMSON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY  
NICOLE SCHLECHTER, MD, PhD, DELEGATE  
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

**SUBJECT:** ABORTION AS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF HEALTH CARE

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association affirms the need for access to abortions for nonviable pregnancies, lethal fetal anomalies, or to save the life of or prevent risk of substantial and irreversible impairment to bodily functions of the mother, as long as they are in the good-faith medical judgement of the physician.

Sunset: 2030

**REFERRED TO THE BOARD APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 28-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:**     GEORGE WOODBURY, JR., MD  
                              MEMPHIS MEDICAL SOCIETY

**SUBJECT:**            TRANSPARENCY IN USE OF SPECIALTY TITLES IN HEALTHCARE  
                              ADVERTISING

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**RESOLVED,**     That TMA shall advocate through amendment of Tenn. Code Annotated 63-1-109 that no person other than a medical doctor shall practice medicine or surgery through holding forth through use of a name or title, unless that person has at the time of so doing a valid, unrevoked, and unsuspended certification as a physician or medical doctor, through the following list of titles: allergist, anesthesiologist, bariatrician, cardiologist, culinary medicine specialist, dermatologist, doctor of osteopathy, electrophysiologist, emergency physician, endocrinologist, family physician, gastroenterologist, general practitioner, geneticist, geriatrician, gynecologist, hematologist, hospitalist, immunologist, internist, interventional pain medicine line physician, laryngologist, medical doctor, medical geneticist, neonatologist, nephrologist, neurologist, neurosurgeon, obstetrician, oncologist, ophthalmologist, orthopedic surgeon, orthopaedic surgeon, orthopedist, orthopaedist, osteopath, otologist, otolaryngologist, otorhinolaryngologist, pathologist, pediatrician, physiatrist, primary care physician, proctologist, pulmonologist, psychiatrist, radiologist, rheumatologist, rhinologist, sports medicine specialist, surgeon, and urologist, or any combination thereof; and be it further

**RESOLVED,**     That this section does not apply to a healthcare practitioner if the healthcare practitioner has a special area of practice, and the healthcare practitioner uses the following format: (The name or title of the practitioner's profession) specializing in (name of specialty).

Sunset: 2030

**ADOPTED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 29-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** ELISE BOOS, MD, MSC, FACOG, DELEGATE  
TENNESSEE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS  
AND GYNECOLOGISTS

**SUBJECT:** MIFEPRISTONE IS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICATION FOR MANAGEMENT OF  
MISCARRIAGE

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association affirms that there is broad evidence to support the safety and efficacy of mifepristone for the medical management of miscarriage; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association affirms physicians should be able to provide patients with the most efficacious medical treatment for miscarriage and this includes unobstructed accesses to mifepristone for this purpose.

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**ADOPTED APRIL 15, 2023**

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 30-23**

**INTRODUCED BY:** SACHIN SANAM, STUDENT DELEGATE  
NASHVILLE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

**SUBJECT:** EXPANDING ACCESS TO PHYSICIAN-LED CARE IN SHORTAGE AREAS BY  
EXPLORING AND SUPPORTING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES

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**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association explore the fiscal viability of financial incentives including, but not limited to, tax credits that would attract physicians to start-up and continue operation of private practices in shortage areas, most notably rural areas; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the Tennessee Medical Association support legislation promoting the objective of lowering financial restraints to start and operate private practices in shortage areas and the objective of retaining physicians in the state.

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