

**MORRIS COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY
ACTIONS OF THE 2004 HOUSE OF DELEGATES
REFERENCE COMMITTEE A**

<u>RES#</u>	<u>Ref Comm</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Subject</u>	
2	A	Union	Authorship of Resolutions	NOT ADOPTED

RESOLVED that future resolutions submitted to the MSNJ House of Delegates for deliberation include the names of the authors as well as the county or specialty society that is sponsoring the resolution.

6	A	J. Taboada, MD	Protecting MSNJ's Political Neutrality	NOT ADOPTED
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RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey shall strive to avoid partisanship in developing and implementing its political strategy and will use its influence and resources to support/endorse only individual political candidates, whose ideas and proven record have been congruent with the goals of the Society.

7	A	Morris	Expert Witness Assessment and Disciplinary Program	ADOPTED
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RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey work with the American Medical Association to encourage all specialty societies to implement an assessment and disciplinary system for physician testimony including possible expulsion from the specialty society for providing inappropriate or fraudulent testimony.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE B

1	B	Camden	CDS Licensing	ADOPTED
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RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey petition the New Jersey Drug Control Unit and the other necessary agencies to abolish the current CDS licensing requirements that must be met in order to prescribe controlled substances in New Jersey.

3	B	Union	Third-Party Contracts Notification	AMENDED
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RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey petition the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance to require health insurance companies to notify physicians of additional third-party contracts when the physicians' yearly contracts are renewed or within sixty days of signing these third-party administrative agreements, whichever comes first, and further require that physicians be given sixty days from the time of notification to opt out of the plan.

4	B	Union	Unilateral Changes in Insurer/Physician Contracts	REFERRED
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Referred to the MSNJ Board of Trustees for appropriate action including, but not limited to, incorporation of a requirement, into ongoing managed care litigation, that all health care insurers, when contracting for physician services, refrain from making unilateral changes in the contract after it has been signed by the physician.

RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey petition the legislature to require all health insurers, when contracting for physician services, to refrain from making unilateral changes in the contract after it has been signed by the physician; and be it further

RESOLVED that the legislature require, in the event that any contractual change is deemed essential, that the insurer be required to host a meeting of the entire physician network, in order to explain its reasoning, and that this meeting be held within thirty days of the time of notification to physicians in the network of the proposed change, and at least thirty days prior to any implementation of the proposed change.

9	B	Middlesex	Quality and Outcomes Initiative	SUBSTITUTE ADOPTION
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RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey take the appropriate actions to encourage the adoption of patient-outcomes measures as the major criteria for evaluating the quality of health care; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey issue a position statement calling for quality and outcomes measures, not simply the number of procedures performed, to be the standard for evaluating the quality of health care rendered to patients in New Jersey.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE C

5 C Union Genetic Testing for Mucopolidosis IV AMENDED
RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey petition its specialists in obstetrics and gynecology and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology to consider routine testing for mucopolidosis IV in the genetic testing panel for appropriate patients.

8 C Middlesex Scope of Practice SUBSTITUTE
RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey continue to affirm its position of referring all scope of-practice issues to the Scope of Practice Subcommittee.

10 C F. Primich, MD Medical Education Options ADOPTED
RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey Committee on Medical Education review the current MSNJ administration and organization policy compendium in respect to education (200.972 and 200.985); and be it further RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey Committee on Medical Education submit to the Board of Trustees a list of options and recommendations as to how continuing medical education may be provided by MSNJ to its members now and in the future.

11 C F. Primich, MD Electronic Medical Education ADOPTED
RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey Committee on Medical Education be directed to investigate the continuing medical education needs of MSNJ physicians, to investigate how these educational needs may be better met electronically, and to submit recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

12 C F. Primich, MD Medical Education ADOPTED
RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey Committee on Medical Education investigate the feasibility of jointly sponsoring with the American Medical Association basic and advanced disaster life support courses for New Jersey physicians, and that it report their findings and recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

13 C Essex Investigate Access to Medical Justice Corporation REFERRED to BOT
RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey investigate the possibility of an alliance with the Medical Justice Corporation to make it more well known and accessible to all MSNJ members.

14 C Essex Deregulation of the Sale of Hypodermic Needles NOT ADOPTED
RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey seek to rescind the law requiring a prescription for the sale of hypodermic needles with the goal of decreasing the multi-person use of such needles and, thereby, reducing the incidence of HIV and hepatitis B and C transmission.

15 C Union Friend of the Court in Community Hospital Group, Inc v. More TASK FORCE
RESOLVED that the Medical Society of New Jersey reverse the decision of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and participate as “amicus curiae” in the case of The Community Hospital Group, Inc v. More, with the American Medical Association and the four component societies – Union, Essex, Somerset and Middlesex – as granted leave to do so by the Supreme Court of New Jersey. (Emergency resolution)*

* A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, April 21 in response to this resolution. The Board voted to participate, and the amicus brief was filed prior to the 3rd session of the House.

Of note, the Bylaws will be amended so that the Committee on Political Action comes under standing committees of MSNJ, but the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be selected annually by the Committee (instead of being appointed by the President, as with other standing committees), subject to approval of the Board of Trustees.

The 2005 membership dues for the Medical Society of New Jersey will remain at \$450 for active members.

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Composition of Reference Committees

Reference Committee A – Michael Richardson, M.D., Chair; Leonard Corwin, M.D., Dean Dent, M.D., Louis Fares II, M.D., A. Ralph Kristeller, M.D., Bruce Monaghan, M.D. and Stephen Pilipshen, M.D.

Reference Committee B - Arnold Pallay, M.D., Chair; Harry Chaiken, M.D., Richard Ioffreda, M.D., Francis Lumia, M.D., Nancy Mueller, M.D. and Alan Pope, M.D. (Anthony Tarasenko, M.D. could not make the first meeting).

Reference Committee C – Eugene Lind, M.D., Chair; Leticia De Castro, M.D., Michael Graff, M.D., Roland Johnson, M.D., Joseph Pena, M.D., Frank Sparandero, M.D., and Anna Vander Schraaf, M.D.

If you have any questions about the Annual Meeting or what transpired there, please feel free to call the Society office at (973) 539-8888.

The MSNJ Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held again next year at the Borgata from Thursday, April 28 – Saturday, April 30, 2005. The site for the first session (first Saturday in April) has yet to be determined.