

2016 HOUSE OF DELEGATES
Items of Business

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Officer		
Officer: 04.16	Treasurer	Reference Committee F
Officer: 06.16	Chairman, AMA Delegation	Reference Committee F
Director		
Director: 01.16	First District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 02.16	Second District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 03.16	Third District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 04.16	Fourth District Medical Society (See DeKalb CMS 15.16)	Not Referred
Director: 05.16	Fifth District Medical Society (See MAA 20.16)	Not Referred
Director: 06.16	Sixth District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 07.16	Seventh District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 08.16	Eighth District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 09.16	Ninth District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 10.16	Tenth District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 11.16	Bibb County Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 12.16	Clayton-Henry-Fayette Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 13.16	Cobb County Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 14.16	Crawford W. Long Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 15.16	DeKalb Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 16.16	Dougherty County Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 17.16	Georgia Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 18.16	Gwinnett-Forsyth County Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 19.16	Hall County Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 20.16	Medical Association of Atlanta	Not Referred
Director: 21.16	Muscogee County Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 22.16	Peachbelt County Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 23.16	Richmond County Medical Society	Not Referred
Section		
Section: 02.16	International Medical Graduate Section	Not Referred
Section: 04.16	Resident Physician and Fellow Section	Not Referred
Section: 05.16	Medical Student Section	Not Referred
Special		
Special: 01.16	Executive Committee	Not Referred
Special: 02.16	Medical Association of Georgia Foundation	Not Referred
Special: 03.16	Medical Association of Georgia Alliance	Not Referred
Special: 04.16	Policy Sunset & Reaffirmation Report	Consent Calendar
Special: 05.16	Department of Communications	Not Referred
Special: 06.16	Department of Membership and Marketing	Not Referred
Special: 07.16	Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy	Reference Committee F
Special: 08.16	The Physicians' Institute for Excellence in Medicine	Not Referred
Special: 09.16	The Physicians Foundation	Not Referred
Special: 10.16	Department of Third Party Payer Advocacy and Health Policy	Not Referred
Special: 11.16	Georgia Medical Political Action Committee	Not Referred

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Committee: 06.16	Committee on Correctional Medicine	Not Referred
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102A.16	Improving Communications Among Health Care Clinicians	Reference Committee A
103A.16	Signing of Death Certificates	Reference Committee A
104A.16	Physician Shortage	Reference Committee A
105A.16	MACRA	Reference Committee A
106A.16	Distracted Driver Reduction	Reference Committee A
107A.16	Control Cost of Brand and Generic Medications	Reference Committee A
108A.16	Access to Cosmetic Product Ingredients	Reference Committee A
109A.16	Electronic Health Records	Reference Committee A
110A.16	Physician Practice Bill of Rights	Reference Committee A
111A.16	Nonpayment for Unspecified Codes by Third Party Payers	Reference Committee A
112A.16	Electronic Medical Records Recovery Fees	Reference Committee A
301C.16	MAG Alignment with the Medical Practice Act	Reference Committee C
302C.16	Network Transparency and Management to Benefit Patients	Reference Committee C
303C.16	Maintenance of Certification (MOC)	Reference Committee C
304C.16	Advertisement of Board Certification in Georgia	Reference Committee C
305C.16	Protection for Visiting Athletes and Team Physicians	Reference Committee C
306C.16	Nurse Protocol Agreement	Reference Committee C
307C.16	Review of Delegated Medical Acts	Reference Committee C
308C.16	Health Care Insurer Contracts	Reference Committee C
309C.16	Step Therapy Protocols with First Fail Protocols	Reference Committee C
310C.16	Protect Physician Practices from MOC	Reference Committee C
311C.16	Physician Control of Admissions to Hospital	Reference Committee C
312C.16	Improving Access to Health Care in Georgia	Reference Committee C
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Special: 07.16	Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy	Reference Committee F
401F.16	Charter Rome Area Medical Society	Reference Committee F
402F.16	Charter North Georgia Mountains Medical Society	Reference Committee F
601S.16	Controlled Drug Disposal for Pharmacies	Reference Committee S
602S.16	Substance Abuse Curriculum and CME Opportunities	Reference Committee S
603S.16	Expansion of Project DAN (Deaths Avoided by Naloxone)	Reference Committee S

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605S.16	Position on CDC Opioid Prescription Guidelines	Reference Committee S
606S.16	Mandatory Opioid Prescribing CME	Reference Committee S
607S.16	Over-the-Counter Naloxone	Reference Committee S
608S.16	Hepatitis C Reduction	Reference Committee S

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Resolution: 107A.16	Control Cost of Brand and Generic Medications
Resolution: 108A.16	Access to Cosmetic Product Ingredients
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Resolution: 301C.16	MAG Alignment with the Medical Practice Act
Resolution: 302C.16	Network Transparency and Management to Benefit Patients
Resolution: 303C.16	Maintenance of Certification (MOC)
Resolution: 304C.16	Advertisement of Board Certification in Georgia
Resolution: 305C.16	Protection for Visiting Athletes and Team Physicians
Resolution: 306C.16	Nurse Protocol Agreement
Resolution: 307C.16	Review of Delegated Medical Acts
Resolution: 308C.16	Health Care Insurer Contracts
Resolution: 309C.16	Step Therapy Protocols with First Fail Protocols
Resolution: 310C.16	Protect Physician Practices from MOC
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RESOLUTION

Resolution: 608S.16

SUBJECT: Hepatitis C Reduction
SUBMITTED BY: Whitfield-Murray Medical Society
REFERRED TO: Reference Committee S

1 Whereas, there were 11,229 reported cases of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) in 2014; and
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3 Whereas, there were 13,970 reported HCV cases in 2015; and
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5 Whereas, there were 1,250 reported HCV cases of individuals ages 30 years and younger in 2015; and
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7 Whereas, Georgia has had a 123 percent increase in HCV cases in children ages 36 months and younger;
8 now therefore be it

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10 **RESOLVED, that the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) encourages policymakers to take the**
11 **following actions:**

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13 **(1) Pursue an approach to the drug abuse problem, which would focus on preventing the initiation**
14 **of drug use, aiding those who wish to cease drug use, and diminishing the adverse consequences**
15 **of drug use;**
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17 **(2) Recognize the importance of screening for alcohol and other drug use in a variety of settings,**
18 **and broaden the concept of addiction treatment to embrace a continuum of modalities and**
19 **goals, including appropriate measures of harm reduction, which can be made available and**
20 **accessible to enhance positive treatment outcomes for patients and society;**
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22 **(3) Encourage the expansion of opioid maintenance programs so that opioid maintenance therapy**
23 **can be available for any individual who applies and for whom the treatment is suitable,**
24 **allowing for training to be available so that an adequate number of physicians are prepared to**
25 **provide treatment;**
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27 **(4) Encourage the extensive application of needle and syringe exchange and distribution programs**
28 **and the modification of restrictive laws and regulations concerning the sale and possession of**
29 **needles and syringes to maximize the availability of sterile syringes and needles, while ensuring**
30 **continued reimbursement for medically necessary needles and syringes; and be it further**
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32 **RESOLVED, that MAG strongly supports the ability of physicians to prescribe syringes and**
33 **needles to patients with injection drug addiction in conjunction with addiction counseling in order**
34 **to help prevent the transmission of contagious diseases.**

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