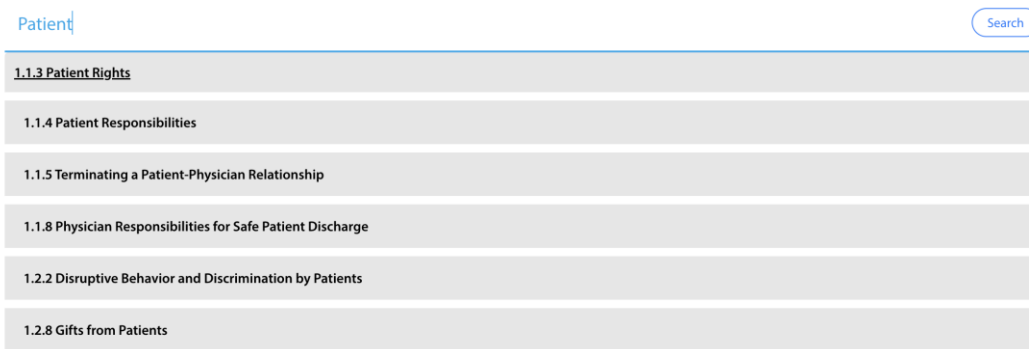




The American Medical Association uses the PolicyFinder database to store current AMA policy. PolicyFinder can be searched by using keywords typed into the search bar. For an efficient search, start by typing single words and short phrases, such as family leave, informed consent, CDC guidelines, and other topics. A specific policy number may be used to search as well.

As you begin to type keywords in the search bar, you may see drop-down options appear. Clicking on any of those choices will take you directly to a single policy.



Clicking the search button will take you to a list of policies related to your general search terms. The option to download the list of policies for later reference is included on this page.



"Ex. CDC guidelines, family leave, informed consent, G-610.090" Search

Advanced Search 4298 Results

Refine Search:
Clear Filters

SORT BY:
Most Relevant

YEAR PUBLISHED:
2012 - 2023

POLICY TOPIC:
 Hospitals (227)
 Medical Education (225)
 Drugs (222)
 Physician Payment (222)
 Public Health (175)

SECTION:
 Health Policies (2626)
 Directives (923)
 Code of Medical Ethics (163)

Excessive Telephone Wait Times for Physician Appeals of Managed Care Decisions on Patient Care D-285.977
(Res. 223, A-04; Modified: CMS Rep. 1, A-14)

Universal Health Coverage H-165.904
Our AMA: (1) seeks to ensure that federal health system reform include payment for the urgent and emergent treatment of illnesses and injuries of indigent, non-U.S. citizens in the U...

Proposed Revisions to AMA Policy on the Financing of Medical Education Programs D-305.973
(CME Rep. 7, A-05; Reaffirmation I-06; Reaffirmation I-07; Reaffirmed: Res. 921, I-12; Reaffirmation A-13; Reaffirmed: CME Rep. 5, A-13)

Non-Physicians Voting on the Medical Staff H-235.988
(Sub. Res. 181, A-84; Reaffirmed by CLRPD Rep. 3 - I-94; Reaffirmed: CLRPD 1, A-04; Reaffirmed: CMS Rep. 1, A-14)

Trauma Center Efficacy H-130.977
The AMA supports the development of regional trauma care systems and trauma center designations.

Trending policy topics are also located below the search bar for easy navigation. By clicking one of these buttons, you will be taken directly to a listing of relevant policies. These topics will be updated periodically to reflect current trending topics.

Trending Policies

Surgery

Obesity

Climate change

Drugs

Gender

Advanced Search

Once you click through either the keyword search, drop-down choice, or trending policy button, you'll see a selection of filters in the left side column allowing you to focus your search even further. Clicking the advanced search button on the homepage will provide the same filtering options.

The screenshot displays the AMA Advanced Search modal window. At the top left is the AMA logo. The window title is "Advanced Search" with a "Clear All" link and a close button. Below the title is a search bar labeled "Search keywords" with a "Submit" button. The filters are organized into several sections:

- YEAR PUBLISHED:** A range selector showing "1979 - 2023".
- MEETING TYPE:** Radio button options for "Annual", "Interim", and "NA".
- SECTION:** Checkable options for "Code of Medical Ethics", "Constitution & Bylaws", "Directives", "Governance Policies", and "Health Policies".
- ACTION:** A dropdown menu with options: "Action", "Appended", and "BOT Action in response to referred for dec".
- COUNCILS & COMMITTEES:** A dropdown menu with options: "Board of Trustees", "Board of Trustees, Council on Constitution", "CLRP Subcommittee", and "Council on Constitution and Bylaws".
- POLICY TOPIC:** A dropdown menu with options: "Abortion", "Accident Prevention", "Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome", and "Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (A".
- POLICY SUBTOPIC:** A dropdown menu with options: "Accreditation Standards", "Administration and Organization", "Advertising", and "Advocacy and Political Action".

A "Search" button is located at the bottom right of the modal.

If no search results are returned when searching for a specific policy number, this indicates that the policy number does not exist or that a policy has been rescinded through previous HOD action. A list of rescinded policies can be obtained using the advanced search option.

Recording AMA Policy

PolicyFinder is updated after every meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD). Categories are filed in the PolicyFinder alphabetically starting at 'A' currently with 'abortion' and running through 'W' with 'women.' Policies are also labeled with a numerical system. Abortion is assigned '5' and women is assigned '525.' A short list of topics that fall under governance starts at 600, such as 'Governance: AMA House of Delegates' at '600' and 'Governance: Advocacy and Political Action' at '640.'

Within each topic, individual policies are given a three-digit number that appears after a decimal point counting down from 999. This means that generally, older policies will have higher numbers within a category. For instance, a policy with the number 35.999 was adopted before one with the number 35.984. Even if a policy is changed, its number remains the same. Therefore, a higher number might indicate a more recent modification compared to a lower number. When policies are removed, their numbers are not reused; they are simply deleted from the system.

AMA policies are further categorized into one of four types by a prefix in addition to the numbers:

- "H" – for statements considered positional or philosophical on an issue
- "D" – for statements that direct some specific activity or action. Often, policies could be considered both H and D statements, with the assignment made based on the core nature of the statement.
- "G" – for statements related to AMA governance
- "E" – for ethical opinions, which are the recommendations put forward in reports prepared by the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs and adopted by the AMA-HOD

Annotations at the end of each policy statement trace its development, from initial adoption through any amendments or reaffirmations that occur in subsequent meetings. If the policy statement is based on a report, the annotation includes the following abbreviations to note which governing body worked on the policy:

- BOT – Board of Trustees
- CME – Council on Medical Education
- CCB – Council on Constitution and Bylaws
- CMS – Council on Medical Service

- CEJA – Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs
- CSAPH – Council on Science and Public Health
- CLRPD – Council on Long Range Planning and Development

If a resolution was involved, “Res” is included. The number of the report or resolution and meeting (A for Annual; I for Interim) and year (two digits) are also included (eg, BOT Rep. 1, A-14 or Res. 319, I-12).

Here are examples of individual policies, with numbers, prefixes, and annotations for reference:

- Policies for Parental, Family and Medical Necessity Leave H-405.960
- Delegation of Informed Consent: D-160.918
- Heart Disease in Women: H-525.975

This table comprises the full list of current AMA categories Any particular policy is recorded in only a single category. .

5.000 Abortion	10.000 Accident Prevention/Unintentional Injuries
15.000 Accident Prevention: Motor Vehicles	20.000 Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
25.000 Aging	30.000 Alcohol and Alcoholism
35.000 Allied Health Professions	40.000 Armed Forces
45.000 Aviation Medicine	50.000 Blood
55.000 Cancer	60.000 Children and Youth
65.000 Civil and Human Rights	70.000 Coding and Nomenclature
75.000 Contraception	80.000 Crime
85.000 Death and Vital Records	90.000 Disabled
95.000 Drug Abuse	100.000 Drugs
105.000 Drugs: Advertising	110.000 Drugs: Cost
115.000 Drugs: Labeling and Packaging	120.000 Drugs: Prescribing and Dispensing
125.000 Drugs: Substitution	130.000 Emergency Medical Services
135.000 Environmental Health	140.000 Ethics
145.000 Firearms: Safety and Regulation	150.000 Foods and Nutrition
155.000 Health Care Costs	160.000 Health Care Delivery
165.000 Health Care/System Reform	170.000 Health Education
175.000 Health Fraud	180.000 Health Insurance

185.000 Health Insurance: Benefits and Coverage	190.000 Health Insurance: Claim Forms and Claims Processing
195.000 Health Maintenance Organizations	200.000 Health Workforce
205.000 Health Planning	210.000 Home Health Services
215.000 Hospitals	220.000 Hospitals: Accreditation Standards
225.000 Hospitals: Medical Staff	230.000 Hospitals: Medical Staff - Credentialing and Privileges
235.000 Hospitals: Medical Staff - Organization	240.000 Hospitals: Reimbursement
245.000 Infant Health	250.000 International Health
255.000 International Medical Graduates	260.000 Laboratories
265.000 Legal Medicine	270.000 Legislation and Regulation
275.000 Licensure and Discipline	280.000 Long-Term Care
285.000 Managed Care	290.000 Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Programs
295.000 Medical Education	300.000 Medical Education: Continuing
305.000 Medical Education: Financing and Support	310.000 Medical Education: Graduate
315.000 Medical Records and Patient Privacy	320.000 Medical Review
330.000 Medicare	335.000 Medicare: Carrier Review
340.000 Medicare: PRO	345.000 Mental Health
350.000 Minorities	355.000 National Practitioner Data Bank
360.000 Nurses and Nursing	365.000 Occupational Health
370.000 Organ Donation and Transplantation	373.000 Patients
375.000 Peer Review	380.000 Physician Fees
383.000 Physician Negotiation	385.000 Physician Payment
390.000 Physician Payment: Medicare	400.000 Physician Payment: Medicare - RBRVS
405.000 Physicians	406.000 Physician-Specific Health Care Data
410.000 Practice Parameters	415.000 Preferred Provider Arrangements
420.000 Pregnancy and Childbirth	425.000 Preventive Medicine
430.000 Prisons	435.000 Professional Liability
440.000 Public Health	445.000 Public Relations
450.000 Quality of Care	455.000 Radiation and Radiology
460.000 Research	465.000 Rural Health
470.000 Sports and Physical Fitness	475.000 Surgery
478.000 Technology - Computer	480.000 Technology - Medical
485.000 Television	490.000 Tobacco Use, Prevention and Cessation
495.000 Tobacco Products	500.000 Tobacco: AMA Corporate Policies and Activities
505.000 Tobacco: Federal and International Policies	510.000 Veterans Medical Care
515.000 Violence and Abuse	520.000 War

525.000 Women	600.000 Governance: AMA House of Delegates
605.000 Governance: AMA Board of Trustees and Officers	610.000 Governance: Nominations, Elections, and Appointments
615.000 Governance: AMA Councils, Sections, and Committees	620.000 Governance: Federation of Medicine
625.000 Governance: Strategic Planning	630.000 Governance: AMA Administration and Programs
635.000 Governance: Membership	640.000 Governance: Advocacy and Political Action