

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution: SC 1
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Subject: Hospital Website Voluntary Physician Inclusion
Referred to: Organized Medical Staff Section

Whereas, hospitals and other health care facilities traditionally use their websites to inform the public of all their physicians on staff; and

Whereas, more and more hospitals and other health care facilities are employing more and more physicians; and

Whereas, a growing trend of these hospitals and health care facilities is removing their voluntary staff physicians from their websites and 'Find a Doctor' sites and listing only their employed physicians; and

Whereas, patients searching for a physician on these websites but not finding the voluntary physicians, may assume the physician is not on staff, retired, or not credentialed; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association advocate for legislation requiring ALL credentialed physicians (employed and voluntary) be equally included on the websites and Find a Doctor sites of the hospitals and other health care facilities.

RELEVANT AMA POLICY: None