

# Reference Committee G SCIENCE & PUBLIC HEALTH

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Resolution 701a-09

## **INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

RESOLVED: That CMA support universal annual seasonal influenza vaccination of all health care workers with direct patient contact; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA recommend vaccination of H1N1 and other pandemic influenza strains for health care workers according to recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA support efforts to ensure the administration of 2009 H1N1 and seasonal influenza vaccines to persons per the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA support state efforts to educate health care workers about the importance of receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA encourage physicians in California to continue to be educated about the immunization, clinical management, reporting, and public health actions regarding H1N1 and other influenzas; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA make available to its members significant new information regarding H1N1 and other influenzas in a timely manner; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA support the current CDC recommendations for vaccinated health care workers with regard to seasonal influenza and support enhanced infection control policies for health care workers who are not vaccinated by requiring them to wear appropriate personal protective equipment when within a specified proximity of any patient while providing care during the influenza season defined by the Director of the California Department of Public Health.

*Action: Substitute adopted for combined resolutions 701-09, 702-09 and 703-09*

*Priority: 2.4*

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Resolution 702-09

## **INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION FOR ALL HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

*Action: See Resolution 701a-09*

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Resolution 703-09

## **SEASONAL INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

*Action: See Resolution 701a-09*

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Resolution 704a-09

## **CRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA**

RESOLVED: That CMA consider the criminalization of marijuana to be a failed public health policy; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA encourage and participate in debate and education regarding the health aspects of changing current policy regarding cannabis use.

*Action: Substitute adopted for combined resolutions 704-09 and 705-09*

*Priority: 3.4*

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Resolution 705-09

## **DECriminalIZATION OR LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL DRUGS**

*Action: See Resolution 704a-09*

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Resolution 706a-09

## **ANTIBIOTICS USE IN LIVESTOCK**

RESOLVED: That CMA oppose the non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
*Priority: 3.0*

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Resolution 707a-09  
**SAFETY AND LABELING OF  
PHARMACEUTICALS**

RESOLVED: That CMA advocate that the FDA be funded and staffed to adequately inspect and ensure safety of all pharmaceuticals, including over-the-counter products, consumed in the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA advocate that the FDA require labeling of all pharmaceuticals with their ingredients and their respective countries of origin; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this matter be referred for national action.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
*Priority: 3.0*

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Resolution 708a-09  
**HEALTH EFFECTS OF AIR FRESHENERS  
AND CLEANING PRODUCTS**

RESOLVED: That CMA support public and physician education regarding the potential harmful health effects of air fresheners and cleaning products; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA request the California Department of Toxic Substance Control to review air fresheners and cleaning products for their impact on health.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
*Priority: 3.3*

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Resolution 709a-09  
**REPORTING OF SATURATED AND TRANS  
FATS ON NUTRITIONAL LABELS**

RESOLVED: That CMA support that saturated fat and trans fat contents be accurately reported to a 0.1 gram level per serving on all nutritional labels.

*Action: Substitute adopted for combined resolutions  
709-09 and 710-09*  
*Priority: 3.1*

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Resolution 710-09  
**REPORTING OF TRANS FATS IN  
NUTRITIONAL LABELS**

*Action: See Resolution 709a-09*

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Resolution 711a-09  
**HEALTH EFFECTS OF FLAME  
RETARDANTS**

RESOLVED: That CMA recognize the cumulative negative health effects of flame retardants and encourage the appropriate regulatory agencies to limit their use while balancing the long-term health effects with the short-term fire safety implications and exploring feasible alternatives.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
*Priority: 3.1*

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Resolution 712a-09  
**ENDOCRINE-DISRUPTING CHEMICALS**

RESOLVED: That CMA urge further collaboration among medical and scientific groups to identify ways to decrease exposure to endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs); and be it further

RESOLVED: That regulatory oversight of EDCs be centralized to ensure coordination among agencies; and be it further

RESOLVED: That policy regarding EDCs be based on comprehensive data covering both low-level and high-level exposures; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA encourage the education of all health professionals on the human health effects of toxic chemical exposures, including EDCs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this matter be referred for national action.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
*Priority: 3.0*

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Resolution 713a-09  
**"SMART GROWTH" AND AIR POLLUTION REDUCTION**

RESOLVED: That CMA support efforts to develop ambitious regional targets for local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support land use and transportation strategies to meet those targets; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA support efforts to reduce vehicle trips by means of land use and transportation measures that promote "smart growth," improve air quality, improve community health and reduce chronic illness; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA support the participation of public health officials in land use decision making and transportation planning to help identify and mitigate potential health impacts.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
*Priority: 3.1*

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Resolution 714-09  
**CAP-AND-TRADE CONTROL OF POPULATION GROWTH**

*Action: Not adopted*

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Resolution 715a-09  
**LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER ADOLESCENTS**

RESOLVED: That CMA work with other organizations to identify and make resources and information available to physicians to: (1) support families in developing healthy relationships with their adolescents regardless of the adolescents' sexual orientation; and (2) discuss consequences of varying levels of family acceptance and rejection of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender adolescents.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
*Priority: 3.4*

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Resolution 716a-09  
**CALIFORNIA POISON CONTROL SYSTEM FUNDING**

RESOLVED: That CMA declare that the California Poison Control System is a public health necessity deserving secure funding and that CMA undertake all efforts to achieve this goal.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
*Priority: 2.3*

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Resolution 717a-09  
**CIGARETTE FILTER ENVIRONMENTAL FEE**

RESOLVED: That CMA declare that the inappropriate disposal of toxic cigarette butts and filters can lead to adverse effects on public health and the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA work with other organizations to explore the feasibility of implementing an environmental fee or cash refund program on each cigarette filter sold in California and to mitigate the environmental and public health risks.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
*Priority: 3.2*

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Resolution 718a-09  
**WATER PIPE/HOOKAH SMOKING**

RESOLVED: That CMA recognize that the adverse health effects associated with smoking via water pipe are similar to all other tobacco use; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA discourage the use of water pipe smoking, especially by young people.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
*Priority: 3.5*

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Resolution 719-09  
**TEENAGE ALCOHOL ABUSE**

RESOLVED: That CMA endorse continuing medical education for health care professionals to aid them in educating lower and middle school students of the dangers of alcohol; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA endorse outreach programs to elementary "lower" and middle schools to create awareness of the dangers of alcohol.

*Action: Adopted*  
*Priority: 3.1*

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Resolution 720-09  
**ALCOHOL TAXES FOR EDUCATION,  
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT**

RESOLVED: That CMA advocate that any measure to increase alcohol taxes should allocate money to alcohol-related education, outreach, prevention, and treatment programs.

*Action: Adopted*  
*Priority: 3.0*

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Resolution 721a-09  
**SUGAR SWEETENED FOOD/BEVERAGE  
EDUCATION AND TAXATION**

RESOLVED: That physicians should educate their patients about the health risks associated with the consumption of food and beverages containing high amounts of processed simple sugars or refined sugars such as high fructose corn syrup; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA support increased taxes on sodas and other relevant sugar sweetened beverages, with the revenues to be utilized for public health education efforts such as those conducted by the CMA Foundation and for other health purposes; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA encourage public health education campaigns on obesity prevention and treatment.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
*Priority: 3.1*

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Resolution 722a-09  
**PHYSICAL EDUCATION STANDARDS**

RESOLVED: That CMA encourage compliance with the current educational code requirements for physical education; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA encourage the state to maximize the time allotted for physical education classes during the school week according to CDC guidelines.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
*Priority: 2.9*

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Resolution 723a-09  
**HEALTH BENEFITS AND RISKS OF  
PHYSICALLY ACTIVE VIDEO GAMES**

RESOLVED: That CMA encourage research efforts that aim to determine the potential health benefits and risks of physically active video games and other innovative methods to promote exercise.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
*Priority: 3.5*

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Resolution 724a-09  
**SCHOOL SPORTS PRE-PARTICIPATION  
PHYSICAL EXAMS**

RESOLVED: That CMA encourage that student athletes be offered the option of a visit with their physician of choice to obtain an athletic pre-participation physical exam; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA recommend that the CA Interscholastic Federation communicate the benefits of regular comprehensive physical examination by a primary care physician.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
*Priority: 3.3*

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Resolution 725-09  
**CDC PROPOSED HIV RULE CHANGE**

*Action: Not adopted*

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Resolution 726a-09  
**HELMET USE BY SKIERS AND  
SNOWBOARDERS**

RESOLVED: That CMA encourage the voluntary use of approved ski helmets by all alpine skiers and snowboarders while skiing or snowboarding.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
Priority: 3.3

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Resolution 727-09  
**ADULT FILM INDUSTRY WORKER SAFETY  
AND HEALTH**

RESOLVED: That CMA support legislation that would require the mandatory use of condoms in the production of adult films; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA support legislation that would improve the ability of local health departments and OSHA/CalOSHA to investigate and control occupational exposures to infectious diseases and enforce workplace regulations in a timely manner; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA urge that existing OSHA and other occupational standards be vigorously enforced to reduce exposure to infectious diseases within the adult film industry; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this matter be referred for national action.

*Action: Adopted*  
Priority: 3.2

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Resolution 728a-09  
**ECOLOGICAL HEALTH FOOTPRINT FOR  
HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**

RESOLVED: That CMA encourage the education of physicians and other health professionals with resources, such as the “Eco-Health Footprint Guide” distributed by the Global Health and Safety Initiative, in mitigating the impacts of health care system contributions to climate change and toxic pollution.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
Priority: 3.3

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Resolution 729-09  
**ACCESS AND AVAILABILITY OF  
AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS**

RESOLVED: That CMA support public access to and availability of automatic external defibrillators.

*Action: Adopted as amended*  
Priority: 2.7

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Resolution 730-09  
**PAYMENT FOR CHILDHOOD VACCINES**

RESOLVED: That CMA pursue legislation mandating that all childhood vaccines be covered under the Vaccines for Children Program, irrespective of the insurance status; and be it further

RESOLVED: That until such legislation is passed, CMA advocate that all commercial health plans be responsible to pay for the vaccines.

*Action: Referred for decision*  
Priority: 2.2

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Resolution 731a-09  
**MEDICARE COVERAGE OF AVASTIN FOR  
INTRAVITREAL USE**

RESOLVED: That CMA support the ability of local Medicare carriers to price compounded drugs, including Avastin, using a “non-specific” J-code or other reasonable means where this is medically appropriate and financially beneficial; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CMA lobby CMS on this issue with relation to Avastin and its use for ophthalmic diagnoses using established channels; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this matter be referred for national action.

*Action: Substitute adopted*  
Priority: 2.9

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Report G-1-09  
**POLICY REVIEW**

*Action: Recommendations adopted (on file at CMA headquarters)*

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Report G-2-09  
**DISTRIBUTION OF COMPOUNDED ASTHMA  
INHALANT MEDICATIONS**

RECOMMENDATION 1: That the House of Delegates adopt Substitute Resolution 706-08 as follows:

RESOLVED: That CMA encourage the Board of Pharmacy to work with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to enforce in California the FDA's policy directive prohibiting the mass scale pharmacy manufacturing and distribution of compounded asthma medications to patients.

*Action: Recommendation adopted and remainder of report filed*  
*Priority: 3.2*

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