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AMA Resolution to Limit Use of the Term Doctor

There is a new resolution by the AMA to limit the term "doctor", "resident", and "residency". As a point of interest optometrists, psychologists, pharmacists, and anyone with a PhD are not included under these titles.

The American Medical Association's (AMA) resolutions for its upcoming House of Delegates meeting (occurring June 14-18, 2008) have begun to be posted online. The following are links to two resolutions of particular interest that will be considered at the meeting.

Resolution 303 Protection of the Titles "Doctor," "Resident" and "Residency".

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/471/303.doc>

The "Resolved" clauses in Resolution 303 state that:

"RESOLVED, That our American

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Medical Association adopt that the title "Doctor," in a medical setting, apply only to physicians licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, dentists and podiatrists (New HOD Policy); and be it further **RESOLVED**, That our AMA adopt

policy that the title "Resident" apply only to individuals enrolled in physician, dentist or podiatrist training programs (New HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA adopt policy that the title "Residency" ap-

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ply only to physician, dentist or podiatrist training programs (New HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA serve to protect, through legislation, the titles “Doctor,” “Resident” and “Residency.” (Directive to Take Action)” Resolution 214 Doctor of Nursing Practice.

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/471/214.doc>
 The “Resolved” clauses in Resolu-

tion 214 state that:”

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association oppose the National Board of Medical Examiners participating in any credentialing procedures for Doctors of Nursing Practitioners (DrNP) and refrain from producing test questions to certify these DrNP candidates (New HOD Policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA make it a legislative priority to urge Con-



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gress to increase funding for residency slots, particularly primary care physicians (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, That our AMA adopt a policy that those nurses who are Doctors of Nursing Practice must only be able to practice under the supervision of a physician and as part of a medical team with the final authority and responsibility for the patient under the supervision of a licensed physician. (New HOD Policy)"

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10% Cut in Medicare Reimbursement to Optometrists Due to Take Effect on July 1, 2008

Optometry will, once again, need to fight for our profession and our patients by urging Congress and the Administration to work toward correcting the flawed payment formula that again threatens doctors of optometry with massive cuts. In fact, the AOA has been a leader of successful efforts to block massive

projected cuts - as much as 10% — to Medicare physician payments in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and for the first-half of 2008. The next cuts due to take effect July 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009.

Contact the AOA for more information.

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Have a Safe and
Enjoyable
Summer

