

**HOD ACTION: Alternate Resolution 907 be adopted
in lieu of Resolution 907.**

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association study the potential feasibility of the creation of a hospital accreditation standard for implementation by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, through accreditation visits provided by The Joint Commission, Det Norske Veritas, and other accrediting agencies, such that hospital internal temperatures will require ongoing monitoring for compliance with a new standard for hospital internal temperatures (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, that our AMA advocate that hospital “common areas” must be maintained within a temperature range across which most humans would be comfortable when dressed for the weather of the season (for example, between 21 degrees C - 25 degrees C), toward decreasing health care’s greenhouse gas impact, with a report back at the 2025 Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, that our AMA will forward the results of this study regarding the maintaining of hospital internal temperatures within a suitably narrow range to health care journalists, hospital regulators, hospital executives, and other relevant parties, toward the eventual implementation of the findings and recommendations that are anticipated to be reached. (Directive to Take Action)

Your Reference Committee heard mixed testimony on this item, with several commenters opposing the resolution as written and proffering alternate resolutions. Comments in opposition to this resolution noted numerous challenges in the feasibility of studying this issue and/or felt that it was overly prescriptive. Your Council on Science and Public Health proffered an alternate resolution in support of the existing Joint Commission voluntary Sustainable Healthcare Certification, which your Reference Committee believes achieves the original intent of the resolution. Therefore, Madam Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Alternate Resolution 907 be adopted in lieu of Resolution 907.

**(28) RESOLUTION 911 - ADEQUATE MASKING AND HPV
EDUCATION FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS
(INCLUDING THOSE OVER AGE 45)**

RECOMMENDATION A:

**Madam Speaker, your Reference Committee
recommends that Alternate Resolution 911 be adopted
in lieu of Resolution 911.**

**PREVENTING HEALTH CARE RELATED
TRANSMISSION OF HPV**

**RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association
advocate for improved protection for all health care
workers and patients who have potential exposure to
HPV (Directive to Take Action).**

1 **RECOMMENDATION B:**

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3 **Madam Speaker, your Reference Committee**
4 **recommends that Policy D-405.967, “HPV Vaccination**
5 **to Protect Healthcare Workers over Age 45” be**
6 **reaffirmed.**

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8 **HOD ACTION: Alternate Resolution 911 be adopted**
9 **in lieu of Resolution 911.**

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11 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association advocate for the provision of N-95
12 masks or equivalent be required for all HCWs (health care workers) and patients who
13 have potential exposure to HPV (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

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15 RESOLVED, that our AMA promote education for medical professionals on the
16 importance of HPV education and professional responsibilities in these procedures
17 (Directive to Take Action); and be it further

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19 RESOLVED, that our AMA work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
20 (CDC), the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Occupational
21 Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) along with other relevant stakeholders to
22 address airborne transmission risks of HPV during surgical procedures and to prevent
23 health care-related transmission.(Directive to Take Action); and be it further

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25 RESOLVED, that our AMA Media Relations Team publicize with a press release to
26 make physicians aware of these new policies, including those outlined in H-440.872,
27 HPV Associated Cancer Prevention. (Directive to Take Action)

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29 Your Reference Committee heard mixed testimony on this item. Testimony against
30 reaffirmation of this item noted that existing policy is missing the call for universal
31 masking (preferably N95 or equivalent) of all people in the room including the patient
32 who may have potential exposure to HPV. Testimony highlighted that data hasn't clearly
33 established that exposure to aerosolized HPV is the cause of increased head and neck
34 cancers, and there is also no clear data showing that using N-95 would be protective.
35 Testimony in opposition of the first Resolve clause also highlighted this lack of data as
36 well and noted that the other Resolve clauses were reaffirmation. It was also noted that
37 the Council on Science and Public Health is working on a report on surgical smoke
38 which will include risk of HPV exposure to health care professionals and appropriate
39 PPE to use. Therefore, Madam Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that
40 alternate resolution 911 be adopted in lieu of Resolution 911 and existing policy be
41 reaffirmed.

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43 **D-405.967 HPV Vaccination to Protect Healthcare Workers over Age 45**

- 44 1. Our American Medical Association encourages the CDC to review the
45 available evidence for recommending the HPV vaccine for health care
46 professionals to prevent health care related infection of HPV.
47 2. Our AMA supports the need for additional ongoing research regarding
48 minimization of occupational exposure to HPV, including through use
49 of personal protective equipment.