

Final resolution after Congress Session II on March 13, 2014 - APPROVED

Resolution 9 – Best Clinical Practices for Opioid Prescription

WHEREAS, use of opioid analgesic prescription medications is on the increase; and

WHEREAS, opioids have an inherent risk of adverse reaction, including respiratory CNS depression; and

WHEREAS, opioid prescriptions are associated with increased overdose deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, opioids are to be used in a responsible manner in clinical practice; and

WHEREAS, opioid prescribing requires special additional training; and

WHEREAS, increased documentation of opioid use and indications is needed; and

WHEREAS, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFPP) is structured for leadership, advocacy and education; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFPP) shall provide members with educational activities on best clinical practices and standards for opioid prescription and clinical implementation.

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