

SUBJECT: Vaccine Safety

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Governors of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians

REFERRED TO: 2017 ACOFP Congress of Delegates

RESOLUTION NO. 31

1 WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) was established in law
2 under Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 217a)¹, and

3 WHEREAS, the ACIP is comprised of medical and public health experts who develop
4 recommendations on the use of vaccines in the civilian population of the United States¹,
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the recommendations of the ACIP stand as public health guidance for the safe use of
7 vaccines and related biological products¹, and

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9 WHEREAS, the ACIP works with 30 professional organizations that are highly regarded in the
10 health field in the development of its recommendations¹, and

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12 WHEREAS, between 1950 and 2013, deaths from the vaccine preventable diseases of
13 diphtheria, tetanus, Pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, and congenital rubella
14 syndrome have declined from 4,236 annually to 0 in vaccinated persons,² and

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16 WHEREAS, between 1950 and 2013 cases of these vaccine preventable diseases decreased
17 from over 450,000 annually to 807², and

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19 WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has declared
20 the current U.S. vaccine supply as the safest in history³, and

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22 WHEREAS, wellness and the prevention of disease is an essential part of the care osteopathic
23 family physicians provide to patients; now, therefore be it

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25 RESOLVED, the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) support the
26 recommendations of The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP); and
27 be it further

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29 RESOLVED, the ACOFP supports the declaration of the Centers for Disease Control and
30 Prevention that vaccines are safe, and be it further

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32 RESOLVED, the ACOFP support the education of the public, payors, and government entities
33 about the safety and effectiveness of vaccines.

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/about.html> accessed February 17, 2017
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases, 13th Edition, 2015
3. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/index.html>, accessed February 17, 2017