

SUBJECT: Absence of Drug Use Protocol and Research

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RESOLUTION NO. 19

- 1 WHEREAS, the opiate epidemic in many areas in the United States, specifically in rural areas, is  
2 widespread, and many patients have restricted access to healthcare and primarily see their  
3 family physicians; and
- 4 WHEREAS, there are no specific guidelines or protocol for identifying patients who use drugs; and
- 5 WHEREAS, there has been a dramatic increase of overdoses; now, therefore be it
- 6 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) work with other  
7 organizations to implement safe and effective protocols for recognizing and handling drug  
8 related illnesses, and promote further research efforts in reducing drug related deaths.

FINAL ACTION: DISAPPROVED as of MARCH 22, 2018

References:

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/overdose-death-rates>  
<https://www.aafp.org/afp/2013/0715/p113.html>