

SUBJECT: Sunsetting Policy- Physician Assisted Suicide

SUBMITTED BY: ACOFP Constitution & Bylaws/Policy & Organization Review Committee

REFERRED TO: 2021 American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Congress of Delegates (*submitted in 2020*)

RESOLUTION NO. 6

RESOLVED, that Congress of Delegates of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) approves the reaffirmation of the ACOFP Position Statement on Physician Assisted Suicide as recommended and submitted by the ACOFP Constitution & Bylaws/Policy & Organization Review Committee.

5. PATIENT EDUCATION

The ACOFP Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends the following policy be amended and reaffirmed.

1. **Physician-Assisted Suicide** C/16, 11, 06

The osteopathic profession shall take a leadership role in providing the public with information on alternatives to physician-assisted suicide. The ACOFP does not support legislation to legalize physician-assisted suicide.

Explanatory Statement: We acknowledge death with dignity laws, also known as physician-assisted dying or aid-in-dying laws currently exist in many states. We also want to honor our oath to give no drugs for deadly purposes while recognizing appropriate autonomy for any physician who would be abiding by their state's laws. We are not recommending the College take action to oppose this legislation, rather focus on taking a leadership role in providing information on alternatives.

FINAL ACTION: APPROVED as of March 10, 2021