

SUBJECT: Transgender Health Education

SUBMITTED BY: Michigan Association of Osteopathic Family Physicians

REFERRED TO: 2022 American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP)  
Congress of Delegates

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RESOLUTION NO. 16

- 1 WHEREAS, transgender is an umbrella term for a diverse group of people such as male-to-female  
2 (MTF) and female-to-male (FTM), genderqueer people, and others; and
- 3 WHEREAS, transgender identity or expression differs from societal expectations of how they should  
4 look, act, or identify based on the assigned sex at birth<sup>1</sup>; and
- 5 WHEREAS, transgender and other gender and sexual minority people are often the targets of  
6 discrimination and harassment that can lead to negative health outcomes<sup>2</sup>; and
- 7 WHEREAS, one in five transgender people postponed or did not try to get health care in the past year  
8 due to fear of discrimination<sup>3</sup>; and
- 9 WHEREAS, fifty percent of transgender people reported having to teach their healthcare provider  
10 about transgender health issues<sup>4</sup>; now, therefore be it
- 11 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopath Family Physicians (ACOFP) offer continuing  
12 medical education designated to address healthcare for transgender and gender diverse people  
13 in the eLearning Center that is accessible to all members and, be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) offer continuing  
15 medical education designated to address healthcare for transgender and gender diverse people  
16 that includes best clinical practices, terminology, demographics, health disparities including  
17 increased risk of HIV infection and lower likelihood of preventative cancer screenings in  
18 transgender men, affirmative healthcare, gender affirmation treatment, including hormonal  
19 and surgical care, and ways to create a more inclusive environment for all patients and, be it  
20 further
- 21 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) provide continuing  
22 medical education in the eLearning Center for a minimum of three (3) years and, be it further  
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<sup>1</sup> LGBTQIA+ Glossary of Terms for Health Care Teams from The Fenway Institute's National LGBTQIA+ Health Education Center, August 30, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> The National Center for Transgender Equality's 2015 US Transgender Survey (USTS) (ICPSR 37229), May 22, 2019.

<sup>3</sup> The Project VOICE report from The Fenway Institute and the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition, July, 2014.

<sup>4</sup> Injustice at every turn: A report of the National Transgender Discrimination Survey from the National Center for Transgender Equality and National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 2011.

24 RESOLVED, that the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) offer  
25 continuing medical education in the eLearning Center that is free of cost to members.

FINAL ACTION: REFERRED as of March 16, 2022

*Explanatory Statement from Committee: Referred to author based on financial implications by offering free CME and mandating CME.*

References:

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