# American Academy of Dermatology
# Advisory Board
# 2012 Resolutions

*The following Resolutions have been submitted to the Advisory Board for consideration at the 2012 AAD Annual meeting in San Diego, CA. The resolutions will be received and debated in the Reference Committee Hearing,* ***2:00 – 4:00 PM, on Friday March 16th, in the San Diego Marriott, Coronado Room.***

*The Reference Committee will then make their recommendations to the Advisory Board, who will vote as a body on the Resolutions from* ***2:30 – 5:30 PM on Sunday, March 18th in the San Diego Convention Center, Room 3.***

*Both meetings are open to the public. All interested parties are highly encouraged to attend the Reference Committee Hearing Friday in order to testify for or against any of the resolutions.*

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| **RESOLUTION NUMBER** | 0001 |
| **TITLE** | Elimination of All Payment Reductions For Not Participating in Electronic Prescribing and Electronic Health Records |
| **INTRODUCED BY** | Michael Borok, M.D.<br>San Fernando Valley Dermatological Society<br>mborok@pol.net |

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**WHEREAS**, it has not been proven that solo and small group practice physicians delivery of care and outcomes of care are consistently improved by using electronic prescribing or electronic medical records,

**WHEREAS**, using an electronic health record and electronic prescribing systems are excessively burdensome, and costly, and require additional personnel just to use them,

**WHEREAS**, the solo and small group practice physician being coerced by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to use electronic prescribing and electronic health records under threat of payment reductions constitutes an unacceptable intrusion by the Federal Government dictating how medical care should be delivered; therefore be it,

**RESOLVED** that the American Academy of Dermatology/Association (AAD/A) should lobby Congress and CMS with or without the assistance of the American Medical Association (AMA) or other national physician organizations for the eliminations of all penalties in the form of fee or payment reductions to the solo and small group practice physician for not using either an electronic medical record system or doing electronic prescribing

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| **RESOLUTION NUMBER** | 0002 |
| **TITLE** | Stopping CMS from using the ICD-10 Diagnosis Coding System |
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**Whereas,** the present ICD-9 diagnosis coding system and CPT coding system for billing most medical services have proven to be more than adequate for physicians and patients, and

**Whereas,** the ICD-9 diagnosis coding system has been updated and continues to adapt to changing and newly added diagnoses, and

**Whereas,** the ICD-11 diagnosis coding system is presently under development to be completed by 2015, and

**Whereas,** changing to the ICD-10 diagnosis coding system containing 68,000 diagnoses would prove extremely disruptive and costly especially for the solo and small group practice physician,

**Whereas,** the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Medicare is undergoing simultaneous significant changes processing claims using the present ICD-9 diagnosis coding system and CPT medical service coding system such as adopting Version 5010 electronic claim standards and implementing EHR meaningful use criteria creating significant disruptions in physicians' practices; therefore by it

**Resolved** that the AAD/A lobby CMS and Congress to completely abandon the conversion to and use of the ICD-10 coding system.

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| **RESOLUTION NUMBER** | 0003 |
| **TITLE** | Public Education on Doctor of Nursing Practice and Board Certification |
| **INTRODUCED BY** | Kristin Smallwood, MD and Andrew Weinstein, MD<br>Florida Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery |

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**Whereas,** nurses are able to obtain a Doctorate of Nursing Practice and in some States legally call themselves "Doctor";

**Whereas,** certification courses are being developed allowing nurses to claim board certification;

**Whereas,** the potential is great for patients to be misled by a nurse who introduces him/herself as doctor and also claims board certification;

**Whereas,** the independent practice of medicine by marginally and variably trained practitioners may have a deleterious effect on patients and on the practice of medicine;

**Resolved,** that the Academy of Dermatology collaborate with other physician groups to develop a strategy to educate the public regarding the distinctions between the Doctorate of Nursing Practice and the Doctorate of Medicine and Osteopathy and the distinctions between the board certification in nursing and board certification through the American Board of Medical Specialties. Further the American Academy of Dermatology support rules that clarify these distinctions to patients.

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| **RESOLUTION NUMBER** | 0004 |
| **TITLE** | Membership in the AAD for Dermatologist Who Are No Longer Board Eligible |
| **INTRODUCED BY** | Kristin Smallwood, MD and Andrew Weinstein, MD<br>Florida Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery |

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**Whereas,** board eligibility through the American Board of Dermatology has become time limited on January 1, 2012

**Whereas,** no category of membership in the American Academy of Dermatology exists to include dermatologists who have completed residency programs in dermatology, accredited by either the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) but, are no longer eligible to take the boards because of time

**Resolved,** the American Academy of Dermatology either include these physicians in an existing membership category or create a new category of membership for continued membership in the American Academy of Dermatology for those physicians who have completed an ACGME or RCPSC accredited dermatology residency program but are no longer board eligible due to time limitation policy.