



Resolution No. 605 (California E) - Increased Percentage of Women's Reproductive Health Topics at AAFP FMX and at the National Conference of Family Medicine Resident and Medical Students

ACTION TAKEN BY THE 2018 CONGRESS OF DELEGATES: SUBSTITUTE ADOPTED



The Board of Directors referred this resolution to the Commission on Continuing Professional Development. Please address questions regarding the resolution to Stephen Eilert at seilert@aafp.org (<mailto:seilert@aafp.org>).

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Introduced by the California Chapter

Referred to the Reference Committee on Education

WHEREAS, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) affirms it is essential that family physicians be well trained to provide "comprehensive, continuing care of women throughout their lifecycle," and

WHEREAS, the AAFP "supports a woman's access to reproductive health services and opposes non-evidence based restrictions on medical and the provision of such services," and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain qualification and a broad scope of practice, family physicians must continue learning throughout their careers so they might provide patients with up-to-date and evidence-based care throughout their lifecycle, and

WHEREAS, for the 2018 Family Medicine Experience FMX, the Curriculum Advisory Panel (CAP) has weighted women's reproductive health topics at four percent, and

WHEREAS, 51 percent of physician visits are to primary care providers and 19.5 percent (the highest proportion) are with family medicine physicians, and

WHEREAS, an estimated 17.9 percent of outpatient visits are by women of reproductive age with preconception or contraceptive counseling integral aspects of these visits, and

WHEREAS, in order to recruit new members, the AAFP wants to appeal to family residents, 54 percent of whom are female and tend to see majority female patients, and

WHEREAS, funding for Planned Parenthood and Title X clinics is at risk, shifting care to federally qualified health clinics, which tend to be family physician-led, requiring a well-prepared work force to meet the increased demand of reproductive health needs of patients, and

WHEREAS, while the AAFP does offer a women's health and maternity care conference containing a few reproductive health care updates, it is a burden for members to attend two separate conferences rather than one full spectrum CME activity, and

WHEREAS, at the 2017 FMX, there were seven presentations dedicated to women's reproductive health, but 26 slots dedicated to practice management and 11 dedicated to neurology, and

WHEREAS, family medicine residents and students have requested more reproductive health care and women's health care at their national conference, passing resolutions and filling out conference evaluations, now, therefore, be it

Substitute:

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians seek opportunities to optimize women's reproductive health topics in future CME events while balancing the other educational needs in the full spectrum of family medicine.

Original resolved clause submitted to the Congress of Delegates deleted (please see substitute adopted above):

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians advocate that the Family Medicine Experience (FMX) Curriculum Advisory Panel (CAP) increase the weight of women's reproductive health topics at future FMX events and remove the four percent cap.

(Received 4/06/18)

Fiscal Impact: Less than \$10,000

Background

The CME Curriculum Advisory Panel's (CAP) primary goal is to assist the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) CME staff, advisory boards and faculty in developing a focused, cohesive, appropriately balanced approach to CME curricular planning. The CME CAP is presented with objective data including family physician needs assessments, member preferences, learner outcomes data, relevant trends and evolving expectations and/or requirements in CME. In addition, resolutions from Congress of Delegates (COD) and referrals from Member Interest Groups (MIGs) also inform their perspectives. CAP members then apply their collective expertise in family medicine

and AAFP CME to construct recommendations for the AAFP CME program as a whole. The CME CAP can also serve as a resource to CME Learning Strategists, and other AAFP CME stakeholders including the Family Medicine Experience (FMX) Advisory Board.

Currently, the CME CAP does not have a ceiling on any topics. The CME CAP individual percentage, or weighting given to topics is intended to represent the recommended minimum representation of a health topic across AAFP's CME program which includes roughly 100 CME activities annually produced in a variety of formats (live, online, enduring/self-study, journals, etc.). Presently, there are 21 content categories that the AAFP focuses on for comprehensive family physician CME. This includes the women's reproductive health, which has increased from four to six percent for 2018.

FMX is a conference that is designed to be a comprehensive educational experience for family physicians. At the 2018 FMX conference there will be 20 individual educational sessions dedicated to women's reproductive health topics or have at least one learning objective dedicated to them. Out of the approximately 330 total educational sessions (6.06%). Additionally, most of these sessions will be recorded and available for purchase via FMX on Demand (an enduring/self-study format) for those members who could not attend the FMX conference. This demonstrates an increase from 2017 FMX, which was four percent.

The AAFP understands and respects that members have limited resources and time to dedicate to CME. Our members are individually unique in their learning needs and interests. With that knowledge, the AAFP has made efforts to make the education available to our members as convenient as possible. In addition to conferences dedicated to women's health and maternity care including multiple Advanced Life Support Obstetrics courses provided, the AAFP provides the following current self-study/enduring education on the subject of women's reproductive health:

- 2017- 2020 Family Centered Maternity Care Self Study Package
- 2018 – 2021 Women's Health Self-Study Package
- Smith, A., MD, Barr, W. B., MD, MPH, MSCE, Bassett-Novoa, E., MD, & LeFevre, N., MD. (2018, April). Maternity Care Update. *AAFP FP Essentials*, 467. doi:<https://www.aafp.org/fpe/2018/0400/467.html>
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- Brown, E. J., MD, MSHP, Antell, K., MD, FFAFP, & Deshmukh, P., MD. (2017, November). Contraception Update. *AAFP FP Essentials*, 462. doi:<https://www.aafp.org/cme/subscriptions/fp-essentials/editions/462-ed.html>
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- Hayon, R., MD, Conniff, J., MD, MPH, Stringer, J., MD, & Schrager, S., MD. (2016, October). Gender and Sexual Health. *AAFP FP Essentials*, 449. doi:<https://www.aafp.org/cme/subscriptions/fp-essentials/editions/449-ed.htm>
(<https://www.aafp.org/cme/subscriptions/fp-essentials/editions/449-ed.html>)
- Dematoses of Pregnancy. (2018, March). *FP Audio*, 466.
- <https://www.aafp.org/cme/subscriptions/fp-audio/editions/466.html> (<https://www.aafp.org/cme/subscriptions/fp-audio/editions/466.html>)

Current Policy

None

Prior Congress Action

Substitute Resolution No. 607 from the 2011 COD (Substitute Adopted):

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) solicit and support the development of updated CME programs and patient information resources on evidence-based reproductive health topics, including natural family planning methods, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) include natural family planning methods' counseling as a core skill in the Recommended Curriculum Guidelines for Family Medicine Residents: Maternity and Gynecologic Care, AAFP Reprint 261.

Please see Page 324-326 in the 2011 Transactions

https://www.aafp.org/content/dam/AAFP/documents/about_us/congress/restricted/2011/2011CongressofDelegatesTransactions.pdf for details.

Please see Resolution No. 607 (<https://www.aafp.org/about/governance/congress-delegates/previous/2011/resolutions/resolution-607.mem.html>), on the AAFP website for follow-up details.

Prior Board Action

None



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<https://www.aafp.org/about/governance/congress-delegates/2018/resolutions2/california-e.mem.html>



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