

RESOLUTION 12.2019-21 (A-20)
PATIENTS' RIGHTS TO KNOW FULL CREDENTIALS OF HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS INVOLVED IN THEIR CARE

ISMS Board Action Taken on 01/25/2020

Referred Resolution 12.2019-21 (A-20), Patients' Rights to Know Full Credentials of Health Professionals Involved in Their Care, back to the Council for further consideration.

Council on Education & Health Workforce Recommendation to
ISMS Board on 01/25/2020

The Council on Education and Health Workforce was supportive of the resolution and its goal of promoting transparency of professional qualifications of individuals providing patient care. The Council agreed with the author that the actions called for in the resolution would help educate patients and policymakers about the critical difference in education, experience and qualifications between physicians and non-physician practitioners.

The Council on Education & Health Workforce recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 12.2019-21 (A-20), as amended:

RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society advocate that facilities staffed with NPPs – non physician providers – must have signage clearly indicating that no physician is present, so that patients may choose to stay or not; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS advocate that patients will not be billed for a visit if they scheduled with a physician, but then were seen by a non-physician provider; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS advocate that facilities may not bill a physician charge unless physician did NOT see the patient but was "available"; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, that ISMS advocate that patients be made aware during
34 the informed consent process of the level of training and licensure of health care
35 professionals who may provide care, and have the option of limiting their consent to
36 care provided by a physician ~~consent to treat documentation include clearly give an~~
37 ~~option for patients to choose if they want only physicians, or non-physician providers.~~
38 ~~A facility may not change this choice without prior approval of the patient; and be it~~
39 further

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41 RESOLVED, that ISMS advocate that all health care professionals be required
42 to wear identification badges, which clearly indicate professional licensure.