**OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 06 – 2020**

**Introduced by:** The Academy of Medicine of Lima and Allen County

**Subject:** Improve Communication among Physicians

**Referred to:** Resolutions Committee No. 1

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**WHEREAS**, More and more hospitals are hiring physicians and limiting the physicians from practicing medicine in other hospital systems; and

**WHEREAS**, There is limited to no communication among physicians at competing hospitals; and

**WHEREAS**, Patient care suffers when one hospital system has a specific specialist with expertise in treating the patient’s condition, and the patient is at another hospital without that specialist, and no referral is made due to attempts to keep the patient within the treating hospital system, thus leading to a lack of knowledge of the care available at the other hospital; **therefore be it**

**RESOLVED**, That the OSMA work with county medical societies towards better communication among physicians, especially in communities with 2 or more competing hospital systems with employed physicians; and, **be it further**

**RESOLVED**, That the OSMA’s Delegation to our AMA take this resolution on “Improving Communication Among Physicians” to the AMA Annual Meeting for further discussion and action.

**Fiscal Note:** $ 1,000 (Sponsor)

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