**OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

**Resolution No. 09 – 2020**

**Introduced by:** Huron County Medical Society

**Subject:** Pain, Addiction and Mental Health

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

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**WHEREAS**, As a result of the “War on Drugs”, and the governmental and state restriction of opioid manufacture, distribution and restricted pharmacy chain prescriptions, there has been a serious detrimental effect on pain[[1]](#footnote-1) [[2]](#footnote-2); and

**WHEREAS**, These restrictions have also affected the treatment of chronic pain of cancer and noncancer origin, according to evidence-based pain medicine and the WHO pain ladder1 2 4; and

**WHEREAS**, these restrictions including prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMP), have not reduced prescription overdose mortality rates, and in fact from 1999 to 2017 there has been an alarming increase in opioid drug overdose mortality rates1 2; and

**WHEREAS**, we are now seeing under treatment of pain, under treatment of addiction and under treatment of mental disease1 2; **therefore be it**

**RESOLVED**, That the OSMA and organized medicine support the treatment of acute and chronic pain with humane, evidence-based medicine using the WHO pain ladder1 2 4; **be it further**

**RESOLVED**, That the OSMA support evolving clinics and programs that accept all insurance and improve access to **treat all forms of addiction, pain and mental** health1 2; **be it further**

**RESOLVED**, That the OSMA support Ohio legislation to amend current statutes like the Rhode Island Bill for chronic pain3; and, **be it further**

**RESOLVED**, That the OSMA’s Delegation to the AMA take this resolution for Pain, Addiction and Mental Health to the AMA1 2 [[3]](#footnote-3) [[4]](#footnote-4).

**Fiscal Note:** $ 75,000 (Sponsor)

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1. STAT **Overzealous use of the CDC’s prescribing guideline is harming patients** by Kate M. Nicholson, Diane E. Hoffman, and Chad D. Kollas December 6, 2018 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **With Opioids, Government Is the Problem, Not the Solution** by Jeffrey A. Singer CATO Institute. Article in USA Today July 31, 2017 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **2019—H—5434 SUBSTITUTE A, STATE OF RHODE ISLAND** in General Assembly January Session, A.D. 2019 LC001373/SIB A [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. **The WHO Pain Treatment 3-Step Ladder**; *Still the Gold Standard for Pain Management* by Forest Tennant, MD, DrPH Practical Pain Management Volume 15, Issue #3 Last updated April 15, 2015. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)