

SUBJECT: Addressing Ohio's Pain Problem Thru Improved Physician  
Education on Pain Management

SUBMITTED BY: Dayton (III) District Academy of Osteopathic Medicine

REFERRED TO:

1 WHEREAS, former Ohio Governor Ted Strickland convened the Ohio Prescription Drug  
2 Abuse Task Force in response to the catastrophic incidence of opioid prescription related  
3 overdose and death in the state; and  
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5 WHEREAS, members of the task force representing 26 agencies and professional  
6 organizations examined the origins and causes of the problem and with counsel from  
7 many experts developed consensus on twenty six recommendations which were accepted  
8 by the governor on **NEED DATE**; and  
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10 WHEREAS, these recommendations include the imperative for improved education on  
11 pain management for physicians and physician extenders; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the Ohio Compassionate Care Task Force which identified the incidence of  
14 patients in Ohio who are under treated for pain or have no access to pain management  
15 also recommended attention to the need for improved knowledge of pain management  
16 among prescribers; and  
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18 WHEREAS, knowledge of good pain management can decrease the need for prescribing  
19 opioids in order to treat pain; and  
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21 WHEREAS, education on addiction and prevention of diversion and abuse can help the  
22 physician to manage patient issues in this area; now, therefore, be it  
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24 RESOLVED, that the Ohio Osteopathic Association work with the Ohio State Medical  
25 Association and the Ohio State Medical Board to develop and implement mandatory  
26 prescriber education on pain management, addiction prevention and intervention and  
27 prevention of diversion in the clinical setting; and, be it further  
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29 RESOLVED, that Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine consider  
30 mechanisms to improve basic clinical education in pain management and the prevention  
31 of addiction, diversion and abuse in Ohio.