

ISMA Public Policy

DRUG ABUSE

(RESOLUTION 15-51) RESOLVED, that the ISMA support federal legislative efforts to curb the growing prescription drug and heroin abuse epidemics through the following efforts:

- Develop best practices in pain medication prescribing and related pain management
- Develop the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting system (NASPER)
- Support federal assistance for programs that specialize in prevention and drug treatment programs
- Increase the education and preparedness of local first responders to administer Naloxone to overdose patients
- Support state and national education programs that focus attention on the link between prescription drug abuse and heroin use.

(RESOLUTION 15-46) RESOLVED, that the ISMA discourage the over-use of extended-release opioids and when prescribed, an abuse-deterrent formulation should be utilized for the treatment of chronic non-cancer related pain.

(RESOLUTION 15-01) RESOLVED, that the ISMA encourage the voluntary use of a document such as the *Advance Directive for Addiction in Remission and to Ensure Continued Recovery* to facilitate communication between patients with a history of opiate addiction and physicians prior to an event (e.g. surgery) requiring the use of medications with addictive potential.

(RESOLUTION 14-35) RESOLVED, that the ISMA support both public and physician education on the physical and mental impact of chronic marijuana smoking from the NIDA including their just-published review in *The New England Journal of Medicine* (June 4, 2014); and be it further

RESOLVED, that if funding is available, the ISMA should promote and/or disseminate the National Institute on Drug Abuse pamphlet "Marijuana Facts for Teens."

(RESOLUTION 12-26A) RESOLVED, that the ISMA seek and support methods to reduce the sale of products containing dextromethorphan to minors; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the ISMA request the AMA to also seek and support methods to reduce the sale of products containing dextromethorphan to minors.