Resolution 5
Title: The Creation of a Toolkit to Support Physicians Combatting Misinformation and Disinformation

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Whereas, the proliferation of misinformation and disinformation poses a significant threat to public health, undermining trust in medical science and leading to harmful health decisions (1, 2); and

Whereas, physicians are trusted sources of health information and play a crucial role in combating the spread of misinformation and disinformation (3, 4); and

Whereas, physicians require effective tools and resources to identify, address, and counteract misinformation and disinformation effectively (5, 6); and

Whereas, the American Medical Association (AMA) is committed to promoting evidence-based medical practices and ensuring the dissemination of accurate health information (American Medical Association, n.d.; and

Whereas, the development of a comprehensive toolkit tailored to the needs of physicians would empower them with the necessary skills and resources to combat misinformation and disinformation effectively (9, 10); and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the American Medical Association (AMA) shall create a toolkit specifically designed to support physicians in combating misinformation and disinformation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this toolkit shall include:

1. Educational resources on recognizing common forms of misinformation and disinformation in the medical field;
2. Guidance on effectively communicating with patients, colleagues, and the public to address and counteract misinformation;
3. Strategies for engaging with social media platforms to promote accurate health information and combat the spread of misinformation;
4. Access to fact-checking resources and databases to verify the accuracy of health-related information;
5. Best practices for collaborating with local communities and media outlets to promote health literacy and combat misinformation at the grassroots level;
Ongoing training modules and updates to ensure physicians remain equipped with the latest strategies and resources in the ever-evolving landscape of misinformation and disinformation;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the AMA shall allocate resources and collaborate with experts in health communication, digital media, and information literacy to develop and maintain this toolkit;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the AMA shall advocate for the integration of this toolkit into medical education curricula and continuing medical education programs to ensure widespread adoption and utilization among physicians;

and it further

RESOLVED, that the AMA shall work with governmental agencies, professional organizations, and other stakeholders to promote the adoption of similar initiatives globally, recognizing the importance of a united effort in combatting misinformation and disinformation in healthcare.

References:
