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A Disease That Can Be Fought: Effective Approaches to Combating Obesity and What the AMA Classification Decision Means

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AMA Policy

• Established by the House of Delegates
• 50 state medical associations and more than 110 medical specialty societies represented
• Annual (June) and Interim (November) meetings
• Business based on resolutions submitted by delegates/delegations and/or reports from AMA Councils or Board of Trustees
“Other” AMA Policies on Obesity

H-90.974  Opposition to Obesity as a Disability
H-150.944  Combating Obesity and Health Disparities
H-150.953  Obesity as a Major Public Health Problem
H-170.961  Prevention of Obesity Through Instruction in Public Schools
H-440.902  Obesity as a Major Health Concern
D-440.954  Addressing Obesity
D-440.980  Recognizing and Taking Action in Response to the Obesity Crisis

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Resolution 420 — (A-13)

Sponsors

- American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
- American College of Cardiology
- The Endocrine Society
- American Society for Reproductive Medicine
- Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions
- American Urological Association
- American College of Surgeons
- American College of Gastroenterology
- American Society of Anesthesiologists
- Connecticut
- Texas
Policy H-440.842 “Recognition of Obesity as a Disease”

Our AMA recognizes obesity as a disease state with multiple pathophysiological aspects requiring a range of interventions to advance obesity treatment and prevention.
AMA Resources and Activities Related to Obesity

• Physician and patient resources
• Improving Health Outcomes strategy focusing on hypertension and Type 2 diabetes

Q&A

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