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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

Accessible via “Policy Finder” on the AMA website

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# Resolution 420 – (A-13)

## Sponsors

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- 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

Link to Obesity Resources: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/public-health/promoting-healthy-lifestyles/obesity.page?>

Link to IHO Strategy: <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/about-ama/strategic-focus/improving-health-outcomes.page>







# Q&A

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