

MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY
HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution 20-13

INTRODUCED BY: Baltimore County Medical Association

SUBJECT: Ask the AMA to Study the Appointment of a New AMA Council

REFERRED TO: Reference Committee A

Whereas, of the 42 items in Reference Committee G at the AMA meeting in June 2013, 15 had to do with technology; and

Whereas, of the 15, 13 had to do with the EMR in one way or another and 2 with telemedicine; and

Whereas, seven of the 15 items were Board reports on issues related to technology, 5 of those about the use of EMR and 2 on Telemedicine which will very likely to increase in the future; and

Whereas, of the 15 items, only 2 were placed on the Reaffirmation Calendar which suggests that technology whether involving the Electronic Medical Record or Telemedicine is a significant problem for many physicians in the AMA and growing; and

Whereas, issues about technology do not fall easily under the purview of any of the existing Councils such as the Council of Science and Public Health, the Council on Medical Services or the Council on Medical Education; and

Whereas, in this time of some peril during the implementation of the PPACA and medicine and medical practitioners are facing many challenges and changes across the whole spectrum medical practice and training, the AMA Board of Trustees needs to focus and provide advocacy on these issues and not be distracted simultaneously with problems and challenges of new technology and business as usual; therefore be it

Resolved, that MedChi ask the AMA to study the creation of a new Council on Medical Technology or collaboration of existing councils and working groups that can appropriately examine and make recommendation on matters of new and developing technology, particularly EMR and telemedicine, for consideration and approval of our AMA House of Delegates.

As amended and adopted by the House of Delegates at its meeting on September 21, 2013.