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American Medical Association House of Delegates (A-16)

Report of Reference Committee E

RESOLUTION 506 - HEART DISEASE AND WOMEN

RECOMMENDATION A:

Madam Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 506 be amended by addition and deletion to read as follows:

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association supports increased awareness and education on preventive measures for heart disease in women and

RESOLVED, That our AMA urges research to address the gaps in knowledge related to coronary pathophysiology and diagnostic, treatment, and interventional strategies for heart disease in women; and to better understand the role of demographic, socioeconomic, and psychological factors in the onset of heart disease in women. (New HOD Policy)

RECOMMENDATION B:

Madam Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 506 be adopted as amended.

HOD ACTION: Resolution 506 adopted as amended.

Resolution 506 asks that (1) our American Medical Association (AMA) and its partner organizations facilitate increased awareness of heart disease in women; (2) our AMA support education on preventive measures for heart disease in women; (3) our AMA encourage its members to foster increased comprehensive care of heart disease as it is the number one cause of death in women; (4) our AMA promote research to address the gaps in knowledge related to coronary pathophysiology, optimal diagnostic testing and imaging, and optimal pharmacologic and interventional strategies; and (5) our AMA encourage additional research to better understand the role of demographic, socioeconomic, and psychological factors in the onset of heart disease in women.

Overwhelmingly supportive testimony favored the resolution, pointing out that heart disease is the number one killer of women, and education, awareness, and research are essential for appropriate prevention, detection, and treatment. Your Reference Committee agrees with this testimony, but believes that for the sake of clarity and simplicity, the resolution be amended to focus on the key points of education/awareness and research. It therefore recommends adoption of the resolution as amended.