

# RESOLUTION 2011 - A

**SUBMITTED TO:** Michigan Osteopathic Association House of Delegates

**SUBMITTED BY:** Oakland County Osteopathic Medical Association

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approved - *Public Affairs Committee*

**SUBJECT:** Medical Marijuana Use and Patient Counseling

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1 **Whereas**, the Michigan Department of Community Health has identified the need for  
2 improving management of chronic pain; and

3 **Whereas**, Michigan law permits personal use of “medical marijuana” as a means to  
4 manage pain related to chronic diseases certified by a physician licensed to practice in  
5 the state; and

6 **Whereas**, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has not published  
7 guidelines nor promulgated rules for physicians related to marijuana use counseling for  
8 patients suffering from chronic pain; and

9 **Whereas**, the Fishman reference book “Responsible Opioid Prescribing”, distributed to  
10 all Michigan licensed physicians lacks discussion regarding effective pain management  
11 using cannabinoid substances;

12 **Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the Michigan Osteopathic Association (MOA)  
13 encourage the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to develop and  
14 disseminate guidelines to assist physicians in prudent patient counseling concerning use  
15 of marijuana products that is based on scientific evidence.