

RESOLUTION

Subject: Support for the *Stop the Bleed* Campaign and Increased Availability of Bleeding Control Supplies

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WHEREAS, active shooter and other explosive events are a growing public health concern, affecting communities throughout the nation¹; and

WHEREAS, uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death from trauma²; and

WHEREAS, one way to save lives is through educating both lay public and professional responders on proper bleeding control techniques^{1,2}; and

WHEREAS, *Stop the Bleed* is a national awareness campaign created in 2015 through collaboration between several highly respected government and medical groups, including Homeland Security and the American College of Surgeons, with the goal of encouraging civilians to become trained, equipped and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency^{3,4}; and

WHEREAS, approximately 130,000 people have taken a *Stop the Bleed* course nationwide, and the training has already saved lives^{5,6}; and

WHEREAS, *Stop the Bleed* training events and other *Stop the Bleed* resources are currently available throughout Kentucky⁷; and

WHEREAS, effective bystander intervention in medical emergencies is crucial in the state of Kentucky, where nearly 41% of the population lives in rural areas⁸, which experience higher wait times for EMS personnel⁹; and

WHEREAS, current AMA Policy H-130.935 Support for Hemorrhage Control Training encourages state medical societies to promote bleeding control training as well as the availability of bleeding supplies¹⁰; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Kentucky Medical Association promote the national public health educational campaign *Stop the Bleed* within the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the KMA support the increased availability of hemorrhage control supplies (including pressure bandages, hemostatic dressings, tourniquets and gloves) in schools, places of employment, and public buildings.

References

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RELEVANT AMA AND KMA POLICY

Support for Hemorrhage Control Training H-130.935

1. Our AMA encourages state medical and specialty societies to promote the training of both lay public and professional responders in essential techniques of bleeding control.
2. Our AMA encourages, through state medical and specialty societies, the inclusion of hemorrhage control kits (including pressure bandages, hemostatic dressings, tourniquets and gloves) for all first responders.
3. Our AMA supports the increased availability of bleeding control supplies with adequate and relevant training in schools, places of employment, and public buildings.