

RESOLUTION

Subject: Formal Work Group to Study Actions by the KBML When Physicians Receive Patient Complaints, and for Analysis of Specific Higher Medical Legal Risk For Controlled Medication Prescribing

Submitted by: Northern Kentucky Medical Society

Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, the burdens associated with all aspects of medical care physicians continue to increase, but those doctors whom undergo action by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) and / or Criminal Cases face tremendous stigma, increased requirements, and risk; and

WHEREAS, when a well-intentioned functional physician gives up their practice, their stable patients can experience disruptions in care and even destabilization; and

WHEREAS, only physicians and other prescribers with an active DEA license can prescribe controlled medications; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of patients are currently stable and may benefit from these medications; and

WHEREAS, a greater percentage of prescribing physicians feel these medicines should be used sparingly if at all; and

WHEREAS, many physicians feel the benefit outweighs the risk if patients understand the risk, but fear punishment and therefore do not prescribe these medications; and

WHEREAS, a small and smaller group of doctors shoulder this burden out of devotion to the population they serve; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Northern Kentucky Medical Society recommends that each medical society forms a work group and coordinate efforts with each other and the state Kentucky Medical society to study actions by the KBML and situations where doctors are placed at higher medical legal risk secondary to prescribing controlled medications, with focus on both the physicians and patients.