

RESOLUTION

Subject: Informed Consent
Submitted by: Lexington Medical Society
Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, informed consent is the process by which a physician and a patient and/or a patient's legal representative, discuss risks, benefits, and alternatives of treatment, procedures, or research; and

WHEREAS, physicians undergo education regarding informed consent; and

WHEREAS, the patient and/or the patient's legal representative is/are informed of the nature of medical intervention; and

WHEREAS, the patient and/or the patient's legal representative have the ability to withdraw consent for certain medical interventions (for example, discontinuation of medications); and

WHEREAS, some medical interventions are irreversible such as vaccination, withdraw of life support and many surgical intervention and procedures; and

WHEREAS, consent for irreversible medical interventions cannot be revoked after the intervention has been completed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA opposes legislation to permit retroactively withdrawn consent from irreversible medical interventions under any circumstances.