

RESOLUTION

Subject: Support Evidence Based Cancer Screening and Early Detection

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Referred to: Reference Committee

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WHEREAS, cancer remains a leading cause of morbidity and mortality in the United States, and early detection through appropriate screening is associated with improved survival and reduced disease burden; and

WHEREAS, evidence-based cancer screening enables detection of precancerous lesions and early-stage malignancies, allowing for timely intervention and improved clinical outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and other national organizations develop cancer screening recommendations based on rigorous review of benefits and harms, supporting evidence-based preventive care; and

WHEREAS, recommended screening for cancers such as breast, cervical, colorectal, and lung cancer has been shown to reduce mortality when appropriately implemented in eligible populations; and

WHEREAS, barriers to cancer screening include lack of access to care, limited health literacy, financial constraints, and gaps in healthcare system delivery; and

WHEREAS, physicians and healthcare systems play a critical role in promoting, recommending, and facilitating appropriate cancer screening in accordance with established guidelines; and

WHEREAS, improving adherence to evidence-based cancer screening has the potential to significantly reduce preventable cancer-related deaths and improve population health outcomes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA supports the promotion and implementation of nationally recognized evidence-based cancer screening guidelines for breast, lung, colorectal and cervical cancer; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA encourages physicians and healthcare professionals to recommend and facilitate appropriate, guideline-concordant cancer screening for eligible patients; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA supports public health initiatives aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of the importance of cancer screening and early detection; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA continue to advocate for policies that reduce barriers to cancer screening, including improving insurance coverage, affordability, and access to preventive services.