

OHIO STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Resolution No. 15– 2023

Introduced by: OSMA District 1 and the Ohio Dermatological Association

Subject: Opposition to Indoor Tanning for Minors

Referred to: Resolutions Committee No. 1

WHEREAS, There is overwhelming data that UVA radiation is a carcinogen and is especially dangerous to minors; and

WHEREAS, The ODA is working with members of the Ohio House and Senate to pass legislation to ban tanning for minors; and

WHEREAS, the OSMA has adopted policy that is primarily focused on adults and the inherent dangers of tanning; and **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the OSMA oppose indoor tanning for minors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution should be taken to the AMA for consideration.

Fiscal Note: \$5,000 (Sponsor)
\$5,000 (Staff)

References:

OSMA Policy 30-1999 – Educating Students about the Hazards of Tanning

1. The OSMA urges the AMA to develop a nationwide program urging that county medical societies pass policy/policies to work with the various schools in their county to include information in their health curriculum about the hazards of exposure to tanning rays.

OSMA Policy 34-1998 – Educating Students about the Hazards of Tanning

1. The OSMA urges that each county medical society pass a policy to work with the individual school districts and other schools in their county to educate students about the hazards of tanning and how to prevent skin cancer.

OSMA Policy 59-1993 – Tanning Parlor Education and Regulation Initiative

1. The OSMA shall develop a model public health regulation governing tanning parlors.
2. The OSMA encourages county medical societies to support adoption of a public health regulation governing tanning parlors by the board of health in their county.

48 3. Local boards of education should be encouraged to include the hazards of exposure
49 to UV light in this comprehensive health education curriculum.

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51 **OSMA Policy 6-1990 – Tanning Parlors**

52 1. The OSMA continues to support an educational campaign on the hazards of tanning
53 parlors, as well as the development of local tanning parlor ordinances to protect our
54 patients and the general public from improper and dangerous exposure to ultraviolet
55 radiation.

56 2. The OSMA supports legislation to strengthen state laws to make the consumer as
57 informed and safe as possible.

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59 **OSMA Policy 68-1988 – Public Education on Hazards of Tanning Parlors**

60 1. The OSMA endorses the findings released by the FDA warning Americans that the
61 use of UVA tanning booths and sun beds pose potentially significant health risks to
62 users and should be discouraged.