

1 **RESOLUTION #21-02**

2 **ENTITLED:** AAFP Ethics Consultation Team

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5 WHEREAS, there are many issues before the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and
6 the AAFP Congress of Delegates (COD) with important ethical underpinnings, and

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8 WHEREAS, making well-informed decisions that can best serve our members is the goal of both the
9 AAFP and its COD, and

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11 WHEREAS, there have been times when decision-making has been challenging due to a lack of
12 comprehensive historical and ethical background about important ethical matters before these groups;
13 therefore be it

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15 RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Board of Directors appoint
16 annually a group of individuals to serve as an ethics consultation team (to be named and organized
17 logistically by the AAFP), and be it further

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19 RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) ethics consultation team consist
20 of roughly equal parts non-physician members with backgrounds in medical ethics and a diverse group
21 of AAFP members (who may or may not have specific training in medical ethics), and be it further

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23 RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) ethics consultation team be
24 tasked with reviewing and commenting on AAFP Congress of Delegates resolutions to provide factual
25 and historical context on any relevant ethical matters in the resolutions, and be it further

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27 RESOLVED, that the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) ethics consultation team be
28 made available to provide consultative service to the AAFP Board of Directors between and during
29 their regular meetings, the AAFP Commission Chairs as needed during their work, and for any other
30 special issue review as directed by the AAFP Executive Vice President and Senior Leadership.

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