

1 Resolution 215 asks that our American Medical Association support legislation to
2 remove all sales tax on feminine hygiene products. (New HOD Policy)

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4 Your Reference Committee heard testimony in support of Resolution 215. Your
5 Reference Committee acknowledges that there is significant movement in the states to
6 adopt sales tax exemptions for feminine hygiene products and that a number of states
7 have already adopted this type of legislation. Due to the nearly unanimous testimony in
8 support of this resolution, your Reference Committee recommends that Resolution 215
9 be adopted.

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11 (10) RESOLUTION 219 - DRY NEEDLING BY PHYSICIAN
12 THERAPISTS AND OTHER NON-PHYSICIAN
13 PROVIDERS
14 RESOLUTION 223 - DRY NEEDLING IS AN INVASIVE
15 PROCEDURE

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17 RECOMMENDATION:

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19 Madam Speaker, your Reference Committee recommends
20 that Resolution 223 be adopted in lieu of Resolution 219.

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22 **HOD ACTION: Resolution 223 adopted in lieu of Resolution**
23 **219**.

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25 Resolution 219 asks that our American Medical Association develop policy on the issue
26 of dry needling practice by non-physician groups including physical therapists, in order to
27 guide this conversation at the national level (New HOD Policy); and that AMA policy on
28 the practice of dry needling by physical therapists and other non-physician groups
29 include, at a minimum, the benchmarking of training standards to already existing
30 standards of training, certification, and continuing education that exist for the practice of
31 acupuncture (New HOD Policy). Resolution 223 asks that our American Medical
32 Association recognize dry needling as an invasive procedure and maintain that dry
33 needling should only be performed by practitioners with standard training and familiarity
34 with routine use of needles in their practice, such as licensed medical physicians and
35 licensed acupuncturists. (New HOD Policy)

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37 Your Reference Committee heard supportive testimony on Resolutions 219 and 223.
38 Your Reference Committee strongly believes that our AMA should advocate against
39 inappropriate scope of practice expansions, including the expansion of physical therapy
40 into acupuncture or dry needling. Your Reference Committee heard testimony cautioning
41 that characterizing dry needling as an invasive procedure may not be consistent with
42 AMA policy on surgery and may have the unintended consequence of limiting
43 acupuncture and dry needling to being performed by physicians only. However, your
44 Reference Committee believes that Resolution 223 makes clear that dry needling, due to
45 risks, should be performed only by physicians and licensed acupuncturists. Your
46 Reference Committee also believes that Resolution 223, as acknowledged by the author
47 of Resolution 219, accomplishes the goal of Resolution 219. Therefore, your Reference
48 Committee recommends that Resolution 223 be adopted in lieu of Resolution 219.
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