

Specialty Society Clinical Care Guidelines

Following is the Michigan State Medical Society's revised statement on "MSMS Endorsement of Practice Recommendations:"

- a. The development of guidelines, recommendations or protocols that prescribe standards of medical practice is the responsibility of physicians.
- b. MSMS should assume a proactive role in the dissemination of practice recommendations developed by the American Medical Association, its component societies and recognized specialty societies; in the identification of areas where practice recommendations are needed; and in the development of practice recommendations in those areas.
- c. MSMS does not endorse guidelines, recommendations or protocols that prescribe, or may be interpreted as prescribing, standards of medical practice, unless they are endorsed by the American Medical Association, its component societies, or recognized specialty organizations.
- d. If a governmental agency perceives a need to develop practice recommendations in response to a pressing public health problem, MSMS will evaluate the need for recommendations and cooperate in the effort through the following measures:
 1. If no recommendations are available from the American Medical Association, its component societies or recognized specialty societies, MSMS may offer to convene an expert committee.
 2. MSMS, when appropriate, may assist in efforts to disseminate the recommendations to physicians and to the public.
- e. MSMS will continue to promote physician involvement in state government committees where physician expertise is needed to assist a state government agency in carrying out statutory responsibilities with respect to the protection of the public health.

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