

RESOLUTION 34 - 05A

Title: DEHP (DiEthylHexyl Phthalate) Misplaced Trust
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Referred to: Reference Committee D
House Action: Referred to the Board for Study

Whereas, there is a growing body of literature indicating DEHP (DiEthylHexyl Phthalate) a PVC (polyvinyl chloride plasticizer), is hazardous, and

Whereas, the softer and more flexible the plastic, the more DEHP there is contained within, and

Whereas, DEHP is ubiquitous in our environment, and

Whereas, DEHP softened PVC is found in many health care settings in such items as IV bags, tubes, gloves, and catheters, and

Whereas, most at risk for disease are those who do not detoxify chemicals well, including especially the young, elderly and those with unique genetic predispositions, and

Whereas, the department of Health and Human Services has determined that DEHP may be anticipated to be a human carcinogen, and

Whereas, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) believes DEHP to be a probable carcinogen, and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has determined that DEHP causes liver, kidney, and sperm damage, and

Whereas, DEHP is one of the endocrine disruptors that may be responsible for an increased incidence of hypospadias, undescended testes, testicular cancer, and declining sperm counts in the US and other parts of the world, and

Whereas, there are multiple alternatives to using DEHP, which may in fact save health systems and practices money; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS work with the Michigan Hospital Association to make all health care hospital facilities free from DiEthylHexyl Phthalate (DEHP) within a short period of time.

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