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3 **Title: Availability of Electronic Resources in Medical School**  
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6 **the Medical Student Section**  
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11 **Referred to: Reference Committee E**  
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13 **House Action: Adopted.**  
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16 **Whereas, many medical schools provide students thousands of pages of**  
17 **reading assignments, lecture outlines, and every year, which is both an excessive**  
18 **burden for medical students and also a detriment to our environment, and**  
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20 **Whereas, tablets and smart phone devices allow medical students to**  
21 **access thousands of pages of materials within one lightweight, portable, and**  
22 **searchable device, and**  
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24 **Whereas, several medical schools including, but not limited to, the Wayne**  
25 **State University School of Medicine and the University of Michigan Medical**  
26 **School already have course notes, lecture slides, and other educational media**  
27 **electronically available, and**  
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29 **Whereas, the use of mobile devices results in high satisfaction and**  
30 **improved learning and improved application of evidence-based medicine among**  
31 **medical students and residents<sup>1</sup>, and**  
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33 **Whereas, the integration of Emergency Medical Records and mobile**  
34 **devices in healthcare make familiarity with such technology a valuable**  
35 **experience in medical education, and**  
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37 **Whereas, medical educators have a responsibility, both ethically and**  
38 **professionally, to meet the educational needs of their students<sup>2</sup>, and**  
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40 **Whereas, our MSMS and our AMA have established policy to improve**  
41 **environmental health and promote green initiatives and activities by schools and**  
42 **health care entities, and**  
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44 **Whereas, our AMA supports educational innovation, educational**  
45 **improvement, and consistent adaptation by medical institutions to implement**  
46 **newer technology for the purposes of learning; therefore be it**

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**RESOLVED: That MSMS solicit Michigan medical schools to make any resources distributed to students in paper format available electronically, and be it further**

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**RESOLVED: That MSMS strongly encourage Michigan medical schools to make access to printed materials an “opt-in” system, in which electronic resources are made the primary mode of material distribution.**

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**

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<sup>1</sup> Kho A, Henderson LE, Dressler DD, Kripalani S. Use of handheld computers in medical education. A systematic review. J Gen Intern Med May, 2006; 21(5):531–537.

<sup>2</sup> Kern, David E. (2009). Curriculum Development for Medical Education. Johns Hopkins Univ Pr.