RESOLUTION 18.2
TPA House of Delegates

Inclusion of Pharmacists as Part of Optimal Team-Based Care in Training Videos

WHEREAS, the safe, effective, and appropriate medication selection, preparation and administration is important in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, incorporating pharmacists on cardiac arrest teams can help facilitate optimal drug delivery and ensure proper medication use to improve patient outcomes\(^1,2\); and,

WHEREAS, pharmacist involvement on the cardiopulmonary resuscitation team is associated with lower mortality rates\(^3\); and,

WHEREAS, pharmacist presence during in-hospital cardiopulmonary arrest shows greater compliance to advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) guidelines\(^4,5\); and,

WHEREAS, other health care providers find value in a pharmacist’s contributions during cardiopulmonary resuscitation efforts\(^6,7\); and,

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association recognizes the importance of a good team dynamic during code situations\(^8\); and,

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support course training video showcases multiple members of the health care team delivering care without the assistance of a pharmacist despite the aforementioned evidence\(^9\); and,

WHEREAS, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) House of Delegates has approved policy 1527 outlining the Pharmacist’s Role in Urgent and Emergent Situations (1) affirming pharmacists should participate in planning and providing emergency treatment team services, (2) advocating pharmacists participate in decision-making about the medications and supplies used in medical emergencies, (3) advocating pharmacists serve in all emergency responses and those pharmacists receive appropriate training and maintain appropriate certifications\(^10\); and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tennessee Pharmacists Association will seek to collaborate with the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists to join efforts in petitioning the American Heart Association to include pharmacists as a part of the health care team in training videos in recognition of demonstrated patient outcome benefits and to emphasize the importance of inclusion of a pharmacist as a component of optimal team-based care.

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