



Submission of District Resolutions to NABP

Resolutions adopted at the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) Annual Meeting influence the policy and activity of NABP in the coming year. The Committee on Resolutions consists of eight members, one from each district, and said member formally represents the district at the Committee on Resolutions meeting. We ask that the delegate (and if needed, alternate) designated at the district meeting serving on the Committee on Resolutions meeting be a **current** board member at the time of the Annual Meeting.

Article IV Section 6 of the NABP Constitution states:

- (c) *The Committee on Resolutions will meet during the Annual Meeting of the Association to give due consideration of resolutions submitted to the Association, check against duplication or contradiction with past resolutions or policy adopted by this Association, refer all resolutions concerning examination procedures not previously so referred by the Executive Director/Secretary to the Advisory Committee on Examinations for report before submitting same to the Association, and put resolutions in proper phraseology and form before submitting them to the Association. All resolutions shall be submitted to the Association for consideration, with a committee recommendation to “pass,” “not pass,” or “no recommendation.”*
- (d) *Any active member board, District, or committee of the Association may submit resolutions to the Association. Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (c) of this section, all resolutions submitted in writing to the Association at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting shall be presented at the Annual Meeting for consideration. Resolutions not presented within such time limitations may be presented during the Annual Meeting and will be considered for adoption by the Association upon the affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of those active member boards present and constituting a quorum.*

In order for each resolution from your district to retain its original intent throughout the review and revision process, please submit all substantive and Association-wide resolutions (those meant to be considered for adoption by the full NABP membership) in accordance with the NABP Constitution (Article IV, Section 6) utilizing this attached form. This form will also assist your district delegate to the Committee on Resolutions during the committee meeting.

We strongly encourage resolutions under consideration be submitted to the District Secretary/Treasurer and NABP **at least 20 days prior to each of the respective district meetings** in order to provide appropriate discussion at the district meeting. In order to avoid duplication or contradiction with past resolutions adopted by the Association, or to view examples of resolution language/format, we recommend visiting the Reports section of the NABP website to view past resolutions at:

<https://nabp.pharmacy/publications-reports/reports/resolutions>

RESOLUTIONS FORM FOR DISTRICT __2__

Title of the Proposed Resolution: Drug Importation

Provide brief background information on the proposed resolution.

Interest in enacting an allowance for patients to import prescription drugs from Canada or other countries in an effort to decrease consumer costs continues to grow at the state and federal level.

What issue or need does this resolution attempt to address?

1) The need for state and federal policymakers to be informed on the risks associated with counterfeit drugs, purchasing drugs outside of the current supply chain and from rogue drug outlets, and difficulty for consumers to identify legitimate online pharmacies. 2) Need for state boards to have someone like NABP closely monitoring this subject, particularly at the federal level, and assisting the states in ensuring any responsibilities imposed on the boards to protect patient safety can be reasonably fulfilled.

What is the desired outcome (ie, what specific action do you want NABP to achieve)?

NABP to educate policymakers at the federal level to ensure any provisions to allow for implementation will include sufficient oversight to ensure patient safety and that any requirements imposed on the state boards can be reasonably fulfilled; NABP to closely monitor federal activity on this subject and inform the states of any action they need to take in response to any allowances imposed at the federal level.

Is this in NABP's scope or sphere of influence? Yes No

Does this fit within the mission of NABP? Yes No

Mission Statement: NABP is the independent, international, and impartial association that assists its member boards and jurisdictions for the purpose of protecting the public health.

Proposed Resolution Language:

Whereas, ongoing discussions continue federally regarding possible allowances for importing drugs to reduce patient cost, and

Whereas, seven states have enacted drug importation laws, and legislation was introduced this past year in 29 other states, and

Whereas, an allowance for patients to import prescription drugs from outside the United States may impose patient safety risk and does not comport with the NABP Model Act and the drug supply chain oversight enforced by most state boards of pharmacy;

Therefore be it resolved, that NABP continue to educate policy makers to the complexities with purchasing drugs outside the current drug supply chain model, the prevalence of rogue drug outlets, risks associated with purchasing from them, and the importance for consumers to be able to recognize safe online pharmacies such as those with the NABP Digital Pharmacy Accreditation, and that NABP closely monitor legislative actions at the federal level to ensure boards of pharmacy can reasonably fulfill any requirements for protecting patient safety, and that NABP alert the states of any action that is needed in response to any allowances that may be imposed at the federal level.

Indicate the individual who will serve as the contact for the proposed resolution between the district meeting and the Committee on Resolutions meeting in May.

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