

## Key Points to Emphasize in a State Medical Society/Association Resolution With Regards to Florida Law Restricting Physician Conversations

1. The First Amendment protects the physician's right to discuss relevant issues with his/her patient in accordance with clinical guidelines.
2. Interference in the patient/ physician relationship from the government harms the quality of patient care and places children and families at unnecessary risk of injury and death.
3. The important and effective role that physician counseling plays in encouraging safe health practices.
4. Resolution directives may include:
  1. The state medical society/association will actively oppose state legislation that restricts physician discussion of and/or counseling related to ...
  2. The state medical society/association pledges to legally challenge any law that restricts physician discussion of and/or counseling related to ...
  3. The state medical society/association pledges to defend any physicians brought before state medical boards as a result of the passage of these types of laws.