

RESOLUTION #15

Introduced by: Middlesex County Medical Society

Subject: **Guarantee That Patients Know Who They Are Seeing**

Referred to: Reference Committee

1 Whereas, patients often are unfamiliar with the credentials of the caregiver to whom they are
2 speaking; and

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4 Whereas, it is difficult for patients to identify caregivers in a white lab coat, as often,
5 caregivers do not thoroughly identify themselves; and

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7 Whereas, caregivers do not routinely wear clear identification so as to assist patients in
8 knowing who their caregiver is; and

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10 Whereas, the state of Pennsylvania just passed a law requiring health care professionals to
11 wear photo identification badges; now therefore be it

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13 RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of New Jersey seek to encourage the New Jersey
14 Legislature to enact legislation that requires all health care professionals to wear photo
15 identification badges that state their credentials in large block letters with descriptions such
16 as “physician” or “registered nurse.”