

Resolution 26-204
Changing “Doctor” Honorific
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1 Whereas, the title Doctor was traditionally applied to medical physicians; and

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3 Whereas, it also means that one has completed an advanced postgraduate degree, such as a
4 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), or even extra studies in areas that have not traditionally had a
5 doctorate degree, such as Doctor of Nursing Practice, Doctor of Audiology, Doctor of Physical
6 Therapy, etc.; and

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8 Whereas, there is still the general opinion that the title “Doctor” refers to a Medical Doctor or a
9 Doctor of Osteopathy; and

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11 Whereas, there is often confusion as to whether the honorific “Doctor” conveys the meaning of a
12 Medical Doctor, or a Ph.D., or an advanced practice health care “provider”; therefore, be it

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14 **RESOLVED,** That the FMA Delegation to the AMA introduce a resolution at the next Annual Meeting
15 to have the AMA adopt policy to encourage the change in the written honorific Dr. (“Doctor”) be
16 replaced with an honorific consisting of the two initials of their medical degree, EITHER MD or
17 DO[1]; and be it further

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19 **RESOLVED,** That the resolution contain a provision that would for oral communication, the
20 honorific Doctor (“dock tour”) be replaced by either “Emdee” or ”Dee Oh” before the person’s
21 name.

Fiscal Note:

Description	Amount	Budget Narrative
10 Staff hours	\$800	Can be accomplished with current staff
Total	\$800	\$0 added to the operating budget

Fiscal notes are an estimate of the cost to implement a given Resolution. All Resolutions that are adopted by the House of Delegates will be referred to the FMA Committee on Finance and Appropriations for fiscal consideration.

Reference Committee: II – Finance and Administration