Public Health & Injury Prevention Committee

1. Develop talking points or “smart phrases” for discharge summaries and/or educational resources on public health, injury prevention issues. (Examples: why antibiotics were not prescribed, appropriate use of CT, concussion, obesity, smoking, blood pressure medication, etc.)

   **Outcome:** Smart phrases regarding antibiotics and Narcan were developed and will be submitted to the Board for review in October 2016. Additional smart phrases are in development and will be posted on the ACEP website as a member’s only resource.

2. Submit a nomination for the 2016 Rorrie Health Policy Award.

   **Outcome:** The committee’s nomination was unable to accept the nomination because of a governmental conflict of interest.

3. Explore development of an information paper on the role of the ED in population health as defined by Triple Aim.

   **Outcome:** The Board reviewed the information paper “Emergency Medicine’s Role in Improving Population Health, Enhancing Patient Experience of Care, and Reducing Per Capita Cost” in April 2016 and it was submitted for publication consideration.

4. Complete work on development of an information paper on the evidence to support selected public health and injury prevention strategies targeted for the ED (e.g., alcohol screening).

   **Outcome:** The Board reviewed the information paper “Alcohol Screening in the ED” in January 2016 and it was submitted for publication consideration.

5. Revise the following policy statements as part of the policy sunset review process:
   - Automatic Crash Notification and Intelligent Transportation Systems

   **Outcome:** The policy statement and PREP were revised and will be submitted to the Board in October 2016.

6. Work with the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Committee as needed to review ACEP’s policy statement, “Firearm Safety and Injury Prevention,” determine if revisions are needed specific to pediatrics. (Pediatric Emergency Medicine is the lead committee.)

   **Outcome:** The committee provided input to the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Committee as requested. A revised policy statement was submitted to the Board in April 2016. The Board postponed action to January 2017 in light of recent shooting events and in anticipation of 2016 resolutions on the topic.

7. In collaboration with the Quality & Patient Safety Committee, review the IOM report on diagnostic errors and provide recommendations for next steps. (Quality & Patient Safety is the lead committee.)

   **Outcome:** The committee provided input to the Quality & Patient Safety Committee as requested.


   **Outcome:** The Board approved the policy statement, “**Human Trafficking**” in April 2016. The information paper developed in the last committee year, “Human Trafficking: A Guide to Identification and Approach for the Emergency Physician” was accepted for publication in *Annals of Emergency Medicine*. Several articles on human trafficking have also been published in *ACEPNow*. 
9. Work with stakeholders to explore the development of recommendations for commercial aircraft availability of onboard testing capabilities and communications with onboard and on-ground medical personnel for in-flight medical emergencies. Potential stakeholders to include: Air Medical Transport Section, Medical-Legal Committee, Aerospace Medical Association, and the AMA. (Public Health & Injury Prevention is the lead committee.)

*Outcome:* An information paper was drafted outlining subcommittee discussions and recommendations. ACEP has a designated representative to the Aerospace Medical Association Airline Medical Kits Working Group and a report with recommendations was reviewed by the Board in June 2016.

10. Develop a policy statement in support of Resolution 41(14) Pedestrian Injuries are Preventable.

*Outcome:* The Board approved the policy statement “Pedestrian Injury Prevention” in January 2016.

11. Complete development of a policy statement and/or information paper in support of Amended Resolution 30(14) Sexual Assault Victims’ DNA Bill of Rights.

*Outcome:* The Board reviewed the information paper, “Sexual Assault Victims’ DNA Bill of Rights” in February 2016. The committee recommended that a policy statement not be developed at this time. The Board approved the committee’s recommendation in April 2016.


*Outcome:* The committee drafted revisions to the “Tobacco Products- Public Policy Measures” policy statement in addition to drafting recommendations to address the resolveds. The revised policy and recommendations will be submitted to the Board in October 2016.

13. Review Amended Resolution 29(15) Support for Drug “Take Back” Programs and determine if additional information is needed to develop a policy statement.

*Outcome:* The Board approved the policy statement “Drug Take Back Programs” in June 2016.


*Outcome:* The Board reviewed the “ED Violence: An Overview and Compilation of Resources” document in April 2016 and also approved the revised policy statement “Protection from Physical Violence in the Emergency Department Environment.”