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The American Osteopathic Association: (1) will provide information on the care of the seriously ill to physicians and the public; (2) will provide osteopathic physicians with continuing medical education on palliative therapies utilized to provide patients with an improved quality of life; (3) recommends that osteopathic medical colleges and osteopathic post-graduate medical education programs include specific courses of study on pain management and palliative care of the seriously ill, specifically addressing the goals, objectives and value of hospice and palliative medicine; (4) urges that continuing medical education programs include information and resources for physicians on supportive care valuable to their patients, including, but not limited to hospice and palliative care; (5) urges that the osteopathic profession take a leadership role in providing the public with information on the alternatives to physician assisted death; (6) recognizes that physician assisted death (“death with dignity”) is a complex biomedical and ethical issue that merits serious discussion within our profession; and (7) opposes legislation that mandates or legalizes individual physician participation in physician assisted death. 1997; reaffirmed 2002; 2007; reaffirmed as amended 2012; reaffirmed 2017