

**Texas Medical Association - Medical Student Section
Resolution Scoring Rubric**

Quality (5 points)

- **Feasibility and Scope (1 point):**
 - Is the resolution feasible and appropriate for the TMA? (1 point)
 - The ask is actionable but not within the immediate scope of the TMA or immediate feasibility is uncertain (0.5 points)
 - Not within the scope of the [TMA's goals or mission](#) (0 points)
- **Timeliness/Relevance (1 point):** Does this resolution address a new, broad principle that will be applicable to multiple issues OR does it address a specific, current, actionable and timely issue?
- **Novelty (1 point):** Does this resolution address a subject matter largely neglected by current policy or add in a valuable way to existing policy? Is this resolution similar to or in opposition to current TMA policy? You can check the [TMA Policy Compendium](#) for existing policy.
 - The ask is completely novel (1 point)
 - The ask covers some existing policy but is not exactly the same (0.5 points)
 - The ask is extensively covered by existing policy or in direct conflict with existing policy (0 points)
- **Structure (1 point):** All Whereas clauses support the Resolved clauses.
- **Clarity (1 point):**
 - Everything in resolution was clear; no confusing statements that need to be clarified (1 point)
 - At least half of the statements were clear (0.5 points)
 - Less than half of the statements were clear (0 points)

Research (5 points)

- The resolution has **at least** one cited source (1 point)
- Every reference is from trustworthy, high quality, evidence-based sources (e.g. peer-reviewed journals, respected news sources) and appropriate authorities (1 point)
- Every reference is relevant to the argument to support the Resolved clauses (1 point)
- Less than 5 references that are published more than 5 years ago (1 point)
- No glaring/obvious holes in argument established by Whereas clauses (1 point)

Total Score: ____/10

Resolution Dates & Deadlines

TexMed 2019

All deadlines expire at 11:59pm CST unless otherwise noted and must be met for further consideration.

Jan. 25-26th	Winter Conference: Resolution Writing Workshop
Feb. 8th (Fri)	Contact TMA Delegate Co-Chairs with resolution ideas Resolutions assigned Resolution Ad-Hoc Committee or EC mentors
Feb. 15th (Fri)	Submit Resolution Draft and Coversheet to TMA Delegate Co-Chairs Deadline to reach out to relevant TMA BCCs
Feb. 16-23th	Resolution Caucus
Feb. 23th (Sat)	Resolution feedback returned to authors
March 1st (Fri)	Final Resolutions Due to TMA Delegate Co-Chairs
March 3rd (Sun)	Ad-Hoc & EC scoring of final resolutions
March 4-6th	TMA-MSS Delegate Voting for MSS Support
March 8th (Fri)	Final Resolutions Due to TMA
*May 2nd (Thurs)	TMA-MSS Caucus
May 17-18th	TexMed 2019

**Subject to change*

- **Initial grading**

- Only resolutions scoring greater than 5 points out of 10 points on the February 15th submission will be moved forward for consideration for this year's TexMed; any scoring below this mark will be advised to table until the following year's TexMed

- **Final grading:**

- Only resolutions scoring greater than 8 points out of 10 points on the March 1st will be passed on for House of Delegates recommendation