

1 VERMONT MEDICAL SOCIETY RESOLUTION
2 **Collaboration among Physicians and Other Health Care Practitioners**

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5 Whereas, The Vermont Medical Society is committed to improving access to safe, high quality
6 evidence-based, patient-centered healthcare provided in an integrated coordinated system of care;

7 Whereas, Inter-professional collaborative practice, including the ability to work effectively as
8 members of clinical teams, has been identified as a key to the safe, high quality, accessible, patient-
9 centered care;¹

10 Whereas, Developing effective teams and redesigned delivery systems is critical to achieving care
11 that is patient-centered, safer, timelier, and more effective, efficient, and equitable²

12 Whereas, Open dialogue and team training among and across health care professionals are key
13 factors in establishing a shared culture of safety in health care;³

14 Whereas, Health care reform and increased access to coverage requires a strategic plan to ensure
15 that Vermont has the health care workforce necessary to provide care to all Vermont residents;

16 Whereas, Vermont's health care reform principles acknowledge that the health care system must be
17 transparent in design and accountable to the people it serves;⁴

18 Whereas, Surveys have shown that patients are confused about and wish to understand the
19 education, training, roles and responsibilities of health care professionals treating them and how the
20 team works together to provide care;

21 Whereas, It is in the interest of public health and safety to ensure that health care professionals are
22 qualified by education, training and experience to provide care in the roles authorized by their scope
23 of practice;

24 Whereas, Decisions about professionals' qualifications to provide care consistent with their scope of
25 practice, education, and training require technical assessment and evaluation of professionals'
26 educational curricula, training, quality standards, and regulatory structure;

27 Whereas, Time constraints of the Vermont legislative session necessitate a compressed time frame
28 for consideration of scope of practice issues; now therefore be it

¹ Core competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice, May 2011,
<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/education-resources/ipecreport.pdf T048.PDF>

² Institute of Medicine. (2001) Crossing the Quality Chasm, p. 19-20; Core competencies for Interprofessional
Collaborative Practice, May 2011, p. 4. <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/education-resources/ipecreport.pdf T048.PDF>

³[http://www.fpks.dk/upload/sites/www.fpks.dk/arrangement_c/artikler/2005_ann_intern_med_amalberti_fiveba
rriersultrasafehc.pdf](http://www.fpks.dk/upload/sites/www.fpks.dk/arrangement_c/artikler/2005_ann_intern_med_amalberti_fiveba
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⁴Vermont General Assembly Act 48 (2011) <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/DOCS/2012/ACTS/AC> See, page 2, principle
(3).

1 **RESOLVED, The Vermont Medical Society will work to increase inter-professional**
2 **collaborative practice with other health care professionals, to facilitate team-based, high**
3 **quality evidence-based care for patients;**
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5 **RESOLVED, The Vermont Medical Society will work with the administration, licensing**
6 **authorities, and professional associations to ensure passage of transparency legislation or**
7 **regulations that require patients be informed of health care professionals' license type;**
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9 **RESOLVED, the Vermont Medical Society Scope will work with the administration,**
10 **regulatory boards, licensing authorities, and professional associations to develop an**
11 **independent process, similar to the licensing sunrise process⁵, to be used to review proposed**
12 **changes to scope of practice for health care professionals prior to legislative consideration**
13 **to ensure that all health care professionals' scopes of practice are consistent with their**
14 **education and training;**
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16 **RESOLVED, that the Vermont Medical Society will work with other health care**
17 **professionals to design a process to identify and discuss potential areas for collaboration on**
18 **health care policy and scope of practice issues.**

⁵ Chapter 57 of Title 26 of Vermont Statutes establishes the sunrise process for initial review of professions seeking licensure to ensure that any regulation of entry to a profession is solely for the purpose of protecting the public.