

1 **Resolution Number:** 301-2021

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3 **Title:** Vaccine Administration

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Professional Issues and Licensure

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7 **Sponsor(s):** 2020-21 Executive Committee and 2020-21 Council on Advocacy

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9 **Financial Impact:** None

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11 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The board recommends a yes vote.

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13 **Reference Committee Comments:** The Reference Committee believes that a strong statement
14 in favor of vaccine administration could be beneficial to advocacy efforts for states that do not
15 have laws currently in place allowing dental professionals to administer vaccines. Therefore, the
16 Reference Committee recommends a yes vote.

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18 **Background:** Dental students are trained to administer anesthesia injections and are taught a
19 variety of conditions that impact patients' overall health. With appropriate education, dental
20 students can also have the skills to administer vaccinations. According to the ADA,
21 approximately 9% of Americans see a dentist, but not a physician each year. Patients' routine
22 visits to dentists allow dentists to educate on and administer routine vaccinations. Expanding
23 those who can administer vaccinations to include dentists will increase the number of people
24 receiving vaccines and improve patients' health.

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RESOLUTION

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29 **Resolved,** that the American Student Dental Association supports the ADA Policy on Vaccine
30 Administration; and be it further

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32 **Resolved,** ASDA encourages dental schools to incorporate vaccine administration into their
33 curricula and to administer vaccinations in clinical settings, when appropriate.

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35 **Action:** The Chair moves 301-2021 with the recommendation of a yes vote.