

RESOLUTION 98-01

WHEREAS, Controlled Substance abuse and diversion is a significant problem to the Public Health and Safety, and

WHEREAS, many state legislatures and state boards are addressing parameters for analgesics to manage intractable pain, and

WHEREAS, both patients and health care providers perceive that regulatory barriers exist to appropriate pain management, and

WHEREAS, many health care providers inappropriately manage pain,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities (NASCSA) consider the use of Controlled Substances appropriate in the treatment of pain

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NASCSA encourages the development of curricula to address the topic of pain assessment, management and the legal responsibilities associated with the prescribing, dispensing and administration of controlled substances,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NASCSA's member states should work with health care providers and encourage educational seminars addressing the regulatory issues surrounding the treatment of pain,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NASCSA forward a copy of this resolution to all colleges and associations of health care providers.

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Charleston, South Carolina*