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**UPDATED**  
**ENA General Assembly Consideration of Resolutions**

The General Assembly only takes action to approve or reject resolutions (i.e., the “resolved” clauses). The titles, whereas clauses, and background information are not before the General Assembly for action.

Based on the General Assembly’s discussions during the open reference hearing and the Resolutions Committee’s deliberations, the Resolutions Committee recommends as follows:

- I. Adoption of the following proposal(s):
  - a. GA25-02: Designation of Nurse Pediatric Emergency Care Coordinator in Every Emergency Department
  - b. GA25-05: Improving Readiness of New Emergency Department Nurses
  - c. GA25-06: Support for Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome
- II. Adoption of the following proposal(s) as amended:
  - a. GA25-03: Enhance Education and Resources for Nurses to Care for Patients Facing Obstetric Emergencies in the Emergency Setting
  - b. GA25-07: Pediatric Core Curriculum Revisions
- III. Consideration:
  - a. GA25-04: Uniting the Approach to ENA’s Position on Firearms
  - b. GA25-08: Separation and Reform of the Leadership Development and Elections Committee and Emergency Nurses Association Elections
- IV. Consideration as amended:
  - a. GA25-01: Enhancing ENA Board Collaboration with the Academy of Emergency Nursing and the ENA Foundation

**I. Adoption of the Following Proposals:**

The Resolutions Committee recommends adoption of GA25-02, GA25-05, and GA25-06 as presented.

The author of GA25-02 submitted the following timely amendment:

Proposal Number	Amendment Number	Maker of Amendment
GA25-02	GA25-02A	Sheena Brannum/Sally Snow
<b>Original Resolution Text:</b> <p><i>Resolved</i>, that ENA should strengthen its position statement to focus on the designation of a nurse PECC in every ED;</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, that ENA should advocate for protected time for the PECC based on pediatric volume, and designate or emphasize the position should be based in the ED; and</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, that ENA should promote the publication of nurse-led research that demonstrates the efficacy of pediatric readiness in improving pediatric patient outcomes.</p> <b>Proposed Amendment (amendment language bolded and struck):</b> <p><i>Resolved</i>, that ENA should strengthen its position statement to focus on the designation of a nurse PECC in every ED;</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, that ENA should advocate for <del>protected time for the PECC based on pediatric volume, and designate or emphasize the position should be based in the ED</del> <b>clear role delineation and protected time for the PECC based on pediatric volume; and designate or emphasize the position should be based in the ED and can be shared for rural/low-volume/resource limited areas.</b></p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, that ENA should promote the publication of nurse-led research that demonstrates the efficacy of pediatric readiness in improving pediatric patient outcomes <b>globally</b>.</p>		

The author of GA25-05 submitted the following timely amendment:

Proposal Number	Amendment Number	Maker of Amendment
GA25-05	GA25-05 A	Samantha Koeninger

**Original Resolution Text:**

*Resolved*, ENA should develop an emergency nurse readiness exam that can be used to assess nurses with experience outside of the ED, to identify cognitive and skill-based criteria that are inherent for success in an emergency setting;

*Resolved*, ENA should explore options to expand the existing emergency nurse residency program (ENRP) to be more available to emergency departments; and

*Resolved*, ENA should investigate the development of a toolkit consisting of an orientation plan based upon the readiness exam results, that will address practice gaps during the preceptorship to ensure competent clinical judgement in a high stress environment.

**Proposed Amendment (amendment language bolded and struck):**

*Resolved*, ~~ENA should develop an emergency nurse readiness exam that can be used to assess nurses with experience outside of the ED, to identify cognitive and skill-based criteria that are inherent for success in an emergency setting;~~ **ENA should develop a pre-onboarding assessment tool for leaders to identify cognitive and skill based criteria that is essential for sustained success in the ED setting.**

*Resolved*, ENA should explore options to expand the existing emergency nurse residency program (ENRP) to be more available to emergency departments; and

*Resolved*, ENA should investigate the development of a toolkit consisting of an orientation plan based upon the readiness exam results, that will address practice gaps during the preceptorship to ensure competent clinical judgement in a high stress environment.

## II. Adoption of the Following Proposals as Amended:

### a. Adoption of GA25-03 with the following proposed amendment:

The Resolutions Committee received a timely amendment from the author of GA25-03. Accordingly, the Resolutions Committee withdraws its amendment and recommends adoption of the author's amendment set forth below:

Proposal Number	Amendment Number	Maker of Amendment
GA25-03	GA25-03 B	Vicky Cassabaum

#### **Original Resolution Text:**

*Resolved*, that the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) should continue to provide education opportunities on ENA University to enhance the knowledge needed by emergency nurses to manage patients experiencing obstetrical emergencies;

*Resolved*, that ENA should investigate the creation of a verification course on the care of obstetrical patients;

*Resolved*, that ENA should update the joint position statement with the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) on *Emergency Care for Patients During Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period* (2020) to include information/resources on the courses Obstetric Life Support (OBLS), Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO), and Basic Life Support in Obstetrics (BLSO); and

*Resolved*, that ENA should explore expanding partnerships with key stakeholders (American College of Emergency Physicians, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, AWOHN, others) to disseminate existing specialized curriculum/educational programs.

#### **Proposed Amendment (amendment language bolded and struck):**

*Resolved*, that the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) should continue to provide education opportunities on ENA University to enhance the knowledge needed by emergency nurses to manage patients experiencing obstetrical emergencies;

*Resolved*, that ENA should investigate the **enhancement of ENA's current verification courses to include obstetrical emergency content and the creation of other practice resources and toolkit(s) for** ~~creation of a verification course~~ on the care of obstetrical patients;

*Resolved*, that ENA should update the joint position statement with the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) on *Emergency Care for Patients During Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period* (2020) to include information/resources on the courses Obstetric Life Support (OBLS), Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO), and Basic

Life Support in Obstetrics (BLSO); and

*Resolved*, that ENA should explore expanding partnerships with key stakeholders (American College of Emergency Physicians, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, AWOHN, others) to disseminate existing specialized curriculum/educational programs.

**Resolutions Committee's withdrawn amendment:**

Proposal Number	Amendment Number	Maker of Amendment
GA25-03	GA25-03A	Resolutions Committee
<p><b>Original Resolution Text:</b></p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, that the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) should continue to provide education opportunities on ENA University to enhance the knowledge needed by emergency nurses to manage patients experiencing obstetrical emergencies;</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, that ENA should investigate the creation of a verification course on the care of obstetrical patients;</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, that ENA should update the joint position statement with the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) on <i>Emergency Care for Patients During Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period</i> (2020) to include information/resources on the courses Obstetric Life Support (OBLS), Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO), and Basic Life Support in Obstetrics (BLSO); and</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, that ENA should explore expanding partnerships with key stakeholders (American College of Emergency Physicians, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, AWOHN, others) to disseminate existing specialized curriculum/educational programs.</p> <p><b>Proposed Amendment (amendment language bolded and struck):</b></p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, that the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) should continue to provide education opportunities on ENA University to enhance the knowledge needed by emergency nurses to manage patients experiencing obstetrical emergencies;</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, that ENA should investigate the creation of a <b>toolkit or other practice resources</b> <del>verification course on the care</del> of obstetrical patients;</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, that ENA should update the joint position statement with the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN) on <i>Emergency Care for Patients During Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period</i> (2020) to include information/resources on the courses Obstetric Life Support (OBLS), Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO), and</p>		

Basic Life Support in Obstetrics (BLSO); and

*Resolved*, that ENA should explore expanding partnerships with key stakeholders (American College of Emergency Physicians, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, AWOHN, others) to disseminate existing specialized curriculum/educational programs.

b. Adoption of GA25-07 with the following proposed amendment:

The Resolutions Committee recommends adoption of GA25-07 with the following proposed amendment, which the Resolutions Committee believes reflects the feedback heard during the reference hearing:

Proposal Number	Amendment Number	Maker of Amendment
GA25-07	GA25-07A	Resolutions Committee
<b>Original Resolution Text:</b> <i>Resolved</i> , that ENA should use internal pediatric subject matter experts to conduct a needs assessment to determine core knowledge related to Pediatric emergency nursing care; and  <i>Resolved</i> , that if recommended by the needs assessment, ENA should collaborate with publishers to update the Core Curriculum for Pediatric Emergency Nursing.		
<b>Proposed Amendment (amendment language bolded and struck):</b> <i>Resolved</i> , that ENA should use <del>internal</del> pediatric subject matter experts to conduct a needs assessment to determine core knowledge related to Pediatric emergency nursing care; and  <i>Resolved</i> , that if recommended by the needs assessment, ENA should collaborate with publishers to update the Core Curriculum for Pediatric Emergency Nursing.		

### **III. Present for Consideration:**

Hearing no clear consensus, the Resolutions Committee presents GA25-04 and GA25-08 for consideration.

The author of GA25-04 submitted the following timely request to divide consideration of GA25-04 into two parts as follows:

<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Amendment Number</b>	<b>Maker of Amendment</b>
GA25-04	GA25-04 A   B	Eric Christensen
<b>Original Resolution Text:</b> <i>Resolved</i> , that ENA Board should consider removing positions 2,4,7,9 from the current ENA’s position statement on firearm safety and Injury prevention;  <i>Resolved</i> , that the ENA Board of Directors should establish a task force or work team, composed of members representing diverse perspective of the firearms issue, to help advise the Board around this issue;  <i>Resolved</i> , this task force or work team should be charged with developing a resolution for the 2026 General Assembly to debate and vote on ENA’s official position prior to Board approval; and  <i>Resolved</i> , that future ENA positions on firearms should be decided via task force or work team comprised of members from diverse perspective of the firearms discussion prior to Board approval and or brought via resolution before the General Assembly for debate and vote.  <b>Proposed Division: Divide Resolved 1 to be separated from Resolved 2,3 and 4</b> <i>Proposed 25-04A</i> <i>Resolved</i> , that ENA Board should consider removing positions 2,4,7,9 from the current ENA’s position statement on firearm safety and Injury prevention;  ***** <i>Proposed 25-04B</i> <i>Resolved</i> , that the ENA Board of Directors should establish a task force or work team, composed of members representing diverse perspective of the firearms issue, to help advise the Board around this issue;  <i>Resolved</i> , this task force or work team should be charged with developing a resolution for the 2026 General Assembly to debate and vote on ENA’s official position prior to Board approval; and  <i>Resolved</i> , that future ENA positions on firearms should be decided via task force or work team comprised of members from diverse perspective of the firearms discussion prior to Board approval and or brought via resolution before the General Assembly for debate and vote.		

#### IV. Present for Consideration with the Following Proposed Amendment:

The Resolutions Committee presents GA25-01 for consideration with the following proposed amendment, which the Resolutions Committee believes reflects the feedback heard during the reference hearing:

Proposal Number	Amendment Number	Maker of Amendment
GA25-01	GA25-01A	Resolutions Committee

##### **Original Resolution Text:**

*Resolved*, that the ENA Board of directors should assess the current collaboration structure with the goal of creating a governance structure that promotes a greater culture of inclusivity, collaboration, and synergy among two key groups within ENA (the Academy of Emergency Nursing and the Emergency Nursing Association Foundation);

*Resolved*, that the ENA Board of directors should evaluate expanding the current composition of the board of directors to include the AEN and ENAF chairpersons;

*Resolved*, that the ENA Board of directors should evaluate strategies to address the authors' concerns regarding communication and collaboration among and between the ENA Board, the AEN Board, and the ENA Foundation; and

*Resolved*, that the ENA Board of directors should provide a written report regarding the evaluation to the 2026 ENA General Assembly.

##### **Proposed Amendment (amendment language bolded and struck):**

*Resolved*, that the ENA Board of directors should assess the current collaboration structure with the goal of creating a governance structure that promotes a greater culture of inclusivity, collaboration, and synergy among two key groups within ENA (the Academy of Emergency Nursing and the Emergency Nursing Association Foundation);

*Resolved*, that the ENA Board of directors should evaluate expanding the current composition of the board of directors to include the AEN and ENAF chairpersons **as non-voting members of the Board of Directors;**

*Resolved*, that the ENA Board of directors should evaluate strategies to address the authors' concerns regarding communication and collaboration among and between the ENA Board, the AEN Board, and the ENA Foundation; and

*Resolved*, that the ENA Board of directors should provide a written report regarding the evaluation to the 2026 ENA General Assembly.