

1 **Resolution Number:** 204-2025

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3 **Title:** Opposition to CODA Accreditation Expansion

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Education

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7 **Sponsor(s):** Adam Yang, Alternate Delegate, Harvard

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9 **Financial Impact:** None

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11 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The Board appreciates the author bringing forward this issue. It
12 is important to connect with CODA to better understand their 2022-26 strategic plan regarding
13 “global accreditation” and the implications of international dental accreditation before making
14 a recommendation to the House. Therefore, the Board recommends referring this resolution to
15 the 2025-26 Board of Trustees to study and report back to the 2026 House of Delegates.

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17 **Reference Committee Comments:**

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19 **Background:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredits dental and
20 dental-related education programs in the United States, including advanced dental education
21 and allied dental education programs. While CODA is designed to be a commission to
22 function independently and autonomously to serve the public and dental professions. Its
23 actions and decisions have significant and potentially negative impact on the careers of
24 American dental students. In recent years, CODA has expanded its accreditation services to
25 predoctoral programs in foreign dental schools, including Saudi Arabia (2019) and Turkey
26 (2024); therefore, be it

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RESOLUTION

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29 **Resolved,** that the following statement be added to the Current Statements of Position or
30 Policy under section A, Dental Education Administration:

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32 Expanding CODA accreditation to international programs outside the United States raises
33 concerns about increased oversight and potential disruptions to the U.S. dental workforce. Such
34 an expansion could undermine the interests of American dental students and even create a
35 loophole for applicants unable to gain admission to U.S. schools to seek training abroad, similar
36 to trends seen in medical education. Therefore, ASDA opposes the accreditation of additional
37 dental schools abroad in order to maintain the quality and balance of the dental profession in
38 the United States.

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40 **Action:**