

RESOLUTION #14

Introduced by: Essex County Medical Society

Subject: **Task Force on Ethical Decisions During a Disaster**

Referred to: Reference Committee

1 Whereas, decisions on rationing of medical supplies will be made by Central Command
2 during a disaster; and

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4 Whereas, numerous studies have predicted shortages in hospital beds, medicine, respirators
5 and vaccine during a bird flu epidemic; and

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7 Whereas, little input on these matters has come from the medical community or its
8 leadership; therefore be it

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10 RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of New Jersey establish a Task Force to study and
11 suggest guidance on Ethical Decisions concerning shortages of hospital beds, medicine,
12 respirators and vaccines during a disaster and invite those who will head Central Command
13 Posts to serve this Task Force.