

SUBJECT: DEVELOP IN-VITRO FERTILIZATION STANDARDS OF CARE

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REFERRED TO: Committee on Public Affairs

1 WHEREAS, In-Vitro Fertilization and fertility medications is a proven technology to provide
2 individuals seeking the opportunity for children; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States healthcare culture respects rights of reproduction for all; and

4 WHEREAS, the modality of In-Vitro Fertilization the greater the number of embryos
5 implanted may improve the probability of implantation in the uterus; and

6 WHEREAS, medical professionals involved in the delivery of care to amend infertility must
7 exercise clinical judgment that encompasses the welfare of the recipient and that of the
8 desired off-spring; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) supports the appropriate and
10 evidenced based use of In-Vitro Fertilization in a manner that promotes the health and
11 safety of both the mother; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, that the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) supports the ethical
13 guidelines for the practice of In-Vitro Fertilization set by the American Society of
14 Reproductive Medicine that include, but are not limited to, the appropriate number of
15 embryos implanted per patient.

Explanatory Statement:

The Society of Reproductive Medicine is one source of guidelines. Attachment: *“Guidelines on number of embryos transferred” the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) Practice Committee; Vol 90, Suppl 3, November 2008.*

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