**PUBLIC HEALTH IN NORTH CAROLINA**

In order to achieve the desired results outlined in HNC2030, the North Carolina Medical Society recognizes the importance of a strong, well-funded state and local public health infrastructure as codified by law. Therefore, the North Carolina Medical Society supports:

1. Efforts to ensure public health in North Carolina has the resources needed to ensure health and well-being for all people in North Carolina across geographic, demographic, and social sectors. [[1]](#footnote-1)
2. Efforts to promote public health’s critical role of assessing health outcomes and investigating root causes to identify appropriate policy solutions and needed system change to create a healthier state.[[2]](#footnote-2)
3. Efforts to ensure public health can engage in strong policy response and development in areas including communications, communities and partnerships, policies and laws, and legal and regulatory actions to drive improvements in population health, well-being, and equity.2[[3]](#footnote-3)
4. Efforts to organize diverse cross-sector collaboration tobuild communities where all individuals and families have equitable access to opportunities and the means to pursue healthy lifestyles. 13[[4]](#footnote-4)
5. Efforts to make health a shared value considered by public and private entities during decision-making.13
6. Efforts designed to guarantee public health has the resources, workforce, and capacity needed to effectively address disparities and respond to current and future health needs, including sustained long-term funding and increased investments in policies and programs. 2 34
7. Efforts to build value into health care delivery by addressing public health and social drivers of health in partnership with state and local public health agencies and local community-based organizations. As physicians and physician assistants, we have an ethical responsibility to serve as agents of health in our communities and support policies, programs, and practices to improve health. *[[5]](#footnote-5)* 4
8. Efforts to support achieving the broad and ambitious vision for a healthier North Carolina with less health inequity by addressing a broad range of health drivers.*[[6]](#footnote-6)*
1. [https://www.rwjf.org/en/cultureofhealth/about/how-we-got-here.html](https://www.rwjf.org/en/cultureofhealth/about/how-we-got-here.html%20) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://phnci.org/uploads/resource-files/EPHS-English.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://www.rwjf.org/en/cultureofhealth/taking-action.html> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. <https://www.healthypeople.gov/sites/default/files/Public-Health-3.0-White-Paper.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. <https://nciom.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/ACC-Guide-for-Communities_5.30.19.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
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