



Use of Diagnoses “Homosexuality” and “Ego-Dystonic Homosexuality”

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the American Psychological Association has been on record since 1975 that “homosexuality per se implies no impairment in judgment, stability, reliability, or general social and vocational capabilities”; and

WHEREAS it appears that the *ICD-9-CM* is widely used either by mandate or choice by many psychologists nationwide in connection with third-party reimbursement, institutional-based service delivery, and research; and

WHEREAS the next revision of the *ICD* is not anticipated to be completed until 1992 and may, according to current proposals, then contain the “ego-dystonic homosexuality” diagnosis which APA also opposes; and

WHEREAS the Council of Representatives already has urged APA members not to use the proposed *DSM-III-R* diagnoses of Periluteal Phase Disorder, Self-Defeating Personality Disorder, and Sadistic Personality Disorder because they lack adequate scientific basis and are potentially dangerous to women;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Psychological Association urge its members not to use the “302.0 Homosexuality” diagnosis in the current *ICD-9-CM* or the “302.00 Ego-Dystonic Homosexuality” diagnosis in the current *DSM-III* or future editions of either document.



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For more information, please see www.apa.org/pi/lgbt.

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