

2003 RESOLUTIONS

An AAOS Resolution is an official statement of policy, adopted by majority vote of the AAOS Fellowship casting ballots and binding on AAOS and its Board of Directors. An AAOS Resolution is not a product of a systematic review, but rather Open Hearings and the opinions of AAOS Fellows.

Review of Previously Adopted Resolutions

Support for Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs)

Association – R1998A

Adopted 1998; modified and retained 2003

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to support legislation to encourage the development and use of Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs); and be it further [Modify and Retain] (R1998A1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall make efforts to expand the current federal MSA Demonstration Project. [Rescind] (R1998A2)

Collective Bargaining Issues

Association – R1998B

Adopted 1998; modified and retained 2003

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall work in concert with the American Medical Association and other appropriate organizations to promote legal mechanisms to allow physicians to engage in group negotiations with third party insurers; and be it further [Modify and Retain] (R1998B1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall keep the membership informed on physician group negotiation issues. [Modify and Retain] (R1998B2)

Enhanced Role of Practicing, Non-Surgical Orthopaedic Physician

Academy – R1998C

Adopted 1998; retained and modified 2003

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to support members who provide non-surgical orthopaedic care; and be it further [Retain] (R1998C1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to provide educational opportunities of particular interest for members who provide non-surgical orthopaedic care. [Modify and Retain] (R1998C2)

Health and Fitness Assessment and Maintenance

Academy – 1993A

Adopted 1993; modified and retained 1998 and 2003

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue its efforts to promote health and healthy lifestyles through education of the Fellowship and the dissemination of information to the general public. [Retain] (R1993A)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall make efforts to expand the current federal MSA Demonstration Project. [Rescind] (R1998A2)

Surgical and Other Medical Society Cooperation Regarding Health Care Reform Proposals

Association - R1993B

Adopted 1993; modified and retained 1998 and 2003

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to promote and encourage individuals and other organizations to support federal legislation encouraging access to universal, affordable health care. [Modify and Retain] (R1993B)

Disability Insurance Policies

Association – R1993C

Adopted 1993; modified and retained 1998 and 2003

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall promote the position that disability insurance policies should include language which states that insured health care workers should be considered disabled and thus eligible for benefits when they are not longer physically capable of performing all the tasks required in their specialty or because of the nature of their condition they are prevented from practicing because of public health concerns. [Retain and Modify] (R1993C)

Orthopaedic Surgeons as Highly Qualified and Cost-Effective Professionals

Association – R1993D

Adopted in 1993; modified and retained 1998 and 2003)

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to promote orthopaedists as highly qualified and cost effective professionals for the management of the full spectrum of musculoskeletal diseases and injuries. [Modify and Retain] (R1993D)