

1996 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.

Newly Adopted Resolutions

Adoption of 501(c)(6) Tax Status

Academy – R1996A

Adopted 1996

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall begin the timely and fiscally appropriate change from its current (c) (3) tax status to become a (c) (6) organization (with an affiliated (c) (3) organization), if or when the Board determines it is strategically appropriate. (R1996A)

Physician Practice in a Managed Care Environment

Academy – R1996B

Adopted 1996

- A. **Resolved**, that it shall be the policy of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons to support and endorse legislation which would:
1. Prohibit the dismissal of physicians who are members of managed care organization panels without due process;
 2. Prohibit financial incentives by a managed care organization which would deny or interfere with the provision of appropriate medical care; and
 3. Prohibit any policies, loyalty oaths or gag clauses of a managed care organization, which would impede or interfere with the physician-patient relationship; and be it further (R1996B1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall study the issues of open panels in managed care for the purpose of measuring the effect of such panels upon patients, physicians, business, government, and the managed care industry. (R1996B2)

Condolences to the DeHaven Family

Academy – R1996C

Adopted 1996

- A. **Resolved**, that the Fellowship of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, assembled on February 26, 1996, shall send its sincere condolences to the DeHaven family. (R1996C)

Review of Previously Adopted Resolutions

Recertification; ABOS; Fifth Pathway Academy – R1991A

Adopted 1991; retained 1994; modified and retained 1996

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, recognizing that the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS) initiated time-limited certificates for orthopaedic surgeons in 1986 and is likely to continue issuing time-limited certificates for the foreseeable future, hereby reaffirms its action of 1990 regarding recertification and the importance of a continuous update of a knowledge base in orthopaedics. [Retain] (R1991A1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons encourage and assist the ABOS in the development of a fifth assessment pathway, to be based on appropriate continuing medical education and self-assessment at home. [Retain] (R1991A2)
- C. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons rescind all resolutions on the issue of recertification adopted by the Fellowship prior to 1990. [Rescind] (R1991A3)

Medicare Reimbursement; Friend of the Court Briefs; Public Information Academy – R1991B

Adopted 1991; modified and retained 1996

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons take every available step to challenge reductions in Medicare reimbursement for orthopaedic procedures, including ongoing consideration of legal action when appropriate. [Retain] (R1991B1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons immediately and forcefully carry the concern that continued reductions in Medicare payments to physicians ultimately may jeopardize the availability of services to the elderly and cause major disruptions of services to Congressional leaders, government agencies, national medical associations, and others as appropriate. [Modify and Retain] (R1991B2)
- C. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons consider drafting “friend of the court” briefs or other participation in litigation affecting orthopaedic surgeons and their patients. [Retain] (R1991B3)
- D. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons maintain its patient education programs that inform the public that successive federal actions to limit physician reimbursement may jeopardize the availability of orthopaedic services to the elderly and others. [Modify and Retain] (R1991B4)

Format of the Annual Meeting Academy – R1990A

Adopted 1990; rescinded 1996

- A. **Resolved**, that the Board of Directors and the appropriate committees of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons be charged with examining the structure of the Annual Meeting with the goal to increase attendance and participation at the annual business meeting. [Rescind] (R1990A)

FDA; Reclassification of Orthopaedic Devices Academy – R1990B

Adopted 1990; retained 1996

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons encourage the timely and efficient exchange of scientific information between orthopaedic manufacturing companies and the FDA in order to facilitate the reclassification of orthopaedic surgical devices. [Retain] (R1990B)

Update of Orthopaedic Knowledge; Recertification; ABOS Academy – R1990C

Adopted 1990; retained 1994; modified and retained 1996

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons endorse the concept that a continuous update of a knowledge base in orthopaedics is essential to provide quality health care; and be it further [Retain] (R1990C1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the recertification process of the ABOS be clearly defined as a method of determining the maintenance of adequate and appropriate current knowledge of orthopaedic surgery, rather than as an effort to determine continuing competence, and that the Academy urge the ABOS to adopt this position; and be it further [Retain] (R1990C2)
- C. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons urge the ABOS to adopt a position that a proctored written examination not be the sole pathway for this recertification process. [Rescind] (R1990C3)
- D. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons be a principle instrument to ensure opportunities for the maintenance of orthopaedic knowledge; and be it further [Retain] (R1990C4)
- E. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons support the continuing dialogue between the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the ABOS in which the most efficient and reliable mechanisms for this evaluation process can be identified. [Retain] (R1990C5)

Residency Review Committees; Certificates of Added Qualification (CAQs)

Academy – R1989A/B

Adopted 1989; modified and retained 1990, 1994, 1995 (A only), and 1996

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Fellowship reconfirm its action of 1989 to oppose the issuance of Additional Certificates of Added Qualification in the field of orthopaedic surgery. [Rescind] (R1989A)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons continue to strongly support the work of the Residency Review Committee on Orthopaedic Surgery in its role of accrediting Fellowship programs in an efficient and effective manner. [Retain] (R1989B)