

2017 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 Resolution

Public Relations Efforts of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Academy – R1992A

Adopted 1992; modified and retained 2002 and 2007; retained 2012 and 2017

- A. **Resolved**, that in such vital areas as advocacy, research, public and patient education and media relations, the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall, in cooperation with affiliated musculoskeletal care givers, place a high priority on representing orthopaedic surgeons as highly qualified and compassionate professionals who care for the diseases of the entire musculoskeletal system. [Retain] (R1992A1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall appropriately fund and staff the Academy's Communications Cabinet to carry out this high priority and to coordinate the organization's member communications efforts. [Retain] (R1992A2)

Reduced Medicare Fees for Orthopaedic Surgeons

Association – R1992B

Adopted 1992; modified and retained 1997 and 2002; retained 2007; modified and retained 2012; retained 2017

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall support negotiations to eliminate inequities in physician fee schedule and shall continue its membership in the AMA/Specialty Society Relative Value Scale (RVS) Update Committee; [Retain] (R1992B1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to monitor and offer suggestions on improving: methods of updating and correcting inappropriate physician work values; inappropriate values for Evaluation and Management (E & M) codes; and other potential vulnerabilities in the physician payment system. [Retain] (R1992B2)
- C. **Resolved**, that the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue coalition-building with other national medical associations and public interest groups to address these serious issues. [Retain] (R1992B3)