

# 1991 RESOLUTIONS

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## ***Newly Adopted Resolutions***

### **Recertification; ABOS; Fifth Pathway**

#### **Academy – R1991A**

Adopted 1991

- 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; and be it further (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; and be it further (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. (R1991A3)

### **Medicare Reimbursement; Friend of the Court Briefs; Public Information**

#### **Academy – 1991B**

Adopted 1991

- 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; and be it further (R1991B1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons immediately and forcefully carry the concerns expressed in this report to Congressional leaders, government agencies, national medical associations, and others as appropriate; and be it further (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; and be it further (R1991B3)
- D. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons expand its patient education programs to inform the public that successive federal actions to limit physician reimbursement may jeopardize the availability of orthopaedic services to the elderly and others. (R1991B4)

## ***Review of Previously Adopted Resolutions***

### **Reimbursement of Major American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Officers**

#### **Academy – R1978A**

Adopted 1978; rescinded 1991

- A. Resolved**, that the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons favorably consider a change in policy to pay a stipend for the major officers of the Academy. [Rescind] (R1978A)

### **Study on Surgical Services for the United States**

#### **Academy – R1972A**

Adopted 1972; rescinded 1991

- A. Resolved**, that the findings of the Study on Surgical Services for the United States (SOSSUS) not be interpreted to have the endorsement of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons without the approval of the Academy Board of Directors. [Rescind] (R1972A)