

1998 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

Support for Medical Savings Accounts (MSAs)

Academy - R1998A

Adopted 1998

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

Collective Bargaining Issues

Academy – 1998B

Adopted 1998

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy 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 in order to compete in the managed care environment and to continue to be their patient’s advocate; and be it further (R1998B1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall keep the membership informed on physician group negotiation issues. (R1998B2)

Enhanced Role of Practicing, Non-Surgical Orthopaedic Physicians

Academy – R1998C

Adopted 1998

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

Review of Previously Adopted Resolutions

Health and Fitness Assessment and Maintenance

Academy – R1993A

Adopted 1993; modified and retained 1998

- 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. [Modify and Retain] (R1993A1)
- B. Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, pursuant to this resolution, shall continue to:
 - 1. Compile and disseminate information to the Academy's members and the general public regarding health and fitness assessment and maintenance;
 - 2. Adopt appropriate, Position and Advisory Statement concerning health and fitness assessment and maintenance; and
 - 3. As appropriate, organize meetings, workshops and/or seminars on the issues of health and fitness assessment and maintenance. [Rescind] (R1993A2)

Surgical and Other Medical Society Cooperation Regarding Health Care Reform Proposals

Academy - R1993B

Adopted 1993; modified and retained 1998

- 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] (R1998B1)
- B. Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue its efforts to build coalitions with other medical organizations to develop a consensus on the desirable features of health care reform; and be it further [Rescind] (R1998B2)
- C. Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to share vigorously its views on health care reform with legislators and policy-makers at the federal and state levels; and be it further [Rescind] (R1998B3)
- D. Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to monitor developments regarding health care reform at the federal and state levels, and shall adjust its positions and respond to health care reform initiatives as necessary and appropriate. [Rescind] (R1998B4)

Disability Insurance Policies

Academy – R1993C

Adopted 1993; modified and retained 1998

- A. Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall promote the position that disability insurance policies should be amended to include language which positively states that insured health care workers should be considered disabled and thus eligible for benefits when they are no longer physically capable of performing all the tasks required in their specialty or, because of the nature of their condition (e.g., HIV infection), they are prevented from practicing because of public health concerns. [Retain] (R1993C1)
- B. Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall undertake an educational effort to inform its members regarding disability insurance and the desirable provisions that they might consider when selecting or negotiating with insurance companies. [Rescind] (R1993C2)

Orthopaedic Surgeons as Highly Qualified and Cost-Effective Professionals

Academy – R1993D

Adopted 1993; modified and retained 1998

- A. Resolved**, that the American Academy 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] (R1993D1)
- B. Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall take appropriate steps to establish this position; and be it further [Rescind] (R1993D2)
- C. Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to collect data, promote outcome study research, and further develop clinical policies to demonstrate that orthopaedists are the most appropriate first contact physicians for the full spectrum of musculoskeletal diseases and injuries. [Rescind] (R1993D3)

Appreciation to Sheldon Garber

Academy - R1993E

Adopted 1993; rescinded 1998

- A. Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall express its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Sheldon Garber for his service to the field of orthopaedics through his leadership efforts at OREF. [Rescind] (R1993E)