

2002 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

Active Duty Military Dues

Association - R2002A

Adopted 2002

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall adopt a dues structure that incorporates a one-half reduction in dues for Fellows and Candidate Members serving active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy or Air Force, including military reservists who have been activated by the government. (R2002A)

Review of Previously Adopted Resolutions

Public Relation Efforts of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Academy – R1992A

Adopted 1992; modified and retained 1997 and 2002)

Resolved, that in such vital areas as health policy initiatives, public relations and education of the public, 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 professionals to care for the diseases of the musculoskeletal system, including the neck, back, and foot; and be it further [Modify and Retain] (R1992A1)

- B. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall appropriately fund and staff the Academy's Council on Communications to carry out this high priority. [Modify and retain] (R1992A2)

Reduced Medicare Fees for Orthopaedic Surgeons

Association – 1992B

Adopted in 1992; modified and retained in 1997 and 2002

- 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; and be it further [Modify and Retain] (R1992B1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to express its concerns about and investigate: methods of updating and correcting inappropriate physician work values; methods of updating and correcting inappropriate practice expenses values; inappropriate values for Evaluation and Management (E & M) codes; and other potential vulnerabilities in the physician payment system; and be it further [Modify and 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. [Modify and Retain] (R1992B3)

Routine HIV Testing of Hospitalized Patients

Academy – R1992C)

Adopted 1992; retained 1997; modified and retained 2002)

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall adopt a policy that HIV testing of hospitalized patients should be performed in the same unrestricted manner as any other laboratory test, at the order of attending physician without specific consent. In states requiring consent, patients should be encouraged to participate in routine, voluntary, confidential HIV testing; and be it further [Modify and Retain] (R1992C1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall advocate state and federal legislation encouraging HIV testing of hospitalized patients in the same unrestricted manner as any other laboratory test, at the order of the attending physician without specific consent. [Modify and Retain] (R1992C2)

HIV-Infected Health Care Workers

Academy – R1992D

Adopted in 1992; modified and retained 1997 and 2002)

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall reiterate its position that HIV-infected orthopaedic surgeons should not perform invasive surgical procedures unless the patient is informed and consents; and be it further [Retain] (R1992D1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to support its position that an HIV-infected orthopaedic surgeon should have his or her practice privileges determined by a local expert review panel, as recommended by CDC guidelines; and be it further [Retain] (R1992D2)
- C. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall review and revise as appropriate the February 2001 Advisory Statement on Preventing the Transmission of Bloodborne Pathogens. [Modify and Retain] (R1992D3)