

1993 RESOLUTIONS

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Newly Adopted Resolutions

Health and Fitness Assessment and Maintenance

Academy – R1993A

Adopted 1993

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue and expand its efforts in promoting health and healthy lifestyles to the Fellowship and to the general public; and be it further (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 Statements 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. (R1993A2)

Surgical and Other Medical Society Cooperation Regarding Health Care Reform Proposals

Academy – R1993B

Adopted 1993

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to promote and disseminate its Principles of Health Care Reform to its individual members, the Board of Councilors, the State Orthopaedic Societies, our patients and the general public; and be it further (R1993B1)
- 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 (R1993B2)
- C. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to share vigorously its views on health care reform with legislators and policymakers at the federal and state levels; and be it further (R1993B3)
- 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. (R1993B4)

Disability Insurance Policies

Academy – 1993C

Adopted 1993

- 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 of the tasks required in their specialty or, because of the nature of their condition (e.g., HIV infection), are prevented from practicing because of public health concerns; and be it further (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 they might consider when selecting or negotiating with insurance companies. (R1993C2)

Orthopaedic Surgeons as First Contact Physicians for Musculoskeletal Diseases and Injuries

Academy – R1993D

Adopted 1993

- A. Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall at this time declare that orthopaedists are the most appropriate, highly qualified and cost effective first contact physician for the full spectrum of musculoskeletal diseases and injuries; and be it further (R1993D1)
- B. Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall take appropriate steps to establish this position; and be it further (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. (R1993D3)

Appreciation to Sheldon Garber (OREF)

Academy – R1993E

Adopted 1993

- A. Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons express its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Sheldon Garber for his service to the field of Orthopaedics through his leadership efforts with the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation. (R1993E)