

2015 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 Resolutions

Evaluation/Management (E/M) and CPT Codes

Association – 2010A

Adopted 2010; modified and retained 2015

- A. **Resolved**, the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall support efforts to streamline and simplify Evaluation/Management (E/M) and CPT codes. [Modify and Retain] (R2010A)

Orthopaedic Learning Center (OLC)

Academy - R2000A

Adopted 2000; retained 2005 and 2010; rescinded 2015

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) shall support the current OLC policy of utilizing tiered categories of scheduling for groups that desire to use the OLC for courses or other events. [Rescind] (R2000A)

Process of Academy Approval of Evidence-Based Clinical Practice Guidelines

Academy – R1995A

Adopted 1995; retained 2000; modified and retained 2005, 2010 and 2015

- A. **Resolved**, that the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall ensure that all evidence-based clinical practice guidelines include a formal review process to include a period of targeted peer review by topic and methodological experts as well as a period of public commentary by interested parties, including members of the Board of Councilors and Board of Specialty Societies, prior to presentation for formal approval by the Council on Research and Quality and the AAOS Board of Directors. [Modify and Retain] (R1995A)

American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons Policy on Medical Care in the United States and Health Care Reform

Association – R1995B

Adopted 1995; modified and retained 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015

- A. **Resolved**, that the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall base its policies concerning health care delivery on the principles of patient autonomy and shared decision-making between the patient and the physician. AAOS should advocate for health care delivery that maximizes the health of the patient, return to social engagement and economic independence; and be it further [Modify and Retain] (R1995B1)
- B. **Resolved**, that the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall support and advocate for the Principles of Health Care Reform and Specialty Care, as adopted and amended from time to time by the Board of Directors of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons. [Retain] (R1995B2)

Supply of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Association – R1995C

Adopted 1995; modified and retained 2000; retained 2005, 2010 and 2015

- A. Resolved**, that the Board of Directors of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons shall continue to monitor the size and composition of the orthopaedic work force and the number of orthopaedic residency and fellowship positions and take all appropriate and legal actions to address serious Fellowship concerns about these issues. [Retain] (R1995C)

Additional Subspecialty Certificates in Orthopaedic Surgery

Academy – R1989A

Adopted 1989; modified and retained 1990, 1994, and 1995; retained 2000; modified and retained 2005; retained 2010 and 2015

- A. Resolved**, that it shall be the policy of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons to oppose the issuance of additional subspecialty certificates [formerly known as Certificates of Added Qualifications (CAQs)] in orthopaedic surgery. [Retain] (R1989A)