

AAOS RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**2020 Annual Meeting
March 26, 2020**

The AAOS Resolutions Committee held a virtual Open Hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, to review recommendations on three Association Resolutions and two Academy resolutions that were last reviewed and retained by the Fellowship in 2015 and are up for their five-year review.

Recommendations of the Board of Directors, the Board of Councilors (BOC) and the Board of Specialty Societies (BOS) on these resolutions were included in the Notice of the Annual Meeting that was sent to every AAOS Fellow in advance of the 2020 Annual Meeting.

The members of the 2020 Resolutions Committee are George T. Shybut, MD, FAAOS, Chair, Daniel C. Farber, MD, FAAOS, Lawrence S. Halperin, MD, FAAOS, David J. Mansfield, MD, FAAOS, Gregory A. Mencio, MD, FAAOS, and Nirmal C. Tejwani, MD, FAAOS, Donna Malert, Director, Governance and Affiliate Relations, staffed the Resolutions Committee.

ASSOCIATION RESOLUTIONS

Three Association resolutions are being considered as part of the 5-year review process.

Association Resolution #1 – Evaluation/Management (E/M) and CPT Codes

If retained, this resolution requires that the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons:

- Shall support efforts to streamline and simplify Evaluation/Management (E/M) and CPT codes.

The BOC, BOS and AAOS Board of Directors recommend that this resolution be retained as AAOS policy. The AAOS Resolutions Committee concurs.

Association Resolution #2 – American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons on Policy on Medical Care in the United States and Health Care Reform

If retained, this resolution requires that 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
- 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.

The BOC, BOS and AAOS Board of Directors recommend that this resolution be retained as AAOS policy. The AAOS Resolutions Committee concurs.

Association Resolution #3 – Supply of Orthopaedic Surgeons

If retained, this resolution requires that that 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.

The BOC, BOS and AAOS Board of Directors recommend that this resolution be retained as AAOS policy. The AAOS Resolutions Committee concurs.

ACADEMY RESOLUTIONS

Two Academy resolutions are being considered as part of the 5-year review process.

Academy Resolution #4 — Process of Academy Approval of Evidence-Based Clinical Practice

If retained, this resolution requires that the American Association 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.

The BOC, BOS and AAOS Board of Directors recommend that this resolution be retained as Association policy. The AAOS Resolutions Committee concurs.

Academy Resolution #5 — Additional Subspecialty Certificates in Orthopaedic Surgery

If retained, this resolution requires that the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons:

- 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.

The BOC, BOS and AAOS Board of Directors recommend that this resolution be retained as Association policy. The AAOS Resolutions Committee concurs.

The Resolutions Committee appreciates the opportunity to serve the Fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

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