

2021 Council Advisory Recommendations Status Report

During the Spring Council Meeting, held virtually on April 24, four Council Advisory Recommendations (CARs) were presented to the council. The [results of the hearing](#) (PDF, 192KB) were delivered to councilors and attendees on May 4. During its June meeting, the Board of Trustees reviewed the CARs and hearing report in full.

- 21-01: Improving Ophthalmic Trauma Care and Education
- 21-02: Limiting Outpatient Access to Topical Ophthalmic Anesthetics
- 21-03: Reconsidering Visual and Cognitive Driving Fitness
- 21-04: Maintaining Retirement-Age Ophthalmologists as Participants in Ongoing Care

Outcomes of the Board's review

The Board of Trustees voted to approve the hearing report. Based on the hearing report, the agreed upon outcomes are:

- CARs 21-01 and 21-02: Assigned to the appropriate Academy division, secretariat or committee to research and implement action plans where possible. [Read the status reports](#) (PDF, 89KB.)
- CAR 21-03: Based on the hearing results of the response by the secretary for State Affairs (i.e. 85% of responding councilors in agreement with the Academy's response), CAR 21-03 does **not** require further specific action by the Academy. The response noted that the Secretariat for State Affairs will encourage state societies to develop **their own** state specific guidelines dependent upon a state's resources and priorities. The Academy does support the concept of this CAR, but the CAR's guidelines are state-specific.

It is important to realize that the secretariat's resources are targeted largely toward the Surgery by Surgeons state campaigns, which would inherently limit its involvement, although it supports this initiative and plans to follow up with state societies with information on states that have successfully worked on this issue and with resource information.

- CAR 21-04: The board agreed that with the low priority for this CAR and more importantly the proposed solutions being beyond the capabilities of the Academy, that no further action is necessary at this time.

You will receive another update at the Fall Council Meeting during AAO 2021 in New Orleans. Follow the CARs' progress throughout the year via the [council webpage](#).