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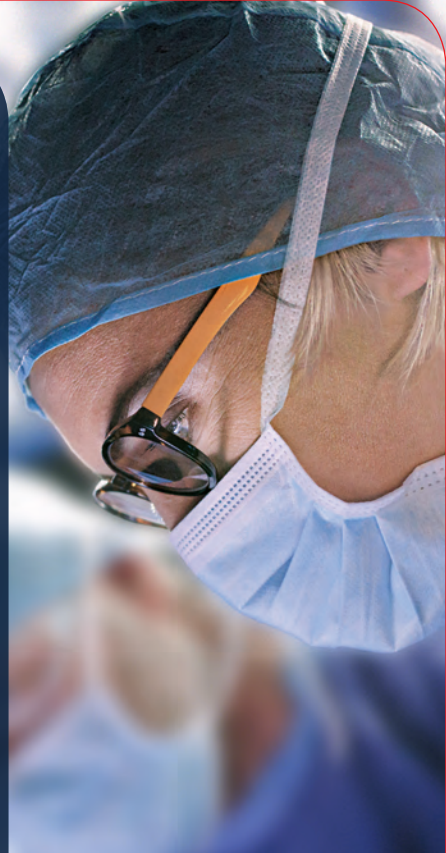
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A photograph of a surgeon in a blue scrub suit, surgical cap, and mask, viewed from the side in an operating room. Another surgeon is visible in the background. The scene is brightly lit with surgical lights.

# RASACS

RESIDENT AND ASSOCIATE SOCIETY

Joining the College as an early-career surgeon signifies a personal commitment to furthering your professional development and conducting

your career with the highest set of professional standards.

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) is here to meet your needs, support you as an Associate Fellow, and lead you on your path to Fellowship.

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Become one of the more than **80,000** members of the American College of Surgeons.



## As an Associate Fellow, take advantage of all the Resident and Associate Society has to offer

Associate Fellow members of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) are automatically enrolled in the ACS Resident and Associate Society (RAS). RAS represents the interests of Resident Members and Associate Fellow Members by providing opportunities to establish professional relationships and leadership skills to help you navigate your surgical residency and early career. Here are some of the ways you can become engaged in RAS and the ACS:

- Join a RAS committee to work on projects and ascend to a leadership role
- Serve on ACS committees, workgroups, and advisory councils representing RAS
- Apply for traveling scholarships
- Participate in competitions, contests, and committee project work
- Participate or present as part of the Grand Rounds Webinar Series
- Join the RAS-JACS Journal Club
- Attend RAS Clinical Congress programming
- Learn about RAS and ACS activities through the RAS e-newsletter
- Join the RAS online community to connect with your peers
- Participate in fun networking opportunities

“ It is important to me to advocate for physicians and provide better ways to help our patients. I get to help individual patients every day, but **through advocacy I can impact hundreds or even thousands of patients at a time.**”

—Alisha Reiss, MD, General Surgeon, Greenville, OH

## Educational resources to support your career

**ACS Clinical Congress.** Enjoy a deep member registration discount to this meeting featuring **CLINICAL CONGRESS** hundreds of hours of educational sessions and activities. Attend Named Lectures, Panel Sessions, Video-Based Education Sessions, Scientific Forum Oral and e-Poster Presentations, and Town Hall Sessions.

**Surgical Education and Self-Assessment Program (SESAP®).** A premier educational resource for practicing surgeons to assess and maintain their clinical knowledge.

**Evidence-Based Decisions in Surgery.** “Point of care” modules based on currently available practice guidelines. The modules help address diagnoses and conditions most relevant to general surgeons and are used for decision support, patient-focused interactions with other health care professionals, and patient education purposes.

**Multimedia Atlas of Surgery Volumes.** Each volume includes a video, illustrations, and intraoperative photos to clarify specific points of each procedure.

**E-Learning Resource Center.** Browse the College’s extensive library of online educational resources available at [facs.org/education/resources/elearning](https://facs.org/education/resources/elearning).

**RAS-ACS Grand Rounds Webinar Series.** Webinars for young surgeons who are starting their practice in private or academic surgical medicine.

**Mastery in General Surgery Program.** Junior Associates in this program experience increasing autonomy throughout the year in diverse clinical settings, build their expertise in general surgery based on specific career goals, learn the business of medicine, and gain practical experience to begin their careers.

**Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery.** This web-based program consists of a hands-on skills training component and assessment tool designed to teach the physiology, fundamental knowledge, and technical skills in basic laparoscopic surgery.



**Ultrasound Course.** This online course provides a basic core of education and training in ultrasound imaging as a foundation for specific clinical applications. Additional curricula are available in advanced topics.

**ACS Comprehensive General Surgery Review Course.** This in-person course includes a review of the essential content areas in general surgery and includes online modules that can be accessed after the course.

**Surgeons as Leaders Course.** This in-person course is designed for surgeons who want to enhance their leadership skills across a wide variety of settings, from the operating room to the boardroom.

**Surgeons as Educators Course.** This in-person course is designed to provide surgeons with the knowledge and skills to enhance their abilities as teachers and administrators of surgical education programs.

**Trauma education courses.** These trauma courses help health care professionals develop the necessary skills for trauma care.



**Selected Readings in General Surgery (SRGS®).** SRGS is the premier literature review in general surgery. It is an easy way to stay current with surgical literature, improve patient outcomes, and earn CME Self-Assessment Credit from your home or office.

**ACS Case Reviews in Surgery.** This case-studies journal covers an extensive array of specialties.

**Ethical Issues in Surgical Care.** This is the definitive textbook on ethical issues in surgical practice.

**MyCME.** Use the MyCME online tool to document and track your CME Credits, print transcripts, and download CME Certificates.



## Resources to support your patients and your practice

**Patient Education Resources.** The Patient Education Program is dedicated to improving the quality of surgical patient care and promoting a better recovery. Home skills kits to prepare patients for complex care, a surgical prep and brochure series, procedure-specific informed consent forms, and a surgical cancer series are just some of the programs available to members.

**Coding Workshops.** Associate Fellows enjoy discounted registration rates to attend CPT coding workshops, including Mastering General Surgery CPT Coding, Supercharge Your Reimbursement Skills, and Intensive Trauma and Critical Care Coding.

**Practice Management Course.** This online course uses an interactive lecture format to help residents and surgeons develop practice management skills.

**Surgeon Specific Registry.** The ACS Surgeon Specific Registry (SSR) online software application allows surgeons to track their cases and outcomes and address a variety of regulatory requirements.

**ACS NSQIP® Surgical Risk Calculator.** The Surgical Risk Calculator estimates the chance of an unfavorable outcome (such as a complication or death) after surgery. The risk is estimated based upon information the patient gives to the health care provider about prior health history. The estimates are calculated using data from a large number of patients who had a surgical procedure similar to the one the patient may have.

**Quality Payment Program Resource Center.** This online resource center was created to help you navigate the Medicare physician payment system. Find videos, tips, and tools to minimize Quality Payment Program stress!

**Regulatory Resource Center.** Find online resources to help you navigate a variety of regulatory issues and requirements.

Take advantage of the Grand Rounds Webinar Series to help you climb your

career ladder





## Apply for scholarships

### **ACS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIPS to Australia and New Zealand, Germany, and Japan**

The College encourages international exchange of information concerning surgical science, practice, and education. The ACS Traveling Fellow will travel to the annual surgical society meeting of one of the countries listed, and a Traveling Fellow from that country will visit North America to attend Clinical Congress.

### **K08/K23 MENTORED CLINICAL SCIENTIST DEVELOPMENT AWARDS with SVS and Triological Society**

These awards provide supplemental funding to individuals who receive a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award.

### **FACULTY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

These fellowships were developed specifically for surgeons entering their academic careers in surgery or a surgical specialty to assist in the establishment of a new and independent research program.

### **CLOWES AWARD**

This award provides support for the research of a promising young surgical investigator.

### **HEALTH POLICY SCHOLARSHIPS**

The College provides these scholarships in conjunction with 16 surgical organizations to subsidize attendance and participation in the week-long Executive Leadership and Health Policy and Management Program at Brandeis University.

### **CLAUDE ORGAN TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP**

The award allows an outstanding young surgeon to attend an educational meeting or make an extended visit to an institution of his or her choice, tailored to his or her research interests.

### **NIZAR N. OWEIDA SCHOLARSHIP**

This program provides up to three awards to subsidize the participation of a Fellow or Associate Fellow serving a small community. Awardees will attend Clinical Congress or may propose a plan for additional training or research appropriate to a rural surgeon.

## Help us advocate on your behalf

**Lend your voice to advocacy efforts.** The College's health policy priorities include advocating before Congress and in state capitals, representing the interests of surgeons and their clinical practices with federal agencies and quality improvement organizations, and fostering an extensive federal and state grassroots advocacy network.

Look to the College as a way to advance the integrity and impact of our profession.

**Participate in the spring Leadership & Advocacy Summit**, and lend your voice on ACS Lobby Day.

**Access the SurgeonsVoice website** to reach out to your elected officials.

## Opportunities for engagement

**Join your local ACS Chapter.** Chapters work in conjunction with the College to provide outstanding local networking and educational opportunities, along with professional development resources through chapter meetings.

**Access the ACS Communities.** The members-only RAS online community allows early-career surgeons to connect, engage, and share information in real time as well as seek advice, share experiences, exchange resources, and build professional relationships.

**Stop the Bleed®.** Promote, participate in, or become faculty for the Stop the Bleed program.

**Volunteer with Operation Giving Back.** Consider participating in a domestic or international surgical volunteer opportunity.

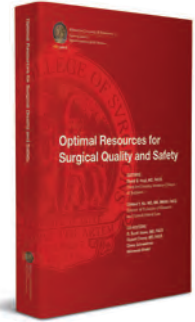
**Network with surgeon leaders.** The annual Clinical Congress, Leadership & Advocacy Summit, Quality and Safety Conference, and ACS Chapter meetings offer Associate Fellow Members the opportunity to build strong professional relationships with College leaders and colleagues.

**Stay connected to the ACS.**  |  |  | 

Access patient and practice  
resources developed to support you

## Ensuring quality

Surgical leaders who want to serve as physician champions and implement an ACS Quality Program in their hospital should access the **ACS Optimal Resources for Surgical Quality and Safety** manual to understand the key concepts in quality, safety, and reliability, and explore the essential elements that all hospitals should have in place to ensure the delivery of patient-centered care. Leading the way in quality improvement programs, the ACS has programs for cancer and trauma care, breast care, bariatric and geriatric surgical care, children's surgical care, and overall surgical quality improvement. Visit the ACS website, [facs.org/quality-programs](http://facs.org/quality-programs), to learn about the different **ACS Quality Programs** and what they can do for you, your hospital, and your patients.



## Publications and news

Stay up to date on current research and news from the College and surgical community through online access to multiple ACS publications.



### **JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS**

A monthly peer-reviewed journal publishing original contributions on all aspects of surgery.



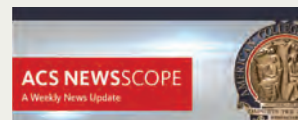
### **BULLETIN OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS**

The monthly member magazine featuring news, information, and events from the College.



### **RAS E-NEWS**

An e-newsletter that will keep you up to date on the Resident and Associate Society committee and workgroup activities, essay contests, scholarships, and how to get involved in the College.



### **ACS NEWSSCOPE**

A weekly e-newsletter distributed by the College.

## Additional benefits you can use

**ACS Insurance Programs.** Members of the American College of Surgeons have access to term life insurance plans, disability insurance, hospital indemnity policies, homeowners and auto insurance, and more.

**ACS Discount Programs.** Take advantage of exclusive members-only discounts on car rentals, travel packages, banking, and more!

**ACS Surgery Career Connection.** Visit the ACS Surgery Career Connection to view hundreds of surgery-specific positions available across the country, create a customized job alert, submit your CV for professional review, or upload your CV anonymously.

“ ACS is **the strongest voice for surgeons**; we advocate for positions and issues that benefit all surgical specialties at the state and national levels.”

—Patricia L. Turner, MD, FACS  
Director, ACS Division of Member Services

“ After residency training and fellowship, I was surprised by how exciting and challenging the first few years of surgical practice were. As an Associate Fellow, the resources available through the American College of Surgeons were helpful in keeping me connected with quality programs related to these challenges. Additionally, my **participation in our local ACS Chapter exposed me to otherwise unknown leadership opportunities** available through the College.”

—Jay M. MacGregor, MD, Colon-Rectal Surgeon, Fargo, ND

## Become a member and realize the potential of your profession

The College's top priority is providing value for its members. Joining as an Associate Fellow provides you with more than \$1,000 in savings on these primary benefits of membership: Access to the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*, deep discounts on educational programs like *SESAP* and *Surgeons as Leaders*, attendance at the annual Clinical Congress and Leadership & Advocacy Summit, and the ability to record your CME Credits in the *MyCME* portal and log your cases in the Surgeon Specific Registry.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY:

- Verification that you have completed residency and the date you entered surgical practice (a verification template is available online for your convenience)
- Details about your medical license
- A copy of your board certificate, or if not yet board certified, the date when you expect to become certified



TO APPLY, VISIT

[facs.org/member-services/join/associate](https://facs.org/member-services/join/associate)

## What does it cost to be a member?

**There is no application fee for Resident Members applying to become Associate Fellows.**


	APPLICATION FEE	ANNUAL DUES
<b>U.S. AND CANADA</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$300</b>

*International application fees and dues are adjusted based on the World Bank income categories for each country.*

For additional information, e-mail us at [ms@facs.org](mailto:ms@facs.org) or visit [facs.org](https://facs.org).

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