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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Realize the potential  
of your profession





## Are you taking advantage of all the American College of Surgeons (ACS) has to offer?

As the largest and most robust surgical organization in the world, the College has so much to offer surgeons of all specialties, at any point in their careers. From transition to practice support for those just starting out, to ongoing training and education, to advocacy and leadership, we help surgeons advance their careers and elevate the profession in a way no other organization can.

There is strength  
in numbers.



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



## About FACS

The letters FACS (Fellow, American College of Surgeons) after a surgeon's name mean that the surgeon's education and training, professional qualifications, surgical competence, and ethical conduct have passed a rigorous evaluation, and have been found to be consistent with the high standards established and demanded by the College.

## For those ACS Fellows 45 and younger— Participate in all the Young Fellows Association has to offer

Your ACS membership includes automatic enrollment in the ACS Young Fellows Association (YFA). YFA represents your interests and provides a forum for you to shape the future of the College and your specialty. Here is how you can become engaged in the YFA and the ACS:

- Join a YFA workgroup to contribute to projects and ascend to a leadership role
- Serve on ACS committees, workgroups, and advisory councils representing the YFA
- Apply for scholarships
- Attend YFA Clinical Congress programming or serve as a moderator or panelist for a YFA-sponsored session
- Learn about YFA and ACS activities through the YFA e-newsletter
- Join the online YFA community to connect with your peers
- Participate in networking opportunities

“ 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

## Educational resources to support lifelong learning

**ACS Clinical Congress.** Enjoy a deep member registration discount to this meeting featuring 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.

### CLINICAL CONGRESS

**Academy of Master Surgeon Educators.** The Academy advances the science and practice of education across all surgical specialties. ACS Fellows who are recognized as surgeon educators may apply for membership in this Academy through the defined application process.

**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).



**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 live 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 electronic tool to document and track your CME Credits, print transcripts, and download CME Certificates.

Use **MyCME** to electronically track and transmit your CME Credits to some licensing and surgical boards



## 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.** 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.

**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.

There are more than

58,000 Fellows

representing all surgical specialties





## 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 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 multiple members-only online communities allow 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 Chapter meetings offer Fellows the opportunity to build strong professional relationships with College leaders and colleagues.

**Stay connected to the ACS.**



More than

# 65 ACS Chapters

can help support you locally

# 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**

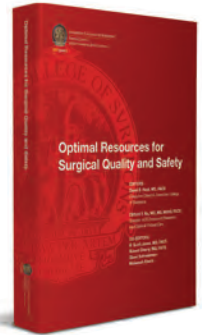
The award allows an outstanding young surgeon to attend an educational meeting or make an extended visit to an institution of his or her choice, tailored to his or her research interests.

## **NIZAR N. OWEIDA SCHOLARSHIP**

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

## Ensuring quality

Surgical leaders who aspire 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.



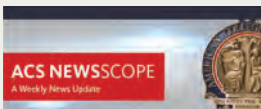
### JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

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.



### ACS NEWSCOPE

A weekly e-newsletter distributed by the College.

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## 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.



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—Jason D. Fraser, MD, FACS  
Pediatric Surgeon, Kansas City, MO

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

The College's top priority is providing value for its members. Joining as a 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:

- Confirmation that you have completed a minimum of one year of practice since completion of all formal training
- Information about your medical education, surgical training/residency, and any training beyond residency
- Details about your medical license
- Certification by an American Surgical Specialty Board, which is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), an American Osteopathic Surgical Specialty Board, or an appropriate specialty certification by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada
- A current appointment on the surgical staff of a hospital
- The names of five Fellows of the College who can serve as references for you (two from your specialty and three from your geographic area)
- A current curriculum vitae (CV)



TO APPLY, VISIT

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

### ONCE YOU APPLY:

- The Fellowship application process can take **12 to 18 months**.
- You'll become an Associate Fellow member of the College while your application is being processed.
- You will be required to submit a list of your surgical cases for one complete year.
- You will be required to participate in a local interview with your peers.

### WHAT DOES IT COST TO BE A MEMBER?

The application fee is **FREE** for Associate Fellows applying to become a Fellow. Visit the web page above for current information on dues and application fees.

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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