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RESIDENT AND ASSOCIATE SOCIETY

Joining the American College of Surgeons as a Resident Member represents an important milestone in your surgical career.

We are here to support you on your path to Fellowship. Membership signifies your personal commitment to furthering your professional development and advancing through your surgical career exemplifying the highest of professional standards.

There is strength
in numbers.



Become one of the more
than **80,000 members** of
the American College
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“ I became an active Resident and Associate Society (RAS) member for the first time during the research years of my residency because I wanted to use those years to broaden my experience in surgery, and I had the time to take a deep dive into some of the RAS projects. **My favorite part of being involved with RAS is getting to meet so many fun and talented people while working on initiatives that have the ability to impact a large number of people in a positive way.**”

—Edward Shipper, MD, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX

“ As a Resident Member of the College, these are the benefits I have found to be most valuable:

- A forum for discussion of trainee issues
- A platform for the development of friendships across programs
- Scholarship and leadership opportunities

And, probably most importantly, a sense of indoctrination to a noble profession.”

—Rebecca Hoffman, MD
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Participate in all the Resident and Associate Society has to offer

Resident membership in ACS includes automatic enrollment in the ACS Resident and Associate Society (RAS). RAS represents interests of Resident and Associate Fellow Members by providing opportunities to establish professional relationships and develop 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
- Apply for traveling scholarships
- Participate in competitions, contests, and 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

Resident membership is more than

10,000 strong

Attend the ACS Clinical Congress

ACS Clinical Congress. Enjoy free advance registration to this meeting featuring hundreds of hours of educational sessions and activities. Participate in the programs designed specifically for surgical residents, and attend Named Lectures, Panel Sessions, Video-Based Education Sessions, Scientific Forum Oral and Poster Presentations, and Town Hall Sessions.

CLINICAL CONGRESS

Here is some of the programming offered for residents:

Surgery Resident Program. This two-day program is designed to address essential nonclinical topics to help residents transition to independent practice.

RAS Symposium. This symposium is a discussion of the pros and cons of controversial issues in surgery.

Spectacular Cases from Residents. An expert panel discusses spectacular surgical cases submitted by residents that pose challenging management issues.

Surgical Jeopardy. Resident teams compete in an adaptation of the popular game show to showcase their surgical knowledge and answer surgical questions.

Scientific Forum Excellence in Research Awards. Awards are presented by the Scientific Forum Committee to residents for the best research submissions.

Resident Award for Exemplary Training. An independent panel of the Committee on Resident Education selects the awardee from the nominated residents.

Jameson L. Chassin Award for Professionalism in General Surgery.

This award is presented to a chief resident in general surgery who best exemplifies the values of compassion, technical skill, and devotion to science and learning.



Educational resources to support you in residency

Fundamentals of Surgery Curriculum

(ACS FSC). ACS FSC is a highly interactive, case-based, online curriculum that addresses the essential content areas that all surgical residents need to master in the early years of training.

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Entering Resident Readiness Assessment (ERRA). This online, case-based program is designed to assess clinical decision-making skills of entering surgery residents.

Surgery Resident Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). This simulation-based program includes 10 integrated, objective, structured, clinical examination stations focusing on patient safety and is aimed at surgical residents.

ACS/APDS Surgery Resident Skills Curriculum. This national curriculum includes three phases addressing core surgical skills, advanced procedures, and team-based skills.

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

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

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.



Advocacy and Issues,
Communications, Education and
Membership committees work
specifically to support residents

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.

E-Learning Resource Center. Browse the College's many online educational resources all in one place at facs.org/education/resources/elearning.

Residents as Teachers and Leaders Course. This in-person course is designed to help mid-to-senior-level surgical residents develop and hone the skills necessary to become effective teachers and successful leaders.

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

Selected Readings in General Surgery (SRGS®). SRGS is an in-depth, topic-oriented review of the latest approaches to surgical practice.

ACS Case Reviews in Surgery. This case-studies journal covers an extensive array of specialties and offers residents the opportunity to get published.

Trauma education courses. These courses help residents develop the necessary skills for trauma care.



The August issue of the *Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons* is devoted to

articles by residents





Apply for scholarships

RAS INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR EXCHANGE PROGRAM

This program affords the opportunity for three Resident or Associate Fellow Members to travel to Italy, Ireland, and Australia/New Zealand to attend the countries' surgical society meeting and learn about the surgical opportunities and systems abroad.

SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

This unique, two-year, on-site fellowship opportunity at the ACS allows surgical residents to gain first-hand experience in outcomes and health services research at a national health care organization.

RESIDENT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships help support two years of research undertaken by young academic surgeon-scholars to be.

LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RESIDENTS

These three awards cover tuition, travel, and subsistence for one of several ACS courses, including the Quality and Safety Conference, the Leadership & Advocacy Summit, and the Residents as Teachers and Leaders Course.

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

Apply for a scholarship and 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 residents and 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 Resident Members the opportunity to build strong professional relationships with College leaders and colleagues.

Stay connected to the ACS.



There's something for every resident in

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Ensuring quality

Residents who aspire to serve as surgeon champions or who want to 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, 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.



E-PUBLICATION

JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

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



E-PUBLICATION

BULLETIN OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

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



ACS NEWSSCOPE

A weekly e-newsletter distributed by 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.

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.

Become a member and realize the potential of your profession

You can enjoy all the benefits of Resident membership for only \$25 a year!

Or talk with your residency program coordinator, as many departments cover dues for all of their residents.

WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY:

Verification that you are currently enrolled in residency training, fellowship training, or a research program (a verification template is available online for your convenience).



TO APPLY, VISIT

facs.org/member-services/join/resident

ENCOURAGE YOUR FELLOW RESIDENTS TO JOIN WITH YOU!

WHAT DOES IT COST TO BE A MEMBER?

Application Fee: \$25

Interns and PGY1s apply for FREE

Annual Dues: \$25

For additional information, e-mail us at ms@facs.org or visit facs.org.

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