
Disciplinary actions taken

The following disciplinary actions were taken by the Board of Regents at its June 6, meeting:

- Aftab Ahmad, MD, a thoracic surgeon from Portland, OR, was suspended from the College. Dr. Ahmad was charged with violation of the ACS *Bylaws*, Article VII, Section 1(b). The action was taken following disciplinary action taken by the Oregon Medical Board on October 16, 2008, placing limitations on his license to practice medicine. The ACS disciplinary action was reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) by staff.

- Michael Omidi, MD, FACS, a plastic surgeon from Los Angeles, CA, had his Fellowship status placed on probation by the College. This action was taken following charges that he had violated ACS *Bylaws*, Article VII, Sections 1(b), (f) and (g), when disciplinary action was taken against his license to practice medicine by the State of California. Dr. Omidi informed the College of the California action, and appeared before the Central Judiciary Committee to testify on his own behalf. The ACS action was reported to the NPDB by staff.

- Krishnarao V. Rednam, MD, an ophthalmic surgeon from St. Louis, MO, was expelled from the College. Dr. Rednam was charged with violation of the ACS *Bylaws*, Article VII, Sections 1(a), (b) and (f), after his license to

practice medicine in the State of Missouri was revoked. He pleaded guilty to the federal crime of obstructing a criminal investigation of a health care offense, and was convicted of that felony on April 11, 2008. The ACS action was reported to the NPDB by staff.

- A general surgeon from New York, NY, was censured following charges that he had violated the ACS *Bylaws*, Article VII, Section 1(i), and the Statement on the Physician Acting As an Expert Witness, when he provided testimony in a medical malpractice lawsuit as an expert witness. This surgeon also appeared before the Central Judiciary Committee to testify on his own behalf.

Definition of terms

Following are the disciplinary actions that may be imposed for violations of the principles of the College.

Admonition: A written notification, warning, or serious rebuke.

Censure: A written judgment, condemning the Fellow or member's actions as wrong. This is a firm reprimand.

Probation: A punitive action for a stated period of time, during which the member (a) loses the rights to hold office and to participate as a leader in College programs; (b) retains other privileges and obligations of membership; (c) will be reconsidered by the Central Judiciary Committee periodically and at the end of the stated term.

Suspension: A severe punitive action for a period of time, during which the Fellow or member, according to the membership status, (a) loses the rights to attend and vote at College meetings, to hold office, and to participate as a leader, speaker, or panelist in College programs; (b) is subject to the removal of the member's name from the Yearbook and from the mailing list of the College; (c) surrenders his or her Fellowship certificate to the College, and no longer explicitly or implicitly claims to be a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; (d) pays the visitor's registration fee when attending College programs; (e) is not subject to the payment of annual dues. When the suspension is lifted, the Fellow or member is returned to full privileges and obligations of Fellowship.

Expulsion: The certificate of Fellowship and all other indicia of Fellowship or membership previously issued by the College must be forthwith returned to the College. The surgeon thereafter shall not explicitly or implicitly claim to be a Fellow or member of the American College of Surgeons and may not participate as a leader, speaker, or panelist in College programs.