

CAS-ACS News



A Quarterly Update from the Candidate and Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons



Fall 2003

Greetings from the Candidates and Associates Society of the American College of Surgeons (CAS-ACS). By now, the 2003-2004 academic year is well under way and it is time to begin thinking about the College's annual Clinical Congress, scheduled for October 19-23 in Chicago, IL. The CAS has several exciting events planned for the Congress, including an opening reception on Saturday evening and a clinical symposium entitled "Resident Work Hour Limitations: Practical Solutions," which is scheduled for Sunday afternoon (see calendar of events below for details). The Executive Committee of the CAS would like to extend an invitation to each one of you to attend these CAS-sponsored events. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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Please Join Us for the Candidate and Associate Society Events at the ACS Clinical Congress:

Saturday, October 18

2-5 pm

Hilton Chicago, Fourth Floor, 4L

CAS Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 18

5-7 pm

Hilton Chicago, Boulevard Room

CAS Reception

Sunday, October 19

7 am-12:45pm

McCormick Place South S503 a & b

CAS Executive and Other Committee Meetings

Sunday, October 19

1-4 pm

McCormick Place South S503 a & b

Symposium--"Resident Work Hour Limitations: Practical Solutions"

Special Program Planned for Surgery Residents during the Clinical Congress:

You are cordially invited to attend a special program for surgery residents to be held from Sunday, October 19, through Tuesday, October 21. Activities designed specifically for residents will assist you with planning your post-training career and in making the transition from residency training to practice. Participants in the Resident Program will be able to meet and interact with prominent Fellows who are committed to the education of residents, and with practicing surgeons from a variety of clinical practice settings. The Resident Program schedule includes:

Sunday, October 19

11:30-1 pm

McCormick Place South, S102 b, c, d

Opening Luncheon and Welcome

Dr. Ajit Sachdeva, director, ACS Division of Education

Dr. Jeffrey Upperman, chair, CAS/ACS

Dr. Myriam Curet, ACS Resident Program Coordinator

Monday, October 20

3-5 pm

McCormick Place South, E450A

Changing Trends in Surgical Career Choices (General Session 15)

6-7 pm

Hilton Hotel, Stevens 3/4

Organizing and Starting Your Practice

Dr. Charles Mabry, associate clinical professor and practice manager advisor

Department of Surgery, University of Arkansas

7-7:30 pm

Hilton Hotel, Stevens 3/4

Reception with Faculty

Tuesday, October 21

3-4 pm

McCormick Place South, S101 a & b

Surgeon Leadership in Health Systems

Dr. Paul Taheri, associate professor of surgery, associate dean for academic business development

University of Michigan

4-5 pm

McCormick Place South, S101 a & b

What I Do, What Should I Do? (Panel Discussion)

Dr. Stephen Evans, chair, department of surgery, Georgetown University

Dr. Sherry Wren, chief, general surgery, Palo Alto VAMC

Dr. Maria Allo, chief of surgery, Santa Clara County (CA) Medical Center, and ACS Governor

Dr. Ward Trueblood, private practice, McCormick Place South, S101 a & b

5-6 pm

McCormick Place South, S101 a & b

Reception with Faculty

In addition, participants are invited to attend general, specialty, and multidisciplinary sessions, video session, and exhibits. To participate in the Resident Program, residents must register with Cherylann Sherman no later than Monday, October 6, 2003. For additional information, contact Ms. Sherman at 312-202-5424 or via e-mail at csherman@facs.org.

Residency Assist Page Debuts on ACS Web Site

The Residency Assist Page (RAP) has been added to the College's Web site to address a spectrum of issues related to the restrictions on the duty hours of residents that were recently mandated by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and implemented July 1, 2003. Developed by the College's Division of Education, this section will be specific to surgery and will serve as a unique resource for surgery program directors and others as they consider changes in residency programs to ensure optimum educational outcomes under the new guidelines. Richard H. Bell, MD, FACS, and Debra A. DaRosa, PhD, serve as editors of this online section. The Editorial Board includes Gary L. Dunnington, MD, FACS, Timothy C. Flynn, MD, FACS, James M. Hassett, MD, FACS, and Marc K. Wallack, MD, FACS. Information to be available in the RAP includes: editorials accompanied by selected references; examples of practical solutions; reactions to the topics covered in previous columns; and responses by the editors to questions posed by program directors. The goal of the editors is not to be prescriptive, but to offer helpful suggestions that may be adapted to meet the specific needs of individual programs. An overview of the intent and goals of the RAP and more information is available at <http://www.facs.org/education/residencyassist.html>.

About CAS-ACS

The Candidate and Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons (CAS-ACS), an organization within the American College of Surgeons, was formed to benefit the surgeons of the future through involvement in activities of the College. The mission of the organization is to:

- Familiarize residents and young surgeons in all surgical specialties with the College and its programs and leadership
- Provide an avenue for participation in College affairs
- Enable members to develop and use leadership skills in organized surgery
- Provide opportunities for the opinions and concerns of residents and young surgeons to be heard by the College leadership

While other medical societies have developed similar resident organizations, the CAS-ACS is the only surgical organization devoted to the concerns and needs of all surgical residents and young surgeons.

Your Feedback Is Important to Us

We are interested in making sure that the content of *CAS-ACS News* meets the interests and responds to the needs of surgical residents and newly practicing surgeons across the country. Your feedback and ideas are important to us. Please send your comments about this newsletter and your ideas for articles to the Editor at cas-news@facs.org.

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