The Resident & Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons
American College of Surgeons

- 1913: “to improve the quality of care for the surgical patient by setting high standards for surgical education and practice”
- 78,000 members worldwide
- ACS is dedicated to improving the care of the surgical patient and to safeguarding standards of care in an optimal and ethical practice environment
Purpose of the RAS

- Encourage future leaders and assist in leadership development in the profession of surgery and the ACS
- Develop ACS activities and resources relevant to resident and young surgeon concerns
- Provide a forum for discussion of common issues in graduate surgical education
- Educate residents and young surgeons about the ACS and the value of Fellowship
- 13,000 members worldwide
Constituent Members

- **Resident and Fellow Members:** Residents enrolled in approved surgical residency programs, and surgeons in surgical research or fellowship

- **Associate Fellows:** Surgeons who have completed an accredited surgical residency program and have entered surgical practice or are engaged in additional surgical residency, research, or fellowship program.
The Resident and Associate Society

We represent the interests of over 13,000 residents and associate fellows from around the world.
Membership Dues

- $20 per year for Residents and Fellows
- $200 per year for Associates
- Waiving Fellowship Fees
Why Become an ACS Member?

- Leadership Opportunities
- Educational Opportunities, including Scholarships, Fellowships, and Courses
- Access to Surgical Publications and Publication Opportunities
- On-line Communities
- Clinical Congress
- Chapter and Sub-Specialty Meetings
- Networking Opportunities
- And more....
Educational Opportunities

• Scholarships
  – Outcomes Research Course
  – Leadership/Advocacy Summit
  – Residents as Teachers and Leaders

• Fellowships
  – ACS-Emerson Scholar-in-residence
  – ACS Clinical Scholar Program
  – ACS Health Policy Program
Leadership Opportunities on ACS Committees

- Commission on Cancer
- Diversity Issues
- Education
- CESTE
- Ethics
- General Surgery Coding and Reimbursement
- Governors Committee on Blood-borne infection and Environmental Risk
- Governors Committee on Physician Competency and Health
- Governors Committee on Socioeconomics
- Governors Committee on Surgical Practice in Hospitals and Ambulatory Settings
- Governors Committee to Study Fiscal Affairs
- Health Policy Advisory Council
- Health Policy Advisory Group
- International Relations
- Medical Student Education
- Member Services Liaisons Committee
- Surgeons Political Action Committee
- Patient Education
- Patient Safety and Quality Improvement
- Perioperative Care
- Clinical Congress Program Committee
- Comprehensive Communications
- Resident Education
- SCORE
- Surgical Research
- Committee on Trauma (3)
- Video-Based Education
- Women in Surgery
- Association of Women in Surgery
- Young Surgeons-RAS
- Surgery News Editorial
Conference Calls

• EVERY Wednesday
• 9 PM ET
• ANY RAS Member
• (888) 585-9008

Passcode: 549-242-585
Education Committee

• Surgical Jeopardy
• Top Gun
• Handoff Survey & Resources
• Debt Alleviation
Issues & Advocacy Committee

• Leadership and Advocacy Summit
• Visits to Capitol Hill
• RAS and Military Medicine
• Drug Shortages
• Domestic Service Opportunities
• Social Media and ACS Leadership
Membership Committee

- Converting Resident Members to Associate Members
  - 100 Surgeons Called, Emailed
  - Surveys Administered
- Subspecialty Outreach
  - Discussions on RAS “Value Add”
- Associate Focus Group
- International Scholarship Exchange
Communications Committee

- JACS Journal Club
- E-Blast Communications
- Podcasts
- Essay Competition and Bulletin Issue
Clinical Congress Activities

- Focus on the RAS educational session
- Day-long Preparing for Practice Workshop
- Workshops and Courses on Surgical Training and Preparing for Practice
Want More Information?

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