The Resident & Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons

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Domestic Workgroup
American College of Surgeons

- 1913: “to improve the quality of care for the surgical patient by setting high standards for surgical education and practice”

- ACS is dedicated to improving the care of the surgical patient and to safeguarding standards of care in an optimal and ethical practice environment

- >80,000 members worldwide
Mission of the RAS

- Familiarize all surgical trainees and young surgeons with the ACS, its programs, and leaders
- Provide an avenue for participation in ACS Affairs
- Foster development and use of leadership skills in organized surgery
- Give opportunities for opinions and concerns of young surgeons to be heard by ACS leadership
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 representation for residents and young surgeons in organized surgery
• 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
Constituent Members

- **Resident Members:** Residents enrolled in approved surgical residency programs, in surgical research years, or fellowship training.

- **Associate Fellows:** Surgeons who have completed an accredited surgical residency program and have entered surgical practice, but have not earned FACS.
The Resident and Associate Society

We represent the interests of over 8,000 residents and associate fellows from around the world.
Membership Dues

- $20 per year for Residents (waived for interns)
- $300 per year for Associate Fellows
- FACS Application Fee is waived ($200)
Why Become a RAS-ACS Member?

- Leadership Opportunities
- Educational Opportunities, including Scholarships, Fellowships, and Courses
- Access to JACS
- Publication Opportunities in Bulletin
- On-line Communities, Facebook, Twitter
- Clinical Congress
- Chapter Meetings
- Networking Opportunities
Educational Opportunities

• Scholarships
  – International Exchange Scholarship
    • Italy, Ireland, Australia
  – Leadership/Advocacy Summit
  – Residents as Teachers and Leaders Course
  – Research Resident Scholarship
Leadership Opportunities
Leadership Opportunities on ACS Committees

- Commission on Cancer
- Diversity Issues
- Education
- Emerging Surgical Technology
- 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
- Governors Chapter Activities Domestic and International Workgroups
- 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
- RAS standing committees
- Surgery News Editorial

RASACS
Resident and Associate Society
Conference Calls

• EVERY Wednesday
• 9 PM Eastern Time
• Any RAS Member
• (888) 585-9008 Passcode: 549-242-585
Education Committee

- Surgical Jeopardy
- Top Gun
- So you think you can operate?
Advocacy & Issues Committee

- Leadership and Advocacy Summit
- Drug Shortages
- Firearm Violence
- Opioid epidemic
- Legislative gRASsroots
- RAS Symposium at Clinical Congress
Membership Committee

- Recruitment of members
  - Social media campaign
  - Recruit research residents
- Webinars for medical students
- Effort to reach out to graduating Resident Members
- International Scholarship Exchange
Communications Committee

- Twitter and Facebook
- JACS Journal Club
- E-newsletter
- Podcasts / Videos
  - Surgical conferences
- Essay Competition
  - $500 cash prize
- August ACS Bulletin Issue
  - 2018 = Resident Autonomy
Clinical Congress Activities

• “Focus on the RAS” educational session
• Surgical Jeopardy
• “So you think you can operate?” Skills competition
• RAS Symposium
• Spectacular Cases

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How to involve RAS in your chapter

• RAS Representative
  – Include on planning committees
  – Assist with social media for chapter
  – Council member (voting or non-voting)

• Amend Chapter By-Laws to include RAS

• RAS Committee within the chapter
  – Enhance communication with chapter council and officers

• Chapter Annual Meeting
  – Skills competition
  – Surgical Jeopardy
  – Paper competition

• Keep costs low for RAS members
Want More Information?

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