Young Surgeons Essay Competition
American College of Surgeons | History and Archives Committee

The Young Surgeons Sub-Committee of the History and Archives Committee is again offering a Young Surgeons Essay Competition intended to recognize and support young surgeons who are interested in the historical roots of our profession, and are dedicated to studying it. The objective is to produce a scholarly manuscript for publication using original historical research that will advance our knowledge of the past, thus promoting both young surgeon historians and the history of surgery itself.

Young surgeons are invited to submit an essay on a historical topic of their choosing. Up to three winners will be invited to publish his/her paper in *Annals of Surgery Open*, with publication costs covered.

How:
- Entrees are invited from young surgeons who must be the first and primary author.
  - Young Surgeons are defined as:
    - Fellows younger than 45
    - Associate Fellows younger than 45
    - Resident members
    - Medical student members, who must be the first and primary author.
  - Fellows above 45 years of age may serve as additional or senior authors.
- Authorship is restricted to no more than five individuals.
- Essays may cover any aspect of surgical history, broadly conceived, but must represent original historical research.
- Essays are limited to 7,500 words, not including references/captions.
- Essays must be submitted as Microsoft Word documents, double spaced in 12 pt font with 1 inch margins
- You may not win two years in a row. You may not submit the same entry more than two years in a row.
- Essays must be submitted to Meghan Kennedy at mkenney@facs.org by the due date.

Awards:
- Essays will be judged by an *ad hoc* HAC committee. The winner will receive a plaque and an invitation to publish his/her article in *Annals of Surgery – Open: Perspectives on Surgical History, Education, and Clinical Approaches*, pending peer review. The HAC will cover the publication fee -- an $1800 value!
- The second and third place essays, if awarded, will also have their article processing charges completely waived.

Timeline
- July 15, 2023 – Call for Essays Opens
- Jan 8, 2024 – Essays Due
- April 1, 2024 – Winner(s) is notified
- October, 2024 – Winners announced at the HAC Community Breakfast at Clinical Congress

Questions can be directed to Justin Barr, MD, Chair of the HAC Program Committee at justbarr@gmail.com.