



American College of Surgeons Professional Association

Health Policy Advisory Council (HPAC) Background

SurgeonsVoice, the American College of Surgeons Professional Association's (ACSPA) nationwide, interactive advocacy program, provides surgeons with the tools and resources to strengthen its impact in Washington, DC, and across the country.

Members of the HPAC, often viewed as the College's grassroots network, is comprised of ACS leadership, young surgeons and residents, Health Policy Scholars, and other members with expressed interest or expertise in health care policy. Special efforts are made to ensure that all specialties have representation within the HPAC.

The HPAC grassroots network, ideally including representation from all fifty states, provides strength in numbers creating an opportunity to advance key health policy priorities representative of a larger subset of the surgeon-patient population. HPAC members are responsible for becoming educated, and informing their peers, about ACS advocacy and health policy priorities; encouraging colleagues to take action on key federal legislative priorities; promoting *SurgeonsVoice* tools and resources at local chapter meetings and events; and, communicating feedback regarding legislative and regulatory concerns from the membership at-large back to the ACS Division of Advocacy and Health Policy (DAHP).

Member Participation Guidelines

While this group primarily meets virtually via webinars and teleconferences throughout the year as deemed appropriate by the Chair in coordination with DAHP staff, HPAC members are encouraged to attend the annual ACS Leadership and Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC, and Clinical Congress.

HPAC member participation is monitored by DAHP staff, and regular reminders are circulated to ensure expectations are manageable. These and other advocacy-related metrics regularly communicated through programming such as *SurgeonsVoice* "A Cut Above: Advocate of the Year" program.



Member Participation Principles

HPAC leadership drafted a menu of options to offer existing (and future) members to use as an accountability mechanism for recruiting and retaining HPAC members while drawing on different individual member skill sets. These activities are designed to help foster relationships between surgeon advocates and their peers, members of Congress and their staff, other physician community colleagues, and the health professional community at-large. Every HPAC member is to partake in numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 and choose two (2) additional activities to fulfill from the following participation principles:

- 1) Schedule permitting, attend the annual ACS Leadership and Advocacy Summit and Clinical Congress.
- 2) Join two (2) additional HPAC webinars or teleconferences.
- 3) Personally take action on every federal legislative “Call to Action.”
- 4) Attend two (2) meetings in your state legislator, representative or senator’s office.
- 5) Attend your state chapter’s lobby day.
- 6) Submit a written or video testimonial for use in future ACS publications.
- 7) Engage the ACS membership at-large by encouraging at least ten (10) colleagues to participate in *SurgeonsVoice* “Calls to Action.”
- 8) Work with DAHP staff to present to a group of Fellows or Residents re: advocacy and political involvement.
 - e.g., Grand rounds, department meeting, or state chapter meeting.
- 9) Author or contribute to an article in the ACS Bulletin.
- 10) Enlist DAHP staff assistance to organize a practice/facility tour for your member of Congress.
- 11) Identify five (5) other engaged advocates and facilitate introduction to DAHP staff.
 - i.e., recruit future HPAC members to assist in high-level advocacy efforts.
- 12) Elevate your participation by making an annual contribution to the ACS PA-*SurgeonsPAC*.



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Health Policy Advisory Council Recruitment Form

Full Name	
ACS Member Number	
Preferred Address	
City, State, Zip	
Preferred Phone	
Mobile Phone	
Email (for ACS internal use only)	
Focus of advocacy interest (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer <input type="checkbox"/> Trauma <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Burden <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Liability Reform <input type="checkbox"/> Physician Payment <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory Reform <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Surgery <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Reform <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Please provide a brief description of previous advocacy experience and/or specific areas of interest, or relationships with elected officials.	

Please sign here to acknowledge you have read and agree to the participation expectations set forth in this document. Please complete this application and submit via email to ahp@facs.org.

Signature**Date**