The Value of Membership
for the Resident Member
Realize the potential of your profession.

More than 9,000 ACS Resident Members are shaping the future of surgical care today.
There is strength in numbers.
You’re one of more than 80,000 members of the American College of Surgeons worldwide.
The American College of Surgeons (ACS) is the largest organization of surgeons in the world, uniquely positioned to lead the way in optimal patient care, surgical research, health policy, continuing education, and networking opportunities. The ACS is the single strongest voice for surgeons in all specialties and, since its foundation in 1913, has been at the forefront of providing quality care for surgical patients and supporting surgeons wherever they practice. The College works on behalf of our members and their patients by:

**Developing** innovative education and training programs to support practicing surgeons, surgery residents, and members of surgical teams.

**Improving** care for surgical patients through American College of Surgeons Quality Programs, including the Commission on Cancer (CoC), the Committee on Trauma (COT), and the ACS National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP).

**Fostering** the growth of the next generation of promising surgeons through scholarships and fellowships.

**Conducting** research to provide cutting-edge best practices in patient care.

**Giving** surgeons from across the U.S. and around the globe opportunities for networking and professional engagement.

**Promoting** the image of the surgical profession, today and tomorrow.
Member benefits you can use every day

Resident Members of the College receive exclusive access to a wide variety of “members-only” benefits. The College’s top priority is providing value for its members. Member benefits include the following valuable opportunities and resources:

As a Resident Member, you automatically receive:

Free subscriptions to all ACS periodicals and e-newsletters

Access to the online ACS Communities and other resources via the members-only section of the ACS website, facs.org

Membership in the American College of Surgeons signifies a personal commitment to furthering your professional development and conducting your career with the highest set of professional standards. Discover all the ways ACS membership benefits you, your patients, and the surgical profession.

Joining the College as a Resident Member represents an important milestone in your career, and we are here to support you on your path to Fellowship.

Your membership includes automatic enrollment in the Resident and Associate Society (RAS) of the American College of Surgeons, where you can enhance your training experience through the development of professional relationships and leadership skills to help you navigate your surgical residency. Four committees are open for member participation (Advocacy, Communications, Education, and Member Services), and there are numerous opportunities to represent the perspectives of young surgeons on ACS Committees. The RAS also contributes to the planning of the annual Leadership Conference held in conjunction with the Advocacy Summit and presents an annual forum at the ACS Clinical Congress so that young surgeons have opportunities to network with each other, share their concerns, and meet with College leaders.
Take advantage of unique educational opportunities

Online, in person, and in print, the College supports knowledge and skill advancement for you to perform at your highest potential. As a Resident Member, you can benefit from these meetings and programs:

**The premier annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons**

This five-day meeting offers high-quality educational programs designed to educate and train surgeons and improve the health and safety of surgical patients. Take advantage of all the Clinical Congress has to offer, including a vast array of educational opportunities such as Named Lectures, Panel Sessions, Postgraduate Courses, abstract-driven Scientific Forum Sessions, Town Hall Meetings, Video-Based Education Sessions, Meet-the-Expert Luncheons, and general and specialty sessions designed specifically for you. Clinical Congress registration is free for Resident Members. For more information about the Clinical Congress, visit facs.org.

**Surgery Resident Program:** A full-day educational program designed to address essential nonclinical topics to help residents transition to independent practice. Program sponsored by the Committee on Resident Education.

**Scientific Forum Excellence in Research Awards:** Opportunities to submit basic research for presentation. Awards are presented to residents for best submissions, and awardees are selected by the Scientific Forum Committee.

**Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching:** An independent panel of the Committee on Resident Education selects the awardee from the nominations. The award is presented during the Annual Business Meeting of Members at the Clinical Congress.

**Jameson L. Chassin Award for Professionalism in General Surgery** is given to a chief resident in general surgery who best exemplifies the professionalism values of compassion, technical skill, and devotion to science and learning. The recipient is selected by an independent panel of the Committee on Resident Education, and the award is presented during Clinical Congress.
RAS-sponsored sessions during the Clinical Congress

**RAS Leadership Session:** The chance to network with College leadership and learn how to get involved in RAS.

**RAS Symposium:** A pro/con discussion of controversial issues in surgery.

**Spectacular Cases from Residents:** Spectacular surgical cases that pose challenging management issues are presented by expert panel members.

**Surgical Jeopardy:** Adopted from the popular TV game show, teams of residents compete to showcase their surgical knowledge and answer surgical questions.

Key education and training resources for surgery residents

Details about these and other programs and courses can be found at facs.org/education.

**Successfully Navigating the First Year of Surgical Residency: Essentials for Medical Students and PGY-1 Residents:** This publication lists the critical cognitive, clinical, and technical skills needed at the beginning of residency and those expected at its completion; available at no cost in electronic and hard copy formats.

**ACS Fundamentals of Surgery Curriculum:** This interactive, case-based, online curriculum is designed for use by PGY-1 residents in all surgical disciplines. Subscriptions, purchased by residency programs, enable residents to enhance their patient management skills.

**SRGS Connect Resident:** An online resource accessible on various devices, **SRGS Connect Resident** is an in-depth, topic-oriented review of the latest approaches to surgical practice, supported by the literature.

**ACS/APDS Surgical Skills Curriculum:** This national curriculum is available at no cost. Three phases address basic surgical skills, advanced skills, and procedures and team-based skills.

**Ultrasound Courses:** These programs provide residents additional education and training in ultrasound imaging. **Ultrasound for Surgeons: The Basic Course** lays the foundation for subsequent programs. Four additional curricula available to residents include: (i) **Ultrasound for Residents**; (ii) **FAST Ultrasound**; (iii) **Practical Applications of Ultrasound in the ICU: ECHO and Thoracic**; and (iv) **Thyroid and Parathyroid Ultrasound**.
Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery: A joint program between the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) and the ACS, this comprehensive, Web-based educational program consists of a hands-on skills training component and assessment tool designed to teach the physiology, fundamental knowledge, and technical skills in basic laparoscopic surgery. The goal is to provide surgery residents, Fellows, and practicing physicians the opportunity to learn these fundamentals in a consistent, scientifically accepted format and to test cognitive, surgical decision-making, and technical skills, all with the goal of improving the quality of patient care.

Professionalism in Surgery: Challenges and Choices: This DVD program features 24 lively vignettes depicting realistic dilemmas that surgeons face in everyday practice. Possible courses of action are presented, along with the principles of professionalism underlying each action. The program is used by individuals or for small group and large group discussions.

Ethical Issues in Clinical Surgery: This book and companion manual use case scenarios to examine the ethical underpinnings of clinical practice and address ethics issues faced every day in the care of patients. Cases offer a bioethical bottom line on issues such as competition of interests, substitute decision making, truth telling, and the surgeon-patient relationship.

Surgical Palliative Care: A Resident’s Guide: This educational tool is intended to assist surgeons and surgery residents in improving the end-of-life care for surgical patients and to help them address difficult issues with those patients and their families; available at no cost in electronic and hard copy formats.
Residents as Teachers and Leaders Course: An annual course designed for mid-to senior-level surgical residents addressing the skills necessary to become more effective teachers and successful leaders.

Transition to Practice Program in General Surgery: This program is designed to support the transition from surgery residency to independent practice in general surgery. Details about this program can be found at facs.org/education.

Additional Programs Available to Residents: Programs designed specifically for practicing surgeons that may be of interest to residents.

- SESAP® and SESAP® Sampler, the Surgical Education and Self-Assessment Programs, are for practicing surgeons who want to assess and maintain their clinical knowledge through the use of multiple-choice items and critiques.

- Evidence-Based Decisions in Surgery modules, derived from practice guidelines, can be used for the purpose of decision support, patient-focused interactions, and patient education.
Learn the fundamental elements of trauma care

The American College of Surgeons trauma programs are designed to help health care professionals develop the necessary skills for trauma care in local, regional, national, and international areas. Details about these and other courses and programs can be found at facs.org/quality-programs/trauma/education.

**Advanced Trauma Life Support course (ATLS)**
One of the COT’s best known courses, ATLS has given more than 1 million providers in more than 65 countries an easily remembered method for evaluating and treating the victims of traumatic events.

**Trauma Evaluation and Management (TEAM)**
Adapted from the ATLS course, TEAM introduces the concepts of initial assessment and management to medical students during their clinical years.

**Advanced Trauma Operative Management (ATOM)**
Through a combination of lecture and lab instruction, ATOM provides caregivers with increased surgical competence and confidence in the operative management of penetrating injuries to the chest and abdomen.

**Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC)**
Emphasizing a team approach to the initial evaluation and resuscitation of trauma patients at rural facilities, RTTDC assists health care professionals in achieving optimal outcomes for injured patients in rural environments.

**Disaster Management and Emergency Preparedness (DMEP)**
Through lecture-based learning and interactive scenarios, DMEP teaches planning methods, preparedness, and medical management of trauma patients in mass casualty disaster situations.

**Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (ASSET)**
Using human cadavers, ASSET teaches surgical exposure of anatomic structures that, when injured, may threaten life or limb.
Enjoy access to innovative research with ACS publications

Stay up to date on current research and receive news from the College and surgical community through multiple publications and products. The following resources are a free benefit of ACS membership. You will receive the publications automatically; program-specific products and posters can be ordered from the ACS online catalog at facs.org.

*Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS)*, a monthly peer-reviewed journal publishing original contributions on all aspects of surgery; online access to full-text articles is free for ACS members and subscribers, and the mobile-friendly JACS Continuing Medical Education (CME) website allows you to earn CME credit toward Maintenance of Certification

*Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons*, a monthly publication of news, information, and events from the College

*ACS NewsScope*, a weekly e-newsletter distributed by the College containing news, information, and events

*ACS Advocate*, a monthly e-newsletter produced by the Division of Advocacy and Health Policy designed to keep you informed about important federal and state advocacy as well as policy issues and trends

*RAS E-News*, a bi-monthly e-newsletter produced by the Resident and Associate Society designed to provide information specific to residents in training and surgeons early in practice

Program-specific publications, products, and posters
Lend your voice to advocacy efforts

The ACS Division of Advocacy and Health Policy sets the College’s health policy priorities and advocates before Congress and in state capitals (Legislative Committee); represents the interests of surgeons and their clinical practices with federal agencies and quality improvement organizations (General Surgery and Coding Reimbursement Committee); fosters an extensive federal and state grassroots advocacy network (ACSPA-SurgeonsVoice); and supports Members of Congress who share the surgical profession’s perspectives on health care policy issues (ACSPA-SurgeonsPAC).

Look to the College as a way to advance the integrity and impact of our profession.

*Participate in the spring Leadership and Advocacy Summit* and lend your voice on ACS lobby day

*Access the Federal and State Legislative Action Centers* to reach out to your elected officials

*Contribute* to the American College of Surgeons Professional Association Political Action Committee (ASCPA-SurgeonsPAC); call 202-672-1520 for more information

**Federal Advocacy Opportunities**
- Physician Payment
- Liability Reform
- Quality and Patient Safety
- Health Information Technology
- Workforce

**State Advocacy Opportunities**
- Chapter Lobby Day Grant Program
- Legislative Advocacy Efforts at the State Level
- Surgery State Legislative Action Center
- Chapter Advocacy Training

**Regulatory Advocacy Opportunities**
- Surgical Quality Alliance
- Electronic Health Records
- e-Prescribing
- Coding
- Physician Quality Reporting

For more information about these and other advocacy opportunities, please call 202-337-2701 or e-mail ahp@facs.org.
Capitalize on scholarship and fellowship opportunities

Resident Members have access to a variety of scholarships and fellowships offered by the American College of Surgeons. Several opportunities are available throughout the year. Details, including deadlines and application information, can be found at facs.org.

**RAS International Scholar Exchange Program:** This program affords the opportunity for RAS members to travel to host nations where the selected international exchange scholar will attend the country’s surgical society meeting and learn about the surgical opportunities and systems abroad.

**Scholars in Residence Program:** This unique, two-year, on-site fellowship opportunity allows surgical residents to gain first-hand experience in outcomes and health services research at a national health care organization.

**Resident Research Scholarships:** These scholarships help to support two years of research undertaken by young academic surgeon-scholars to be.

**Leadership Scholarships for Residents and Associate Fellows:** These awards cover tuition, travel, and subsistence for one of several ACS courses, including the Outcomes Research Course, the Clinical Trials Methods Course, the Advocacy and Leadership Summit, and the Surgeons as Leaders course.

Network with surgeon leaders

Attending the annual Clinical Congress, Leadership and Advocacy Summit, and local Chapter meetings offers Fellows opportunities to build strong professional relationships and also provides access to College leaders and colleagues.

Contact your member of the ACS Board of Governors, who serves as the official communication link between the Fellows and the ACS Board of Regents. Governors are allocated by state, province, or country. You are encouraged to reach out to your Governor and share your perspectives on what the College should be doing on your behalf. Visit the ACS website, facs.org, to connect with your Governor.

Join one of the many online ACS Communities. This networking tool provides an environment for ACS members to connect, engage, and share information and best practices in real time, as well seek advice, share experiences, exchange resources, and build professional relationships.
Additional benefits specifically for you

Take advantage of these services available to ACS Fellows via the members-only section of the ACS website, facs.org:

- Update your profile and share your information with the public through our Find a Surgeon database.
- Participate in a wide-variety of ACS insurance programs offered exclusively to ACS members.
- Take advantage of exclusive members-only discounts and benefits provided through our affinity partners, including a Medical Liability Insurance Program, an ACS credit card and personal checking account, discounted publications from Elsevier and Springer, and access to procedure-specific informed consent documents.
- Search for surgical career opportunities through the ACS career center.

Your Membership Matters—Get Involved TODAY!

Visit the members-only section of the ACS website to update your profile, find colleagues, join one of the many online member communities that match your interests, order publications and products at the member rate, and take advantage of a wide variety of other members-only resources.

Join your ACS Chapter; for more information, visit facs.org or call 1-888-857-7545.

Join a College committee.

Visit Operation Giving Back and consider participating in either a domestic or international surgical volunteerism opportunity.

Encourage your colleagues to join the College as a Fellow or as an Associate Fellow, Resident Member, Medical Student, or Affiliate Member!


For more than 100 years, we’ve been helping young surgeons build, advance, and enrich their careers.
IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOR RESIDENT MEMBERS

Member Benefits 1-800-621-4111 or ms@facs.org

ACSPA-SurgeonsPAC 1-202-672-1520

ACS Credit Card and Personal Checking 1-866-438-6262

ACS Insurance Programs 1-800-433-1672 (NEBCO — Health, Life, Disability)
1-855-839-3728 (Liberty Mutual — Auto, Home)

Chapter Hotline 1-888-857-7545

Enjoy all that ACS Membership offers—become a member today. Visit facs.org/member-services/join.

For additional information, e-mail us at ms@facs.org or visit facs.org. Or visit us on:
RAS Committees

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The mission of the RAS Education Committee is to provide a forum for in-depth discussion and investigation of current and future educational needs of surgical trainees from across surgical disciplines, offer opportunities to share opinions and findings with surgical leadership, and collaborate with the ACS to supply education-oriented articles, programs, and symposia of interest to Society members.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The RAS Communications Committee is responsible for disseminating information to the RAS membership regarding all aspects of a surgical career, including publication of the RAS e-newsletter four to six times per year, maintenance of the RAS Facebook page and on-line Community, and coordination of the annual RAS-themed issue of the Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons and other RAS-related submissions throughout the year. In addition, the committee supports the annual essay contest resulting in the dissemination of awards at the Clinical Congress, with the top five essays published in the Bulletin.

For additional information on all committees, contact rasnews@facs.org or visit facs.org.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The RAS Membership Committee is charged with not only increasing the constituency of the Society both nationally and globally but also promoting and increasing international collaboration between surgical societies at the resident level. It aims to enhance participation of surgical residents in the activities of the College by introducing them as Resident Members and serving as the gateway to the College’s resources, benefits, and support. The committee is intimately involved on an international scale in identifying, promoting, and organizing international exchange opportunities for Resident Members in order to encourage global engagement and involvement.

ADVOCACY & ISSUES COMMITTEE

The RAS Issues Committee aims to promote grassroots legislative awareness and advocacy interest in the College. The committee is responsible for coordinating the annual RAS Symposium focused on a timely and engaging policy topic, developing grassroots communications with RAS members, organizing advocacy skill-building activities at the Leadership Summit, and providing legislative information on pressing policy issues for RAS members.
The Fellowship Pledge

Recognizing that the American College of Surgeons seeks to exemplify and develop the highest traditions of our ancient profession, I hereby pledge myself, as a condition of Fellowship in the College, to live in strict accordance with the College’s principles and regulations.

I pledge to pursue the practice of surgery with honesty and to place the welfare and the rights of my patient above all else. I promise to deal with each patient as I would wish to be dealt with if I were in the patient’s position, and I will respect the patient’s autonomy and individuality.

I further pledge to affirm and support the social contract of the surgical profession with my community and society. I will take no part in any arrangement or improper financial dealings that induce referral, treatment, or withholding of treatment for reasons other than the patient’s welfare.

Upon my honor, I declare that I will advance my knowledge and skills, will respect my colleagues, and will seek their counsel when in doubt about my own abilities. In turn, I will willingly help my colleagues when requested.

I recognize the interdependency of all health care professionals and will treat each with respect and consideration.

Finally, by my Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons, I solemnly pledge to abide by the Code of Professional Conduct and to cooperate in advancing the art and science of surgery.