



## Are you taking advantage of all the American College of Surgeons (ACS) has to offer?

As the largest and most robust surgical organization in the world, the College has so much to offer surgeons of all specialties, at any point in their careers. From transition to practice support for those just starting out, to ongoing training and education, to advocacy and leadership, we help surgeons advance their careers and elevate the profession in a way no other organization can.





## About FACS

The letters FACS (Fellow, American College of Surgeons) after a surgeon's name mean that the surgeon's education and training, professional qualifications, surgical competence, and ethical conduct have passed a rigorous evaluation, and have been found to be consistent with the high standards established and demanded by the College.

## For those ACS Fellows 45 and younger— Participate in all the Young Fellows Association has to offer

Your ACS membership includes automatic enrollment in the ACS Young Fellows Association (YFA). YFA represents your interests and provides a forum for you to shape the future of the College and your specialty. Here is how you can become engaged in the YFA and the ACS:

- Join a YFA workgroup to contribute to projects and ascend to a leadership role
- Serve on ACS committees, workgroups, and advisory councils representing the YFA
- Apply for scholarships
- Attend YFA Clinical Congress programming or serve as a moderator or panelist for a YFA-sponsored session
- Learn about YFA and ACS activities through the YFA e-newsletter
- Join the online YFA community to connect with your peers
- Participate in networking opportunities

**“ ACS is the strongest voice for surgeons; we advocate for positions and issues that benefit all surgical specialties at the state and national levels.”**

Patricia L. Turner, MD, FACS  
Director, ACS Division of Member Services

## Educational resources to support lifelong learning

ACS Clinical Congress Enjoy a deep member registration discount to this meeting featuring hundreds of hours of educational sessions and activities. Attend Named Lectures, Panel Sessions, Video-Based Education Sessions,

**Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery's** web-based 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.

**Ultrasound Course.**is online course provides a basic core of education and training in ultrasound imaging as a foundation for specific clinical applications. Additional curricula are available in advanced topics.

**ACS Comprehensive General Surgery Review Course** is in-person course includes a review of the essential content areas in general surgery and includes online modules that can be accessed after the course.

**Surgeons as Leaders Course** is live course is designed for surgeons who want to enhance their leadership skills across a wide variety of settings, from the operating room to the boardroom.

**Surgeons as Educators Course** is in-person course is designed to provide surgeons with the knowledge and skills to enhance their abilities as teachers and administrators of surgical education programs.

**Trauma education courses.**eses trauma courses help health care professionals develop the necessary skills for trauma care.

*Selected Readings in General Surgery (SRGS®).* SRGS Skillkid t1Go. ry

## Resources to support your patients and your practice

**Patient Education Resources** Patient Education Program is dedicated to improving the quality of surgical patient care and promoting a better recovery. Home skills kits to prepare patients for complex care, a surgical prep and brochure series, procedure-specific informed consent forms, and a surgical cancer series are just some of the programs available to members.

**Coding Workshops** Enjoy discounted registration rates to attend CPT coding workshops, including Mastering General Surgery CPT Coding, Supercharge Your Reimbursement Skills, and Intensive Trauma and Critical Care Coding.

**Surgeon Specific Registry** ACS Surgeon Specific Registry (SSR) online software application allows surgeons to track their cases and outcomes and address a variety of



## Help us advocate on your behalf

Lend your voice to advocacy efforts. The College's health policy priorities include advocating before Congress and in state capitals, representing the interests of surgeons and their clinical practices with federal agencies and quality improvement organizations, and fostering an extensive federal and state grassroots advocacy network.

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

Participate in the spring Leadership & Advocacy Summit and lend your voice on ACS Lobby Day.

# Apply for scholarships

<b>ACS TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP</b> to Australia and New Zealand, Germany, and Japan	The College encourages international exchange of information concerning surgical science, practice, and education. The ACS Traveling Fellow will travel to the annual surgical society meeting of one of the countries listed, and a Traveling Fellow from that country will visit North America to attend Clinical Congress.
<b>K08/K23 MENTORED CLINICAL SCIENTIST DEVELOPMENT AWARDS</b> with SVS and Triological Society	These awards provide supplemental funding to individuals who receive a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award.
<b>FACULTY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS</b>	These fellowships were developed specifically for surgeons entering their academic careers in surgery or a surgical specialty to assist in the establishment of a new and independent research program.
<b>CLOWES AWARD</b>	This award provides support for the research of a promising young surgical investigator.
<b>HEALTH POLICY SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	The College provides these scholarships in conjunction with 16 surgical organizations to subsidize attendance and participation in the week-long Executive Leadership and Health Policy and Management Program at Brandeis University.
<b>CLAUDE ORGAN TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP</b>	The award allows an outstanding young surgeon to attend an educational meeting or make an extended visit to an institution of his or her choice, tailored to his or her research interests.
<b>NIZAR N. OWEIDA SCHOLARSHIP</b>	This program provides up to three awards to subsidize the participation of a Fellow serving a small community. Awardees either attend Clinical Congress or propose a plan for additional training or research appropriate to a rural surgeon.

## Ensuring quality

Surgical leaders who aspire to serve as physician champions and implement an ACS Quality Program in their hospital should access the *ACS Optimal Resources for Surgical Quality and Safety* manual to understand the key concepts in quality, safety, and reliability, and explore the essential elements that all hospitals should have in place to ensure the delivery of patient-centered care. Leading the way in quality improvement programs, the ACS has programs for cancer and trauma care, breast care, bariatric and geriatric surgical care, children's surgical care, and overall surgical quality improvement. Visit the ACS website, [facs.org/quality-programs](https://www.facs.org/quality-programs) to learn about the different ACS Quality Programs and what they can do for you, your hospital, and your patients.

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## Additional benefits you can use

**ACS Insurance Programs** Members of the American College of Surgeons have access to term life insurance plans, disability insurance, hospital indemnity policies, homeowners and auto insurance, and more.

**ACS Discount Programs** Take advantage of exclusive members-only discounts on car rentals, travel packages, banking, and more!

**ACS Surgery Career Connection** Visit the ACS Surgery Career Connection to view hundreds of surgery-specific positions available across the country, create a customized job alert, submit your CV for professional review, or upload your CV anonymously.

“ I joined the College to continue my professional education through meetings and online resources, to have a voice locally and nationally, and to network with colleagues!”

—Jason D Fraser, MD, FACS  
Pediatric Surgeon, Kansas City, MO



