



The American College of Surgeons is a professional association.

With more than 80,000 members, 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. We have so much to offer surgeons of all specialties, at any point in their careers. Join thousands of your cardiothoracic surgeon colleagues. Become a member, and take advantage of the following opportunities and resources.

**ADVOCACY**

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

Take advantage of workshops on practice management and coding issues and our practice management listserv. Participate in the spring Leadership & Advocacy Summit and attend Congressional visits to establish relationships with your member of Congress. Access [State Visiting](#) to learn more about your elected officials and their positions on issues.

**ENGAGEMENT**

**Local Chapters** Chapters work in conjunction with the College to provide outstanding local networking and educational opportunities.

**Academic** ACS offers multiple members-only

## CHVAH

The ACS and STS Health Policy Scholarship is an annual scholarship available to ACS members that subsidizes attendance and participation in the Executive Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management at Brandeis University. There are many other surgical research and travel scholarships and fellowships available to Fellows, including traveling fellowships to Germany, Japan, and Australia and New Zealand.

## CGAEDCAADAGCE

CGAEDCAADAGCE Enjoy a deep member registration discount to this premier surgical meeting featuring hundreds of hours of educational sessions and activities. The annual Clinical Congress provides an opportunity to gain inspiration and interface with surgeons across all specialties through interdisciplinary panels, workshops, courses, Meet-the-Expert Sessions, and lectures.