

# Are you a neurosurgeon?

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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 neurosurgeon colleagues. Become a member, and take advantage of the following opportunities and resources.

## ADVOCACY EFFORTS

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.

Neurosurgery's voice becomes even more influential when the AANS and CNS collaborate with the College. Working together, the ACS and neurosurgery:

- Helped develop legislation to repeal and replace Medicare's sustainable growth rate (SGR) payment system
- Promoted legislation targeting expansion of funding for specialty residency training slots
- Achieved passage of legislation to fund trauma system and emergency care regionalization programs
- Continue to fight for medical liability reform legislation

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 [SurgeonsVoice.org](http://SurgeonsVoice.org) to learn more about your elected officials and their positions on issues.

## ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Join your local ACS Chapter.** Chapters work in conjunction with the College to provide outstanding local networking and educational opportunities.

**Access the ACS Communities.** The multiple members-only online communities allow surgeons to connect, engage, and share information in real time.

**Stop the Bleed®.** Promote, participate in, or become faculty for the Stop the Bleed program.

**Volunteer with Operation Giving Back.** Consider participating in a domestic or international surgical volunteer opportunity.

## QUALITY PROGRAMS

**Surgeon Specific Registry (SSR).** The SSR allows surgeons of all specialties to track their cases and outcomes and address a variety of regulatory requirements.

**ACS Optimal Resources for Surgical Quality and Safety.** This standards-based manual outlines key concepts in quality, safety, and reliability, and explores the essential elements that all hospitals should have in place to ensure the delivery of patient-centered care. This resource is a must read for surgical leaders who want to serve as physician champions and implement an ACS Quality Program in their hospital.

**ACS NSQIP® Surgical Risk Calculator.** The Surgical Risk Calculator estimates the chance of an unfavorable outcome (such as a complication or death) after surgery. The risk is estimated based upon information the patient gives to the health care provider about prior health history. The estimates are calculated using data from a large number of patients who had a surgical procedure similar to the one the patient may have.

**Quality Payment Program Resource Center and Regulatory Resource Center.** These online resource centers were created to help you navigate the Medicare physician payment system and a variety of regulatory issues and requirements.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The ACS and AANS 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.

## SURGICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING RESOURCES

**Clinical Congress.** 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.

**Educational Courses.** Online courses include Ultrasound for Surgeons and Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery, or attend in-person courses such as Surgeons as Leaders, Surgeons as Educators, and a wide variety of trauma education offerings.

**MyCME.** Use the MyCME online tool to document and track your CME Credits, print transcripts, and download CME Certificates.

**Evidence-Based Decisions in Surgery.** These “point of care” modules are based on currently available practice guidelines. They help address diagnoses and conditions and are used for decisions support, patient-focused interactions with other health care professionals, and patient education purposes.

**Ethical Issues in Surgical Care.** This is the definitive textbook on ethical issues in surgical practice.

**ACS Case Reviews in Surgery.** This case-studies journal covers an extensive array of specialties.

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

## PUBLICATIONS AND NEWS

Receive the latest research and news from ACS and the surgical community through online access to multiple ACS publications, including the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS)*, which offers JACS CME Credit; the *Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons*, the College’s monthly news magazine; *ACS NewsScope*, a weekly e-newsletter; and an e-newsletter specific to your specialty.

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