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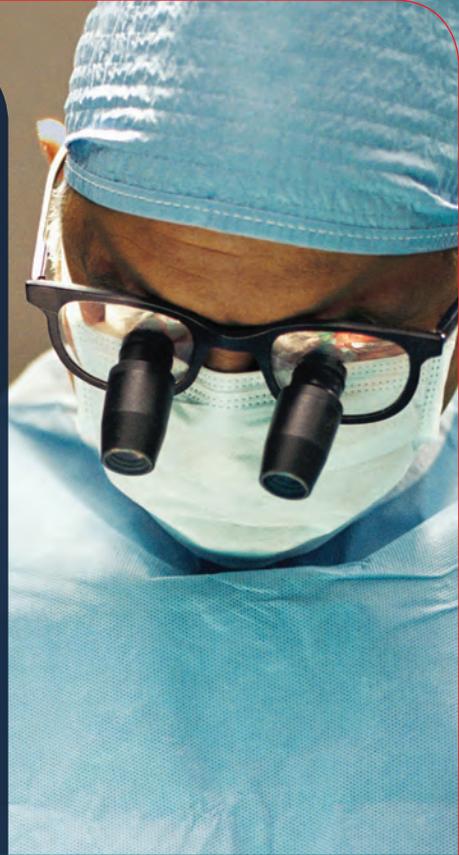
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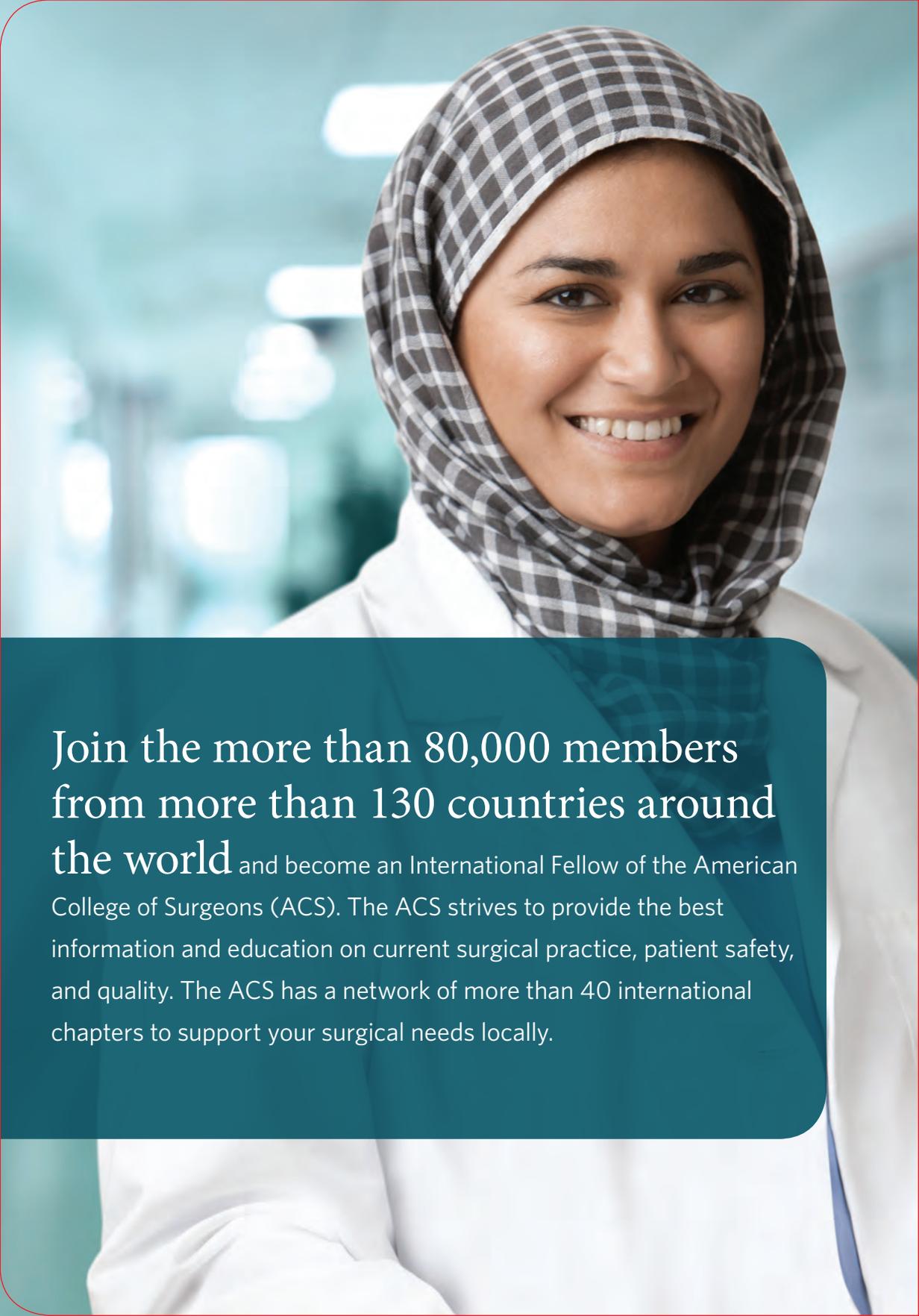


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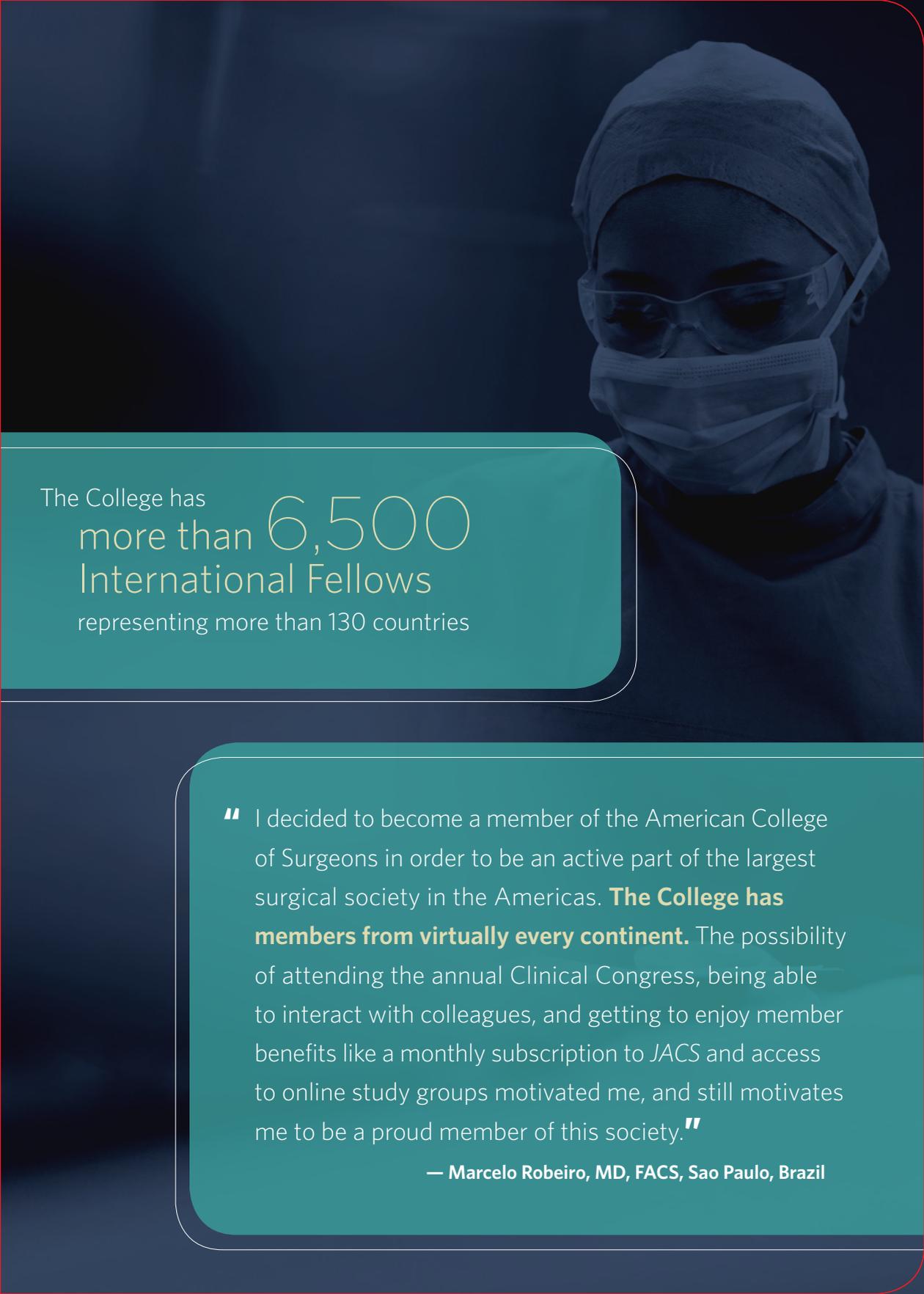
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Realize the potential
of your profession





Join the more than 80,000 members from more than 130 countries around the world and become an International Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). The ACS strives to provide the best information and education on current surgical practice, patient safety, and quality. The ACS has a network of more than 40 international chapters to support your surgical needs locally.



The College has
more than **6,500**
International Fellows
representing more than 130 countries

“ I decided to become a member of the American College of Surgeons in order to be an active part of the largest surgical society in the Americas. **The College has members from virtually every continent.** The possibility of attending the annual Clinical Congress, being able to interact with colleagues, and getting to enjoy member benefits like a monthly subscription to *JACS* and access to online study groups motivated me, and still motivates me to be a proud member of this society.”

— Marcelo Robeiro, MD, FACS, Sao Paulo, Brazil

There is strength
in numbers.



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.

Educational resources to support lifelong learning

ACS Clinical Congress. Enjoy a deep member registration discount for this meeting, which features hundreds of hours of educational sessions

CLINICAL CONGRESS

and activities. Attend Named Lectures, Panel Sessions, Video-Based Education Sessions, Scientific Forum Oral and e-Poster Presentations, and Town Hall Sessions. If you can't attend in person, you can purchase webcasts of most sessions at the member rate.

Academy of Master Surgeon Educators. The Academy advances the science and practice of education across all surgical specialties. ACS Fellows who are recognized as surgeon educators may apply for membership in this Academy through the defined application process.

Surgical Education and Self-Assessment Program (SESAP®). A premier educational resource for practicing surgeons to assess and maintain their clinical knowledge.

Multimedia Atlas of Surgery Volumes. Each volume includes a video, illustrations, and intraoperative photos to clarify specific points of each procedure.

Evidence-Based Decisions in Surgery. "Point of care" modules based on currently available practice guidelines. The modules help address diagnoses and conditions most relevant to general surgeons and are used for decision support, patient-focused interactions with other health care professionals, and patient education purposes.



E-Learning Resource Center. Browse the College's many online educational resources all in one place at facs.org/education/resources/elearning.

Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery. This 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. This 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. This 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. This in-person 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. This 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. These trauma courses help health care professionals develop the necessary skills for trauma care.



THE
COMMITTEE
ON **TRAUMA**

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ADVANCED TRAUMA LIFE SUPPORT

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FOR EXPOSURE IN TRAUMA

BEST[™]
BASIC ENDOVASCULAR
SKILLS FOR TRAUMA

Selected Readings in General Surgery (SRGS[®]). SRGS is the premier literature review in general surgery. It is an easy way to stay current with surgical literature and improve patient outcomes.

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

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

Apply for scholarships

INTERNATIONAL GUEST SCHOLARSHIPS

The ACS offers International Guest Scholarships to young surgeons from countries other than the U.S. or Canada with an opportunity to visit clinical, teaching, and research activities in North America and to attend and participate fully in the educational opportunities and activities of the ACS Clinical Congress.

COMMUNITY SURGEONS TRAVEL AWARDS

The ACS International Relations Committee travel awards are given to surgeons aged 30 to 50, and provide international surgeons with the opportunity to attend and participate fully in the educational activities of the ACS Clinical Congress.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR SURGICAL EDUCATION

These three international scholarships focus on surgical education and provide young faculty members from countries other than the U.S. and Canada with the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational opportunities for faculty development and enhancement that will result in acquisition of new knowledge and skills in surgical education and training.

INTERNATIONAL ACS NATIONAL SURGICAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The ACS NSQIP® scholarships are awarded to three surgeons from countries other than the U.S. or Canada who demonstrate strong interests in surgical quality improvement. The scholarship provides the scholar with the opportunity to attend the annual ACS Quality and Safety Conference and to visit several ACS NSQIP centers of excellence.

ACS/ASBrS INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to surgeons specifically working in breast cancer surgery in countries other than the U.S. and Canada to improve the quality of breast cancer surgical services. The scholarship provides the scholar with an opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the American Society of Breast Surgeons (ASBrS) and to visit the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) at the American College of Surgeons in Chicago, IL.

ACS/AAST INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

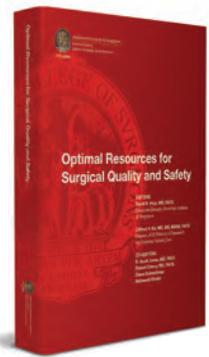
This scholarship is awarded to surgeons specifically working in acute care surgery, trauma, and emergency general surgery in countries other than the U.S. and Canada to improve the quality of acute care surgical services. The scholarship provides the scholar with an opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST) and to visit one or two Level I Trauma Centers and/or the Trauma Quality Improvement Program (TQIP®) at the American College of Surgeons in Chicago, IL.

Resources to support your patients and your practice

Patient Education Resources. The 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. Materials are available in multiple languages.

Ensuring quality

The **ACS Optimal Resources for Surgical Quality and Safety** manual outlines the 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. 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.

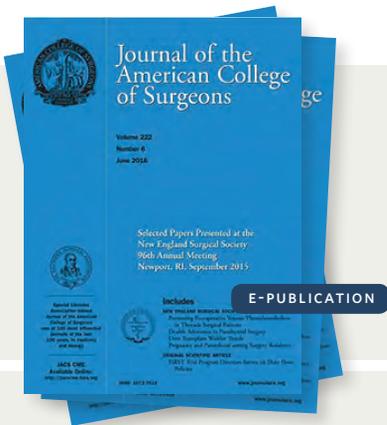


“ Being a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons means I am always up to date on surgical education and research. I am also well represented when it comes to advocating for policies that benefit all surgical specialties. And when I need to shine the spotlight on issues that affect female surgeons, I look to the College for guidance. ”

— Hiba Aziz, MBBCh, FACS, Doha, Qatar

Publications and news

Stay up to date on current research and news from the College and the surgical community through online access to multiple ACS publications.



JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

A monthly peer-reviewed journal publishing original contributions on all aspects of surgery.

BULLETIN OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

The monthly member magazine featuring news, information, and events from the College.



ACS NEWSSCOPE

A weekly e-newsletter distributed by the College.

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Opportunities for engagement

Join your local ACS Chapter. Chapters work in conjunction with the College to provide outstanding local networking and educational opportunities, along with professional development resources through chapter and regional meetings.

Access the ACS Communities. The members-only International online community allows surgeons from around the world to connect, engage, and share information and experiences in real time, and to exchange resources and build professional relationships.

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

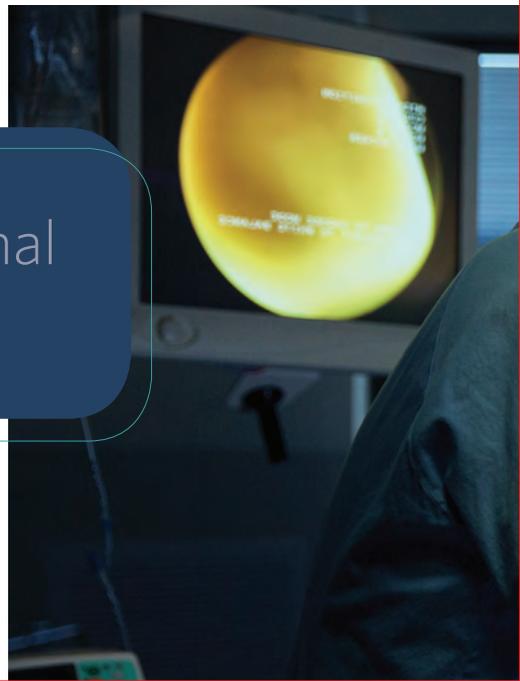
Volunteer with Operation Giving Back. Consider participating in a surgical volunteer opportunity.

Network with surgeon leaders. The annual Clinical Congress, Leadership & Advocacy Summit, Quality and Safety Conference, and ACS Chapter meetings offer Fellows the opportunity to build strong professional relationships with College leaders and colleagues.

Stay connected to the ACS.



there are
45 ACS International
Chapters
to support you locally



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:

- Apply for scholarships
- Join the online YFA community to connect with your peers
- Participate in networking opportunities
- Attend YFA Clinical Congress programming or serve as a moderator or panelist for a YFA sponsored session
- 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
- Learn about YFA and ACS activities through the YFA e-newsletter



Become a member and realize the potential of your profession

The College's top priority is providing value for its members. In addition to the distinction of the FACS designation, International Fellows enjoy more than \$500 in annual savings on the primary benefits of membership.

WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY:

- Confirmation that you have completed a minimum of three years of practice since completion of all formal training
- Documentation of your medical education, completion of surgical training/residency, and any training beyond residency
- Documentation of your medical license and board certification in your country
- A current appointment on the surgical staff of a hospital
- The names of three Fellows of the ACS who can serve as references for you (from anywhere in the world)
- A current curriculum vitae (CV)

ONCE YOU APPLY:

- The Fellowship application process can take **12 to 18 months**.
- You will be required to participate in a local interview with your peers.



TO APPLY, VISIT

facs.org/member-services/join/international

WHAT DOES IT COST TO BE A MEMBER?

The application fee is **FREE** for Associate Fellows applying to become a Fellow.

Visit the web page above for current information on dues and application fees.

For additional information, e-mail us at ms@facs.org or visit facs.org.

With more than 80,000 members, the American College of Surgeons 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 founding in 1913, has been at the forefront of providing quality care for surgical patients and supporting surgeons wherever they practice.

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