

BUILDING A STRONGER ACOS





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ACOS IS

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OUR CORE PURPOSE

Excellence in osteopathic surgical care.

Our Mission

The ACOS is committed to promoting excellence in osteopathic surgical care through education, advocacy, leadership development, and the fostering of professional and personal relationships.

Our Vision

To be the primary organizational home for all osteopathic surgeons while providing valuable resources, education, and uniting a strong community base that helps our members deliver the highest quality care to their patients.

Our Core Values

HONESTY AND INTEGRITY

Demonstrated by honesty, professionalism, and transparency in communication and actions.

ADAPTATION

Demonstrated by visionary, inspiring, and realistic leadership; responsive to an ever-evolving environment.

SURGICAL EXCELLENCE

Demonstrated by an enduring commitment to promote and support the highest quality osteopathic and compassionate surgical care.

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Board of Governors



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Resident Member

Daniel Edwards, D.O.



Dear Colleagues,

The past year has been an incredibly productive year for our College, and we should be proud. We were focused on enhancing the value of ACOS membership for **all** members, from those who are new to ACOS to those who have been members of the College for over 40 years. We continued to support and introduce programs that benefit members across the career continuum, focusing on specific initiatives for students, residents, early career surgeons, and those who were eyeing retirement.

It was our mission in 2019 to introduce substantive, tangible benefits to our members and to continue to build member engagement. We continued that work by:

- **Launching four open-access online journals** for the General Surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery, and Urological Surgery disciplines.
- **Establishing an online CME tracking system** with the introduction of the ACOS ELearning Portal. In addition, members and non-members can also access and take courses housed in the ACOS ELearning Portal.
- **Enhancing our “Find a Surgeon” search bar by adding Board Certification**, allowing anyone who visits the ACOS website to find AOA Board Certification for all applicable ACOS members.
- **Partnering with BenefitHub to offer discounts to ACOS members on a wide range of products and services**, including apparel and accessories, car rentals, food, electronics, entertainment, flowers and gifts.
- **Launching a new community platform**, which will enable our members to communicate with each other, facilitate the work of our committees and forums, and expand the network of our members.
- **Creating the ACOS-PAC** — as we believe that Surgeons’ voices are heard only through Surgery Advocacy. This will be an important project in the future, and we ask for your support — both financially and through involvement.

As osteopathic surgeons, we chose the path of osteopathic medicine because we understood that the whole person approach to healthcare is, by far, the most beneficial for all patients. We provide a level of care and understanding that is uniquely positioned to offer a more comprehensive approach to delivering optimal care to our communities.

In 2020 we will continue to seek ways to favorably position ACOS as the best home for **EVERY** osteopathic surgeon. The move to the single accreditation system changed the face of osteopathic training forever. The ACOS is prepared to address that change by defining and reinforcing our value proposition and capitalizing on the unique association that we are. We continue to promote the advancement of the Osteopathic profession through integrated relationships with our sister colleges and we will continue to develop and advance a positive future for osteopathic surgery.

Join me in making a renewed commitment to our College, continuing the rich history of excellence in the education and practice of osteopathic surgery.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Armstrong'.

Larry Armstrong, D.O., FACOS, FACS

President

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Award Winners



ACOS Award Winners

The Charles L. Ballinger Distinguished Osteopathic Surgeon Award

Daniel J. Waters, D.O.,
FACOS, FACS

The Humanitarian Award

Mary K. Boggs, D.O.,
FACOS, FACS

The Orel F. Martin Medal

James H. McQuiston,
D.O., FACOS

The Guy D. Beaumont, Jr., FACOS Award

Norman Rose, D.O.,
FACOS

Resident Achievement Award Winners

Daniel Carl Edwards, D.O.

Urological Surgery
Hahnemann University Hospital

Alireza Daneshpajouh, D.O.

General Surgery
Larkin Community Hospital

Jillian Ann Ploof, D.O.

Neurological Surgery
*Philadelphia College of Osteopathic
Medicine*

Ching Man Carmen Tong, D.O.

Urological Surgery
Einstein Healthcare Network

Tran Tu Huynh, D.O.

General Surgery
St. Johns Episcopal Hospital

Kevin Paul Brown, D.O.

Urological Surgery
Charleston Area Medical Center

Robert C. Erwin Literary Awards

First Place

Simon A. Holoubek, D.O.

General Surgery
*Aggressive variants of papillary thyroid microcarcinoma
are associated with high-risk features, but not decreased
survival*

Third Place

Sean P. Martin, D.O.

General Surgery
*PKM2 inhibition overcomes therapeutic
resistance to transarterial chemoembolization in
hepatocellular carcinoma.*

Fourth Place

(Two fourth place awards were given in 2019)

Margo Carlin, D.O.

General Surgery
*Money Well Spent? A Cost and Utilization Analysis of
Prophylactic Inferior Vena Cava Filter Placement in High
Risk Trauma Patients.*

Second Place

Jason A. Levy, D.O.

Urological Surgery
*Male-to-Female Gender Reassignment Surgery: An
Institutional Analysis of Outcomes, Short- Term
Complications, and Risk Factors for 240 Patients
Undergoing Penile-Inversion Vaginoplasty*

Matthew A. Rohloff, D.O.

Urological Surgery
*Which Objective Parameters are Associated with a
Positive Urine Culture in the Setting of Ureteral Calculi:
The Ureteral Calculi Urinary Culture (UCUC) Calculator.*

Award Winners



2019 ACOS Poster Session Award Winners

Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Discipline

First Place Poster

Victoria Konovalova, D.O.

Successful Hybrid Treatment of Dysphagia Lusoria with Bypass and Endoluminal Occlusion

Second Place Poster

Gary Aghazarian, D.O.

A Young Male Patient with Non-Simultaneous Spontaneous Pneumothoraces Within Twenty-Four Hours: A Case Report on Management and Surgical Treatment of a Rare Condition

First Place Podium

Ahmed Ghamraoui, D.O.

Outcomes and Strategy of Tailored Antiplatelet Therapy with Ticagrelor in Patients Undergoing Transcatheter Artery Revascularization (TCAR)

Second Place Podium

Michael Iannamorelli, D.O.

Implementation of Vascular Surgical Site Infection Prevention Program (V-SSIPP) in a Community Hospital Setting

General Surgery Discipline

First Place Poster

Peter Habib, D.O.

Breast Implant Illness: A Case series and Prospective Study

First Place Podium

Sarah Pergande, D.O.

A Comparison of Suture Tensile Strength After Exposure to Vashe®, Normal Saline, and Dakin's® Solution

Second Place Poster and Podium

Student Doctor Tyler Menzies

A Meta-Analytic Review of the Relationship Between Video Games and Laparoscopic Surgical Performance

Honorable Mention

Student Doctor Christopher Brazell
Surgery in Extreme Environments

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Discipline

First Place Poster and Podium

Greg Hobson, D.O.

From Presentation to Decannulation: Establishing a Comprehensive Treatment and Reconstructive Algorithm for Self-Inflicted Gunshot Wounds

Second Place Poster

Greg Hobson, D.O.

A Simplified Algorithm for the Management of Intranasal Lining Defects Following Malignancy Extirpation

Urological Surgery Discipline

First Place Poster

Matthew Rohloff, D.O.

The Ureteral Calculi Urinary Culture (UCUC) Calculator: A Prospective Internal Validation Study

Second Place Poster

Gregory Peifer, D.O.

Which Objective Emergency Department Parameters Lead to Expedited Intervention of Patients With Acute Urinary Tract Calculi

First Place Podium

James Kelley, D.O.

Opioid Prescribing Practices Among Urology Residents in the United States

Second Place Podium

Daniel Edwards, D.O.

Prolonged Androgen Deprivation Therapy-Free and Metastasis-Free Survival after Induction Androgen Deprivation Therapy for Radical Prostatectomy Recurrent Prostate Cancer: An Institutional Analysis

Award Winners



2019 Presidential Citation Award Recipients

Jamie Moenster, D.O., FACOS

The 2018-2019 General Surgery In-Depth Review Committee

Nelyada Fonte, D.O., FACOS, FACS
Chairman & Board Liaison

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Annika C. Storey, D.O.

Dominic Storto, D.O., FACOS

Jennifer E. Susoreny-Velgos, D.O.

College Service Award Winners



**2019-2020 ACOS Outstanding Service
Award - Committee Member**

Joseph A. Blaser, D.O., FACOS



**2019-2020 ACOS Outstanding Service
Award - Lecturer**

Roy R. Danks, D.O., FACOS



**2019-2020 ACOS Outstanding Service
Award - Mentor**

Leonardo A. Geraci, D.O., FACOS

Committees



ACA Scientific Exhibits and Poster Sessions

CHAIR

Rafael Eduardo Villalobos, D.O., FACOS

Responsible for reviewing and judging poster abstracts for the Annual Clinical Assembly.

Awards

CHAIR

Lane Mark Lee, D.O., FACOS

Responsible for reviewing award nominations and selecting winners.

Bylaws

CHAIR

Jeffrey Lance Jacobs, D.O., FACOS

Responsible for ensuring ACOS and SOSA Bylaws are upheld and examining recommendations for modifications.

Ceremonial

CHAIR

Scott W. Grover, D.O., FACOS

Responsible for developing the Ceremonial Conclave program held at the Annual Clinical Assembly to recognize new members, award recipients, and other member recognitions.

Continuing Education

CHAIR

Valerie L. Sheridan, D.O., FACOS, FACS

Responsible for overseeing and developing themes, identifying needs, and ensuring the progression of all ACOS educational programs.

Ethics

CHAIR

Todd A. Nickloes, D.O., MBA, FACOS, FACS

Responsible for reviewing, updating and interpreting the AOA Code of Ethics, and investigating all complaints regarding unethical member conduct.

General Surgery In-depth Review Program

CHAIR

Nelayda Fonte, D.O., FACOS

Responsible for selecting program chairs for the meeting and assisting in program implementation and developing program materials.

General Surgery In-Service Examination

COCHAIR

Michael A. Burchett, D.O., FACOS

COCHAIR

Daniel Wu, D.O., FACOS, FACS

Responsible for developing the General Surgery In-Service Examination and evaluating the results.

Government Affairs

CHAIR

James E. Johnson, D.O., FACOS

Responsible for educating members on important regulatory and legislative matters, developing policy statements, and forming alliances with appropriate affiliate organizations.

Membership

CHAIR

Sharon A. Rooney-Gandy, D.O., FACOS

Responsible for approving memberships, reviewing and approving fellow applications, and establishing and implementing membership rules and criteria.

Quality Initiatives

CHAIR

John W. Royalty, D.O., FACOS

Responsible for providing informational resources and addressing concerns regarding quality initiatives, developing outcome measures and recommendations, policy statements, and liaising with CMS.

Residency Evaluation and Standards

CHAIR

Mandip S. Atwal, D.O. FACOS

Review standards and policies, update discipline model criteria, review and approval of resident annual and training program reports and ensure successful transition of all osteopathic surgical programs from AOA to ACGME accreditation.

Strategic Planning Committee

CHAIR

Laurence H. Belkoff, D.O., FACOS

Working in conjunction with the Board of Governors, systematically review the ACOS's desired future and translate the vision of the board into achievable goals and objectives. Regularly review the existing strategic plan and make necessary adjustments. Periodically conduct research to guide the long-term strategy of the ACOS.



The ACOS member participation in the AOA D.O. Day on the Hill, on March 5, 2019, showed the importance of the surgeon advocate to the AOA and Members of Congress. Members from the Government Affairs Committee attended D.O. Day following the committee meeting. Participating members included Past President and Committee Chair James Johnson, D.O., FACOS, David Wright, III, D.O., FACOS, Joseph Haydu, D.O., FACOS, Amanda Baright, D.O., FACOS, and David Dellinger, D.O., FACOS. ACOS Past President Ray Morrison, D.O., FACOS attended in his role of Speaker of the AOA House of Delegates. The ACOS delegation was present to advocate for the continuation of funding Teaching Health Centers Graduate Medical Education (THCGME).

Four members represented the College at the Alliance of Specialty Medicine's Congressional Fly-In July 15, 2019 through July 17, 2019. Peter Baik, D.O., FACOS,

Joseph Haydu, Jr., D.O., FACOS, Robert Rappel, D.O., J.D., FACOS and Farnaz Haji, D.O. visited the Hill to advocate for multiple issues including: prior authorization reform, surprise billing reform, medical liability reform, measures to address physician workforce shortage, graduate medical education, and keeping the Medicare payment systems stable for the foreseeable future.

The Advocacy Department met with over 12 Members of Congress and Senators over the course of 2019, introducing them to the College and its members. The ACOS authored and joined numerous comment letters to Congress and the Administration.

The ACOS launched the ACOS-PAC, the only Political Action Committee representing the osteopathic surgeon. The ACOS-PAC officially launched at the 2019 Annual Clinical Assembly in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Meetings in Review



General Surgery In-depth Review Seminar

April 10-13, 2019 | Des Moines, IA

PROGRAM CHAIRS

Marc A. Campbell, D.O., FACOS

Benjamin A. Raymond, D.O.

2019 brought a record number of attendees to the ACOS General Surgery In-depth Review in Des Moines, Iowa. Based on participant feedback, this program continues to be an excellent supplemental tool for general surgery board certification.

ACOS Urological Surgery Mid-Year Meeting

May 4, 2019 | Chicago, IL

CO-CHAIRS

Julie A. Brownell, D.O., FACOS

Kirin K. Syed, D.O., FACOS

ACOS again hosted the 2019 Urological Surgery Discipline's Mid-Year Meeting in conjunction with the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Urological Association.

2019 Annual Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Surgeons

October 19-23, 2019 | Colorado Springs, CO

The 2019 Annual Clinical Assembly was held at the Broadmoor Resort in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This year's ACA started with a keynote from **Dr. Yvonne Cagle**, surgeon and astronaut with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Dr. Cagle shared her unique experiences as a physician who has had the extraordinary experience of space exploration. All attendees were moved and inspired by the incredible story of survival from the second keynote from best selling author **Amanda Lindhout**, a journalist who was kidnapped by Islamist insurgents in southern Somalia and held in captivity for 15 months.

Upcoming Annual Clinical Assembly Dates

2020

Oct. 10 - 14

San Diego, California

2021

Sep. 29 – Oct. 3

Orlando, Florida

2022

Sep. 14 - 18

Austin, Texas

2023

Sep. 20 - 24

Chicago, Illinois



2019 ACA – Continuing Education Committee

Chairman

Valerie L. Sheridan, D.O., FACOS, FACS

Members

Joseph T. Costic, D.O., FACOS

Anthony G. Fabaz, D.O., FACOS

Warren Albrecht, D.O.

David L. Acuna, D.O., FACOS

Kristen J. Conrad-Schnetz, D.O., FACOS

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Dan E. Miulli, D.O., FACOS

AOCPr Member

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Benjamin Lam, D.O., FACOS

Michael Consolo, D.O.

Jamie L. DiPietro, D.O.

Lynne McCormick, D.O.

Jayram Krishnan, D.O., MBA

On January 12th, the 2019 General Surgery In-Service Examination was administered electronically to 440 examinees at 39 training sites across the country. In 2019 we received the highest scores in exam history. This exam created by the General Surgery In-Service Exam Committee successful indicates a resident's knowledge based upon the four-year general surgery residency curriculum.

The ACOS continues to support programs and residents during the transition to Single Accreditation. Congratulations to the following programs for receiving initial accreditation with Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME):

General Surgery

Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills • Beaumont Hospital-Trenton • Berkshire Medical Center • Cape Fear Valley Medical Center • Community Memorial Health System • Doctors Hospital – EastEnd Health Alliance – Franciscan Health Olympia Fields • Geisinger Wyoming Valley • Genesys Hospital • Grandview Hosp & Med Ctr • Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center – Hackensack UMC Palisades – Henry Ford Allegiance Health • Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals – Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital – Honor Health - Inspira Health Network – Jefferson Health/Our Lady of Lourdes • Larkin Community Hospital • Largo Medical Center – McLaren General Surgery Consortium • McLaren Greater Lansing • Medical City Fort Worth – MediSys Health Network - Mercy Hospital Medical Center • Mercy St. Vincent Medical Center – Metro Health- University of Michigan – Mountain Vista Medical Center – NYU Hospital Center – Oklahoma state University Medical Center – Orange Regional Medical Center – Philadelphia College Osteopathic Med • Pinnacle Community Osteopathic Hosp • Sinai Grace Hospital • Sky Ridge Medical Center • South Pointe Hosp • St Anthony Hospital – St. Barnabas Hospital • St. Johns Episcopal Hospital – St John Providence Health System-Osteo Div • St Joseph's Hospital & Med Ctr • St Mary's Hospital of Blue Springs • Swedish Medical Center • UPMC Horizon – Western Reserve Hospital • Wyckoff Heights Medical Center

Neurological Surgery

Carilion Clinic • Philadelphia College Osteopathic Med • Riverside University Health System MC • St John Providence Health System-Osteo Div

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills • Philadelphia College Osteopathic Med • South Pointe Hospital • St Joseph's Hospital & Med Ctr

Urological Surgery

Albert Einstein Med Ctr • Charleston Area Med Ctr • Detroit Metro Urological Surg Consortium • DMC Osteo Division • Hahnemann University Hospital • John H. Stroger Hosp Cook County • Metro Health-University of Michigan • Sparrow Hospital • St John Providence Health System-Osteo Div • Critical Care Surgery • Philadelphia College Osteopathic Med-Reading • St Joseph's Hospital & Med Ctr • Reading Hospital and Med Ctr

General Vascular Surgery

Deborah Heart & Lung Center • NYU Langone Hospitals • Sisters of Charity Hospital

Surgical Critical Care

Philadelphia College Osteopathic Medical Center - Reading • Reading Hospital and Medical Center • St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center



The 2018-2019 Resident Section Officers focused their attention on outreach and creating a community among the resident members of ACOS. A quarterly newsletter was established and starting January 2019, distributed to resident members. The officers also created a twitter page, @ACOSResidents and was used to share real time updates.

The Annual Resident Section Business Meeting was held in conjunction with the Annual Clinical Assembly in Colorado Springs, CO. Daniel Edwards, D.O., 18-19 Chair of the Resident Section facilitated the meeting. More than 50 resident, fellows, and student doctors were in attendance. During the meeting attendees were informed of current ACOS business, discussed emerging issues, were visited by guest speakers from AOBs, the RESC, and the IDR Committee as well as participated in the election of the ACOS 2019-2020 Resident Section Officers.



2019 – 2020 Resident Section Governing Council

Chair

Faraz Haji, D.O., OGME-4

Larkin Community Hospital

Dr. Haji will serve as Resident Representative to the ACOS Board of Governors for 2019-2020.

Chair-Elect

Christina Colosimo, D.O., OGME-3

Sky Ridge Medical Center

Member-at-Large

Rachel E. Kaczynski, D.O., OGME-4

St. John's Episcopal Hospital

Dr. Kaczynski will serve as the resident representative to the Residency Evaluation and Standards Committee.

Research Ambassador

Paulette Cutruzzula Dreher, D.O., OGME-2 (URO)

Hahneman University Hospital

Secretary/Treasurer

Christina Colosimo, D.O., OGME-3 (GS)

Sky Ridge Medical Center



Student Osteopathic Surgical Association (SOSA)

SOSA hosted another successful Spring Conference in 2019. Over 150 students attended the conference at Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine, March 30-31, where inspiring lectures were offered, hands-on workshops were given, and where there were many opportunities for networking.

At SOSA's 2019 Fall Conference in Colorado Springs, over 140 SOSA members from around the nation came together to learn about the different surgical specialties, master surgical skills, and network with residents, surgeons, and program directors. At this same meeting, about 70 ACOS member mentors participated in a speed mentoring session with the students.

National SOSA Officers

Chair

Jordan Best

Vice Chair

Tim Chapuis

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Secretary

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Matt Heard

Convention Coordinator

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Matt Jacobson

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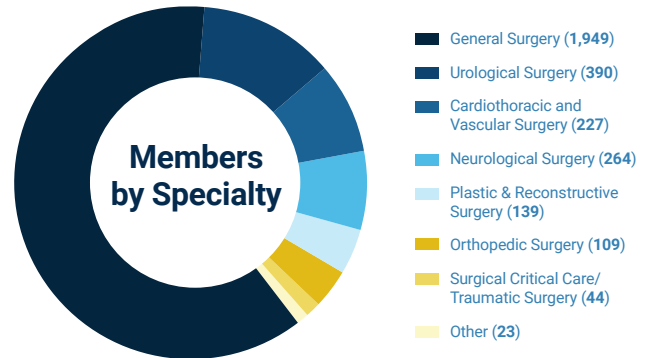
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Membership

Statistics as of December 31, 2019

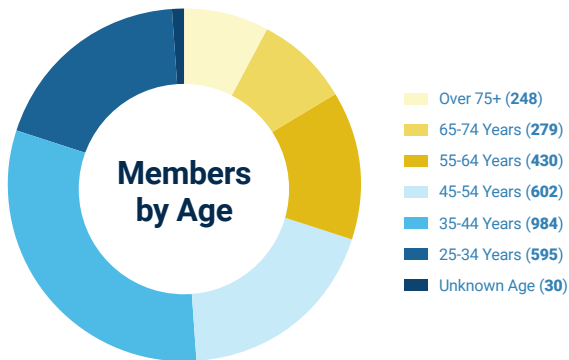
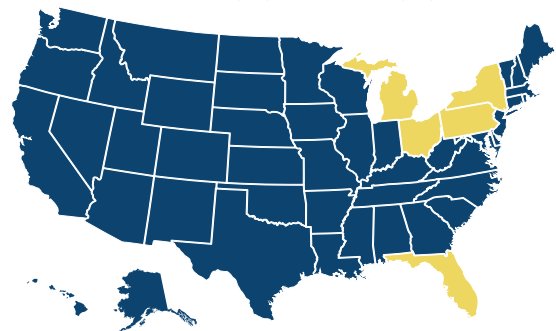
Membership

We celebrated the largest class of new Fellows in College history, this year! Ninety-two members earned the prestigious designation, Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeon (FACOS), by demonstrating their commitment to the practice of surgery, surgical teaching, authorship of professional papers, and participation in local, state, and national organizations.



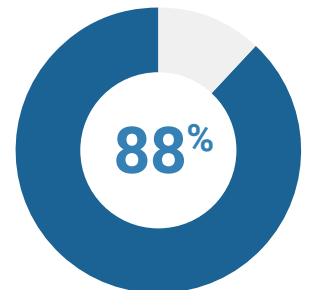
Top 5 States for ACOS Members

1. Michigan (482)
2. Pennsylvania (301)
3. Florida (252)
4. Ohio (225)
5. New York (174)



General Surgery Mentoring Workshop

During the 2019 Annual conference in Colorado Spring, surgeons motivated to become mentors and those seeking mentoring, participated in an interactive lecture and speed mentoring workshop designed to develop skills useful in both personal and professional life.



Member Retention Rate

ACOS by the Numbers

1,783

ACTIVE MEMBERS

3,635

STUDENT MEMBERS

653

RESIDENT MEMBERS

321

LIFE MEMBERS

387

RETIRED MEMBERS

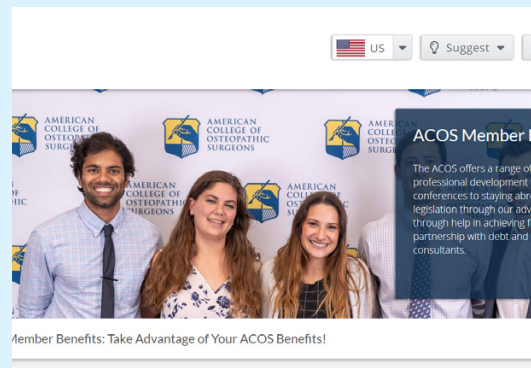
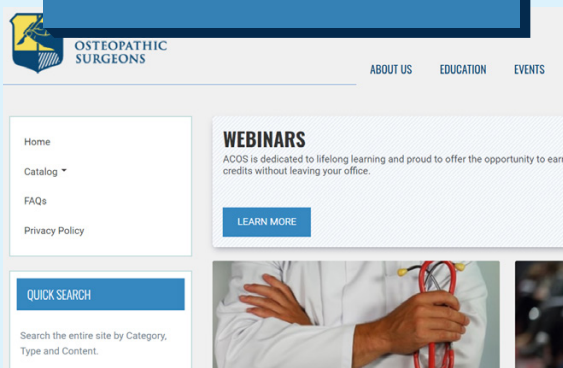
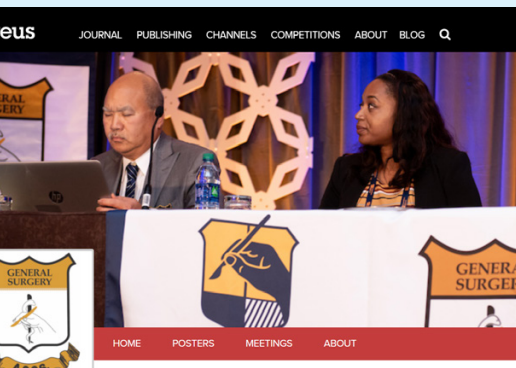
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OTHER MEMBERS

6,803

TOTAL MEMBERS*

Highlight Reel



In 2019, ACOS introduced multiple benefits, critical to enhancing the benefits of ACOS membership:

ACOS Journals

This year the ACOS launched four open-access online journals that consist of the following titles: Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery, General Surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, and Urological Surgery. This is an excellent opportunity for members to view and submit original research as well as contribute their expertise as a reviewer. The ACOS has partnered with Cureus to provide a peer-reviewed, online platform to host each of our journal channels and we look forward receiving and publishing your submissions.

Board Certification Search

Last summer we delivered on a promise to provide a search feature on the ACOS website that enables our members, their patients and other stakeholders to search for ACOS members' AOA Board certification. With this new feature, surgeon board certification can be searched directly from the ACOS homepage.

E-Learning Portal and On-Demand Learning

Also introduced last year was the ability to track earned CME credits in the new ACOS ELearning Portal. ACOS will track all earned ACOS CME credits and members may upload certificates from external programs to track all earned credits in one place.

In addition to CME Tracking, ACOS members – and non-members, may earn CME credits through the new ACOS ELearning Portal, which houses On-Demand courses across a range of topics for all surgeons as well as content for specific surgical disciplines.

ACOS Member Benefits Marketplace

Understanding that balance is important to the busy and intense life of a surgeon, we were pleased to introduce the ACOS Member Benefits Marketplace last year. This new benefit offers discounts to ACOS members on a vast array of products and services, from health and fitness to discounts on hotels and car rentals. This benefit

offered numerous deals during peak holiday shopping.

ACOS Member Community

To facilitate connection, discussion and College news, ACOS debuted the ACOS Online Member Community. This community gives members the opportunity to start and/or participate in discussions with members in their discipline, their peers, mentors, colleagues and others. The community provides a private forum for discussion and exchange of ideas and virtual networking.

ACOS-PAC

A PAC was launched during the Annual Clinical Assembly. The mission of the PAC is to support candidates for federal office who support osteopathic surgeons and their patients.

Doctors Without Quarters

Last year ACOS partnered with Doctors Without Quarters to offer discounted rates on financial advice and guidance to those who wish to refinance their student loans.



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC SURGEONS



Since 1927, ACOS has been working to ensure delivery of the highest quality patient care through rigorous graduate medical education standards and continuing medical education. By giving osteopathic surgeons a respected voice in the greater medical community and in our nation's capital, ACOS advances crucial healthcare issues. ACOS is the professional home for all osteopathic surgeons and those who embrace the osteopathic philosophy of patient-centered care.

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