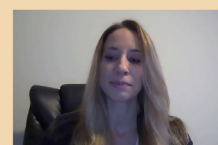


SUPPORTING THE OSTEOPATHIC SURGICAL COMMUNITY



De-Escalation of Therapy in Breast Cancer Treatment

Lauren Kopicky, DO, FACOS, FACS
Breast Surgeon
Parkview Cancer Institute

A photograph of three surgeons in an operating room. They are wearing blue scrubs, blue surgical masks, and blue bouffant caps. The surgeon on the left is a Black man, the one in the center is a woman, and the one on the right is a white man. They are all looking down at a patient. Large surgical lights are visible in the background.

2021 IN REVIEW

YEAR 2 OF THE VIRUS

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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.



2021 IN REVIEW

INTRODUCTION OF THE VACCINE

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If 2020 was unlike any year we've experienced in our lifetime, 2021, year 2 of the COVID-19 pandemic was shaped by the learning, quick ability to adapt, and, thanks to the delivery of a much-needed vaccine, move forward in anticipation of a normal we'd come to miss.

The staff worked diligently with our committee volunteers, delivering a second virtual round of our major conferences: the General Surgery In-depth Review, Urological Surgery Mid-Year Meeting, and the Annual Clinical Assembly.

Major 2021 accomplishments included:

ACCME Accreditation: The American College of Osteopathic Surgeons was reviewed by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME®) and awarded provisional accreditation status as a provider of continuing medical education (CME) for physicians.

The College completed a rigorous process that demonstrated the quality of material and delivery of up-to-date medical education content offered through in-person, virtual and on-demand lectures and courses. The American College of Osteopathic Surgeons successfully met the requirements needed to achieve provisional accreditation status.

Accreditation in the ACCME System seeks to assure the medical community and the public that the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons delivers education that is relevant to clinicians' needs, evidence-based, evaluated for its effectiveness, and independent of commercial influence. As a result, ACOS is now able to offer AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.

ACOS Medical Student Section (ACOS-MSS): The ACOS-MSS continues to be a shining star within the College. Their high level of engagement with students, and their desire to continue the osteopathic tradition in their approach to medicine are positive signs the College will be celebrating many more years past the age of 95. The 2021 ACOS-MSS Spring Conference attracted a record number of participants, up 40% from an already record high turnout in 2020.

ACOS Journal: The ACOS Journal channels are experiencing a steady growth in submissions across all surgical channels, with the highest level of activity in the Neurological and General Surgery channels. Please encourage your students, residents, Program Directors, and peers to take advantage of this ACOS member benefit. All articles are PubMed indexed and publishing your submission via the ACOS journal channels is FREE of charge to members.



Christopher A. Reeder,
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President
American College of
Osteopathic Surgeons

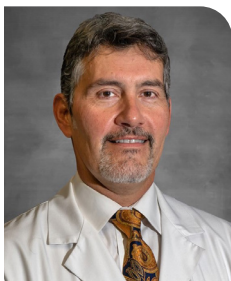
We started the year with the realization that the pandemic was not yet over and that we would need to continue working in a hybrid environment. We did that. You did that. The College continued to deliver continuing medical education through the ACOS General Surgery In-depth Review and our signature conference, the Annual Clinical Assembly. Though not at typical attendance of 1200 to 1400 (including students), we were pleased to welcome over 1000 members, residents, and students to the 2021 Virtual Annual Clinical Assembly.

Next year, we will have the most aggressive agenda in our 95-year history. I am counting on all members to continue your membership, participation, service, volunteerism, and pride and commitment to our osteopathic surgical community.

Thank you for all that you have done over the past two years to ensure that the College remained an active and productive home for our student doctors, residents, early career, and long-time members. It is only because of you, that our virtual offerings were successful. I look forward to celebrating your resilience, contributions and our 95-year anniversary, in person at the 2022 Annual Clinical Assembly. See you September 14 through September 18 in Austin, Texas!

Award Winners

ACOS Award Winners



Humanitarian Award:
Bradley D. Carman,
D.O., FACOS



**Charles L. Ballinger Distinguished
Osteopathic Surgeon Award:**
Albert H. Olivencia-Yurvati,
D.O., Ph.D., FACOS, FICS, FAHA



**Guy D. Beaumont, Jr., FACOS Award of
Academic Excellence:**
Robert R. Brightwell, D.O.,
FACOS, FSVM, RPVI



Orel F. Martin Medal:
Constance P. Cashen, D.O.,
FACOS, FACS

Resident Achievement Award Winners

Christina Colosimo, D.O.

Bariatric/General Surgery
Program Director: Dr. John Weaver
HCA Sky Ridge Medical Center

Charles “Trey” Harper, D.O.

General Surgery
Program Director: Christie M. Brock, D.O., M.B.A, FACOS
KCU – St. Mary’s Blue Springs MO General
Surgery Residency

Sydni Jones Imel, D.O.

General Surgery
Program Director: Constance P. Cashen, D.O.,
FACOS, FACS
Mercy Health – St. Vincent Medical Center

Robert C. Erwin Literary Awards

1st Place

Aimee LaRicca, D.O.

General Surgery
*A Novel Device with Improved Outcomes
for Tube Thoracostomy*

2nd Place

Rebecca Houston, D.O.

Neurological Surgery
*The Financial and Radiation Burden of Early
Reimaging in Neurosurgical Patients:
An Original Study and Systematic Review*

3rd Place

Paulette Dreher, D.O.

Urological Surgery
*Socio-environmental conditions associated with
geospatial clusters of urothelial carcinoma: A multi-
institutional analysis*

4th Place

Karin Gunther, D.O.

General Surgery
*Osteopathic Manipulative Therapy as an Adjunct to
Postoperative Pain Control for Laparoscopic Gastric
Bypass Patients: A Single Institution
Retrospective Study*

5th Place

Abhiram Kondajji, D.O.

General Surgery
*Gastroparesis with Concomitant Gastrointestinal
Dysmotility is not a Contraindication for Per-oral
Pyloromyotomy (POP)*

Award Winners

2021 Presidential Citation Award Recipients



Nelayda Fonte,
D.O., DFACOS

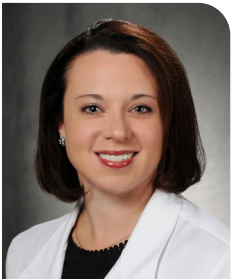


James E. Johnson,
D.O., FACOS



Valerie L. Sheridan,
D.O., DFACOS

College Service Award Winners



**2020-2021 ACOS Outstanding
Service Award - Committee
Member:**
Annika C. Storey,
D.O., FACOS



**2020-2021 ACOS Outstanding
Service Award - Lecturer:**
Joel E. Abbott,
D.O., FACOS



**2020-2021 ACOS Outstanding
Service Award - Mentor:**
Janet M. Krettek,
D.O., FACOS



**2020-2021 ACOS Outstanding
Service Award - Recruiter:**
Kelly M. Van Fossen,
D.O., FACOS

ACA Scientific Exhibits and Poster Sessions

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

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CHAIR

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Larry Armstrong,
D.O., FACOS, FACS

CO-CHAIR

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

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CHAIR

Todd A. Nickloes,
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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,
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Responsible for selecting program chairs for the meeting and assisting in program implementation and developing program materials.

General Surgery In-Service Examination

CO-CHAIR

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CO-CHAIR

Daniel Wu, DO, FACOS, FACS

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

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Membership

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CHAIR

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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 strategic of the ACOS.



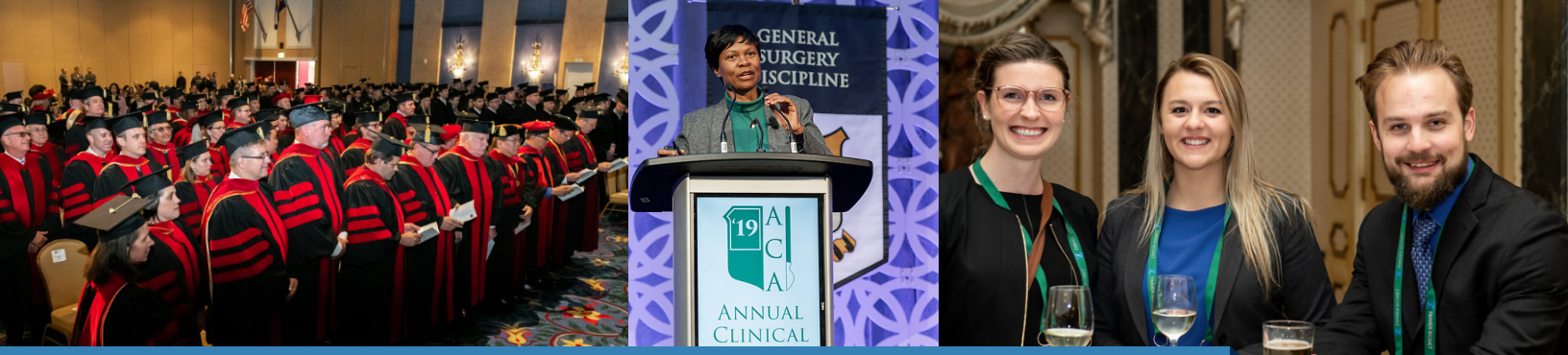
The priority in 2021 for the ACOS Healthcare Policy Team was preventing the continued cuts to physician reimbursement payments by CMS. These cuts would have committed reduced payments to providers and decreased access to care for patients. The ACOS continued its membership in the Surgical Care Coalition. These efforts paid off with legislation in the final days of 2021 to stop the cuts and ease future reductions. The ACOS continues advocating a fair permanent fix to the physician reimbursement payment debate.

Members represented the College at the Alliance of Specialty Medicine's Congressional Fly-Ins on June 17, 2021 and November 3, 2021 and advocated on issues regarding physician payment reform, COVID-19 response, prior authorization reforms, and graduate medical education. Members also represented the American Osteopathic Association's DO Day on March 7-8, 2021 and advocated on issues regarding



additional funding for Teaching Health Center GME, physician reimbursement, and the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act.

The Advocacy Department met with over 20 Members of Congress and Senators and their staffs over the course of the 2021, introducing them to the College and its members. The ACOS authored and signed on to multiple comment letters to Congress and the Administration.



2021 IN REVIEW

ANTICIPATING NORMALCY IN 2022





2021 Meetings in Review | 2021 ACOS Education - *at your fingertips*

With the COVID-19 pandemic still upon us in 2021, ACOS continued to keep the health and safety of members, staff, and the community at large in focus. To that end, this year's ACOS events were once again held digitally. Despite the challenges, the College remained committed to our mission of promoting excellence in osteopathic surgical care through education.

General Surgery In-depth Review **VIRTUAL Seminar** April 28 – May 2, 2021

PROGRAM CHAIRS:

Hania B. Bednarski, DO, FACOS
Annika C. Storey, DO, FACOS

In the spring, the ACOS was proud to offer a digital edition of our annual board review course, the General Surgery In-Depth Review Seminar (IDR). Broadcast via the ACOS eLearning Portal, the IDR is a comprehensive course for AOBS and ABMS board exam preparation. The Seminar also offered the established surgeon an opportunity to earn over 29.00 AOA Category 1-A CME credits.

The curriculum was developed by our 2021 IDR Program Co-chairs – Hania B. Bednarski, DO, FACOS, and Annika C. Storey, DO, FACOS, along with the support of the In-depth Review Committee. ACOS extends a special thanks to our Co-Chairs, and the IDR Committee, led by Nelayda Fonte, DO, FACOS, DFACOS, FICS, for their tireless efforts to produce this year's superb program.

Launched virtually on April 28 with new content introduced each day through May 2, the full program is currently available for purchase and on-demand viewing in the ACOS eLearning Portal.

Urological Surgery Discipline Mid-Year **VIRTUAL Meeting** September 11, 2021

Held annually, in-person, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Urological Association (AUA), the 2021 ACOS Urological Surgery Mid-Year Meeting was ultimately held virtually. Despite a rescheduling delay, moving this annual spring meeting to the fall, the AUA Board of Directors made the decision to take the AUA Annual Meeting fully online.

Despite the short window to convert this meeting, ACOS remained steadfast in its commitment to delivering Osteopathic Urological programming. Due to covid-related speaker cancellations, ACOS presented a reduced but impactful program virtually at the 2021 AUA Annual Meeting. We are proud to have continued this tradition.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Future Annual Clinical Assembly Dates

2022

Sep. 14 - 18
Austin, Texas

2023

Sep. 20 - 24
Chicago, Illinois

Annual Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Surgeons | A Virtual Assembly

Launched: November 2 – 5, 2021

Resilience: Strategically Mastering the Moment was the theme of the 2021 Annual Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACA) and the strength and resilience of our osteopathic community shone through. Despite plans to reunite in Orlando, Florida, after careful consideration of the health and safety conditions locally at the time, the ACOS Board of Governors made the difficult, but responsible, decision to cancel the in-person 2021 ACA and convert it to a virtual format. The dates were moved to early November.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Jim Morris, Jr.

Dream Makers

Jim Morris, Jr.'s life story made cinematic history in the classic Disney movie, *The Rookie*, starring Dennis Quaid. Jim recalls the life lessons passed

down to him by his grandfather and the lessons he learned from a small-town baseball team, who helped him pursue his life-long dream of becoming a major league baseball player. Jim pitched two seasons for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays reaching speeds up to 102mph and chose to retire to raise his children.

Mr. Morris will take the audience on an emotional ride, as he shares his journey of failures and successes while chasing his dreams and overcoming life's obstacles.



Renee Canady, PhD, MPA

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
in Healthcare

Following Dr. Canady's presentation to the Board of Governors in June, she was invited to present as a keynote speaker at the 2021 ACA.

Dr. Canady has been recognized as a national thought leader in the areas of health inequities and disparities,

cultural competence, and social justice. She has published and presented broadly on these topics and her passion for this work is evident in her personal, academic, and professional life. Dr. Canady has been highly influential in broadening the discussion of health equity and social justice while serving on numerous national boards, review panels, and advisory groups.



Debra Classen, MA

Theodore F. Classen Memorial
Lecture: The Art and Science
of Life and Death

Debra Classen, MA, has a fascination for recognizing beauty in all its forms, particularly as a means to evoke

hope and healing. She has discovered its power through her education in psychology and theology, her work as a therapist, her passion for art and writing and her work as the co-founder of a nonprofit.

Understanding that beauty is the primary standard for scientific truth, along with aesthetics as the means of bringing to light the sacred, was the foundation on which Debra and her late husband, and ACOS member, Dr. Roger Classen, founded their non-profit ministry, "The Mute Swan" in 2005.

Speaking to healthcare professionals, hospital chaplains, at retreats, and inside prisons, Mrs. Classen will share how the power of beauty's truth and simplicity is both scientific and divine in healing and finding hope and healing in life.

ACOS@OMED

For the first time, the ACOS was pleased to participate in the American Osteopathic Association's annual meeting, OMED21. This year's OMED conference was delivered virtually and offered registrants on-demand access to conference programming. ACOS contributed educational programming across all surgical specialties and including sessions on trauma surgery, geriatrics, and more.



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In January, over 100 residents from 11 General Surgery Programs sat for the 2021 ACOS General Surgery In-Service Examination. Created by the ACOS In-Service Exam Committee, led by Co-Chairs, Michael A. Burchett, D.O., FACOS, and Daniel Wu, D.O., FACOS, FACS, the exam is comprised of 300 multiple choice questions. This annual assessment is designed to evaluate the resident's level of knowledge relative to other residents at the same level of training, to identify a resident's area of weakness, and to track a resident's progress from year to year. Thank you to the members of the In-Service Exam Committee for their year-round work in the production of this important exam.

2020-2021 General Surgery In-Service Examination Committee

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Tanja L. Gunsberger, D.O., FACOS

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James K. Barger, D.O., FACOS

Staff Liaison

Stephanie Santini, CMP, DES

The Annual Resident Section Business Meeting was held on September 16. Christina Colosimo, D.O., 20-21 Chair of the Resident Section facilitated the meeting. The agenda included discussions about ACOS business, the IDR mock orals, oral boards, and collaboration with the student section. The newly elected 2021-2022 Resident Section Council was announced: Paulette Dreher, D.O., Chair, Nicholette Black, D.O., Chair-Elect, Kayla Brown, D.O., Secretary/Treasurer, David Mann, D.O., Chair of Academic Advancement & Engagement and Nicholas Kinder, D.O., Member-at-Large. Dr. Dreher shared her goals for the Resident Section for the upcoming year, which included increased presence in medical schools, Resident recruitment and engagement, and ACA advertisement and communication.



2020 – 2021 Resident Section Governing Council



Chair
Christine Colosimo,
D.O., OGME IV
Sky Ridge Medical Center



Member-at-Large
James Berry, D.O., OGME V
Riverside University Health System



Chair Elect
Paulette Dreher,
D.O., OGME IV
Main Line Health



Chair of Academic Advancement and Engagement
Javier Piraino, D.O., PGY-3
Main Line Health



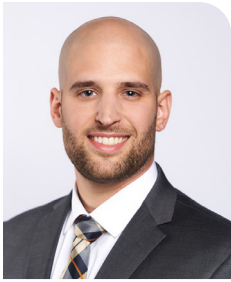
Secretary/Treasurer
Hillary M. Jackson,
D.O., PGY-2
Larkin Community Hospital

ACOS Medical Student Section (Formerly Student Osteopathic Surgical Association)

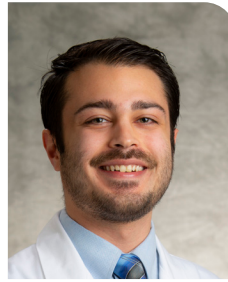
The American College of Osteopathic Surgeons – Medical Student Section (ACOS-MSS) showed its resilience to the COVID-19 pandemic during its 2021 Spring Conference. Two hundred eight osteopathic medical students from across the country tuned in on the platform Hopin to attend the virtual conference, hosted by UNTHSC Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. ACOS-MSS members listened to and interacted with osteopathic surgeons and medical students on topics ranging from: the history of osteopathic surgery, a fourth-year student panel, program director advice, research writing and publication tips, and a suture clinic. Furthermore, students were able to showcase many research projects through several podium presentations on the main stage of Hopin, as well as their poster presentations in the Expo Area of the online platform. Overall, the virtual spring conference was a huge success, and the students look forward to being able to meet in person again.

The American College of Osteopathic Surgeon Medical Student Section (ACOS-MSS) successfully held their 2021 Fall Conference on November 6th and 7th. Like the Annual Clinical Assembly, the conference was held virtually. There were 217 registered participants on the platform Hopin. Osteopathic medical students tuned in from across the country to enjoy inspirational and insightful events. They asked great questions, learned skills to help them along their careers, and presented their research. ACOS-MSS had the goal of creating a highly informative and interactive event to benefit all the members. ACOS-MSS was able to connect its members with residents from each surgical subspecialty. Students' feedback revealed the popularity and importance of such an event. After the countless questions asked by students, ACOS-MSS Chair, Dario Marotta, taught students how to conduct clinical case reports efficiently and effectively. Throughout the conference ACOS-MSS received high engagement on Hopin, Instagram, and Twitter, leaving everyone excited for the 2022 Spring Conference in Fort Worth, Texas.

ACOS-MSS National Officers



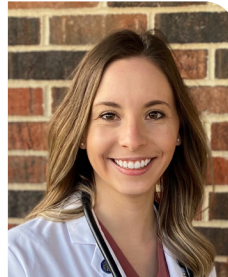
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OMS-II



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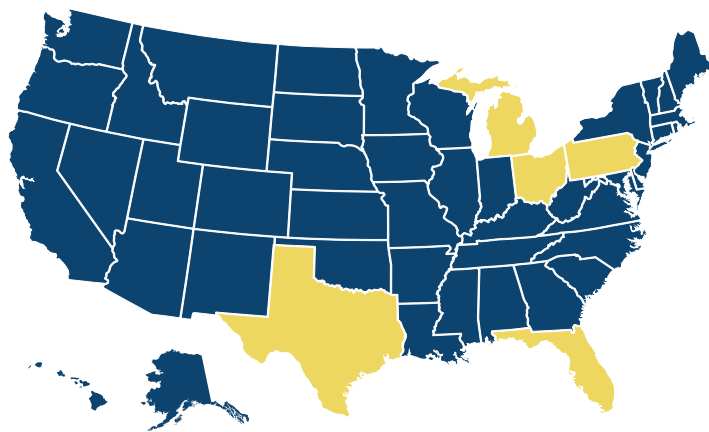
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OMS-II

Membership

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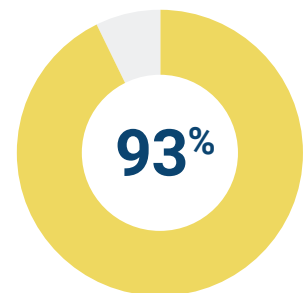
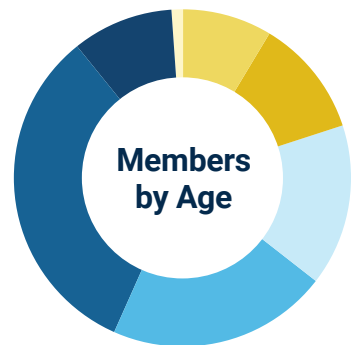
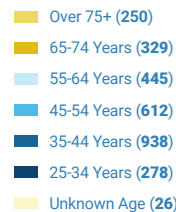
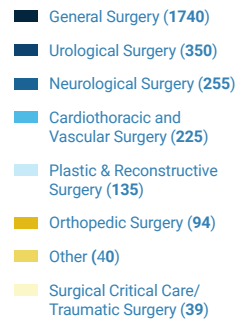
Membership

This year, we honored another class of new Fellows and Distinguished Fellows. Thirty-two members earned the designation, Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (FACOS), and seven Fellows earned the prestigious designation, Distinguished Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (DFACOS) by demonstrating their engagement and service to the College, and their commitment to the practice of surgery, surgical teaching, and leadership in their community, and local, state, and national organizations. This honor is bestowed upon the best of our profession.



Top 5 States for ACOS Members

1. Michigan (398) 2. Pennsylvania (265) 3. Florida (240)
4. Ohio (204) 5. Texas (151)



**Member
Retention Rate**

93%

ACOS by the Numbers

1,749

**ACTIVE
MEMBERS**

4,130

**STUDENT
MEMBERS**

347

**RESIDENT
MEMBERS**

336

**LIFE
MEMBERS**

426

**RETIRED
MEMBERS**

20

**OTHER
MEMBERS**

7,008

**TOTAL
MEMBERS***



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Next year the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons will celebrate its 95th year anniversary!

The College got its start in 1927, after ten surgeons met in June 1926 during the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) convention in Louisville, Kentucky, to discuss the founding of a new professional association. Less than a year later, on January 26, 1927, the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons was incorporated as a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization.

The mission of the College remains the same today as it was in 1927, focused on nurturing the osteopathic surgeon by continuously improving training standards and subsequently the level of patient care, providing a voice for osteopathic surgeons in the broader medical community, and informing healthcare policy.

We take no one's membership for granted and continue to challenge ourselves each year, to identify ways we can enhance the member experience. ACOS will continue to be a welcoming home for the osteopathically trained surgeon and for the allopathic surgeon who has chosen to incorporate osteopathy into their practice.

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