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2018

Annual Report



ADVANCING
osteopathic
principles in the
practice of surgery.



CHAMPIONING
osteopathic medical
education.



ORGANIZING
efforts to advance
medical education and
informed patient care.



SUPPORTING
our members
throughout their
careers.

ACOS – Osteopathic Surgeons for Compassionate Patient Care



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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.



Board of Governors

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President's Address

Dear Colleagues,

As I reflect on the work of the College in 2018, I am buoyed by the continued enthusiasm and commitment that our members bring to the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons. We kicked off the calendar year with the Spring Student Osteopathic Surgeon Association Conference, which was held hosted last March by Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine in Davie, Florida. Following the SOSA convention, we hosted the General Surgery In-depth Review, a comprehensive board review course. The mock orals offered on Day 1 of this event coupled with the rigorous review in preparation for certification or re-certification exams earned praise from last year's attendees. A post event survey revealed that the majority of attendees found the Review to be a key component of their board preparation. Last year's submissions for the 2018 Resident Achievement and Robert C. Erwin Literary Awards were very impressive, described as "stellar" by the Awards Committee. Our Annual Clinical Assembly in Atlanta, Georgia continues to be a draw for members and non-members, attracting over 1,200 attendees last year.

As a specialty organization, we offer unique opportunities for all members to be active in the College, through community involvement, leadership and advocacy. To the 200+ volunteers who serve on an ACOS committee, thank you for all that you do in support of the College and the osteopathic surgical community. We absolutely could not deliver the programs and events that we do, without you.

In 2019, we will expand our member benefits, continue to encourage all members to share how they are in with the College and we will offer educational programming and events that are consistent with the needs of our members.

I look forward to leading this organization in 2019 and to working with all of you on a productive, accomplished and exciting year.

Yours,

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

ACOS is INNOVATIVE



ACOS Award Winners

The Charles L. Ballinger
Distinguished Osteopathic
Surgeon Award
Gary L. Roth, D.O., FACOS

The Humanitarian Award
John P. Smith, Jr., D.O., FACOS

The Orel F. Martin Medal
**Michael G. Moncman, D.O.,
FACOS**

Resident Achievement Award Winners

Betty Fan, D.O.
General Surgery
Doctors Hospital

Alice A. Higdon, D.O.
General Surgery
St. John's Episcopal Hospital

James Howard Kurtz, D.O.
General Surgery
Doctors Hospital

Robert Marc Moskowitz, D.O.
General Vascular Surgery
Sisters of Charity Hospital

Scott R. Moradian, D.O.
General Surgery
Larkin Community Hospital

Robert C. Erwin Literary Awards

1st Place
Alireza Daneshpajouh, D.O.
General Surgery
*Increase in Neutrophil/Lymphocyte
Ratio is Associated with Evolution of
Hemorrhage After Traumatic Brain
Injury*

2nd Place
Meghan E. Wooster, D.O.
General Surgery
*End-of-life Decision-Making for
patients With Geriatric Trauma Cared
for in a Trauma Intensive Care Unit*

3rd Place
Daniel C. Edwards, D.O.
Urological Surgery
*Survival Outcomes, Practice
Patterns and Risks Associated with
Partial Orchiectomy versus Radical
Orchiectomy: An Analysis of the
National Cancer Database*

4th Place
Alireza Daneshpajouh, D.O.
General Surgery
*Operative Outcomes After Sternal
Repair: A Single Center's Experience*

5th Place
Ching Man Carmen Tong, D.O.
Urological Surgery
*Novel Multimodal Analgesia Protocol
Significantly Decreases Opioid
Requirements in Inflatable Penile
Prosthesis Patients*

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: 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, D.O., FACOS, FACS
Responsible for overseeing and developing themes,
identifying needs, and ensuring the progression of
all ACOS educational programs.

Ethics

Chair: Ray L. Morrison, D.O., FACOS
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, Chad Michael Robbins, D.O., FACOS
Cochair, Daniel Wu, DO, 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: Carl M. Pesta, 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 strategic of the ACOS.



ACOS on Capitol Hill

On March 7, 2018, ACOS members met with Members of Congress as part of the AOA's DO Day on the Hill. James Johnson, D.O., FACOS, Zachary Brown, D.O., FACOS, David Wright, III, D.O., FACOS, Robert Rappel, D.O., J.D., FACOS, Joseph Haydu, D.O., FACOS, and David Dellinger, D.O., FACOS. ACOS President Ray Morrison, DO, FACOS and Past President Valerie Sheridan, D.O., FACOS attended with their respective College of Osteopathic Medicine students. Other ACOS members in attendance included Carisa Champion D.O., JD. The main issue that was advocate was the continuing to fund Teaching Health Centers Graduate Medical Education (THCGME), which Congress approved in 2018.

Four members represented the College at the Alliance of Specialty Medicine Congressional fly-in on July 16. Mandip Atwal, D.O., FACOS, Carl Pesta, D.O., FACOS, Joseph Haydu, Jr, D.O., FACOS, and Alice Higdon Wilham, D.O. visited the hill and advocated on issues regarding medical liability reform, measures to address physician workforce shortage, graduate medical education, and keeping the Medicare payment systems stable for the foreseeable future.

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2018 Meetings in Review

Last year, ACOS sponsored another series of conferences and seminars offering continuing education and an opportunity for attendees to network and learn from one another. Through inspiring keynote sessions, educational programming, and forums, innovations and advances were shared.

General Surgery In-depth Review Seminar

April 25-28, 2018 | Portland, OR

Program Chairs

Kristen J. Conrad-Schnetzer, D.O., FACOS
Marc A. Campbell, D.O.

The ACOS hosted a very successful general surgery board review course that started with a half day of mock orals, giving participants the opportunity to practice in a realistic oral board exam environment.

ACOS Urological Surgery Mid-Year Meeting

May 19, 2018 | San Francisco, CA

Program Chair

Nathan E. Hale, D.O., FACOS

Co-chairs

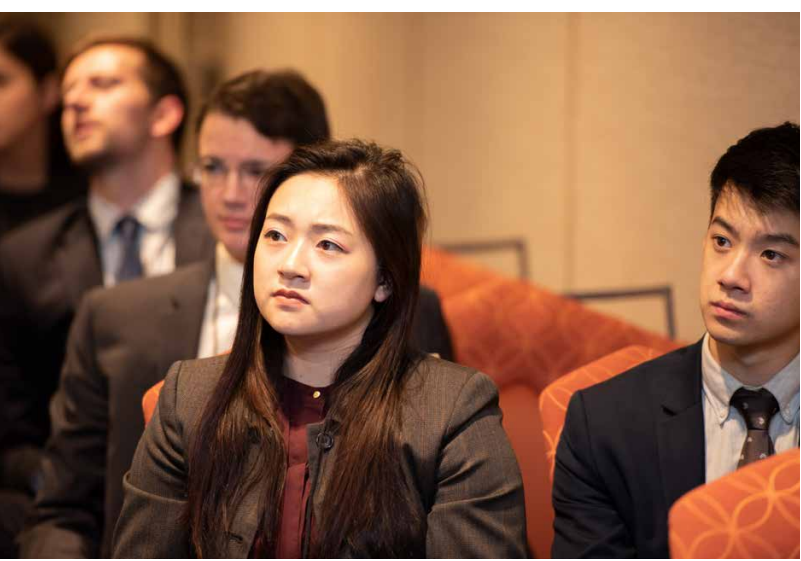
Julie A. Brownell, D.O.
Kirin K. Syed, D.O.

ACOS again hosted the 2018 Urological Discipline's Mid-Year Meeting in conjunction with the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Urological Association.

2018 Annual Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Surgeons

October 17-21, 2018 | Atlanta, GA

The 2018 Annual Clinical Assembly was held at the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia. The 2018 kicked off with a keynote from Michael Daniel, Cybersecurity Advisor to President Barack Obama (2012 - 2016) and President, Cyber Threat Alliance, in a joint session held in conjunction with the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics.



2018 ACA Program Chairs

William Richard Gelinas, D.O.
Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery

J. Franklin Oaks, Jr., D.O., MHA, FACOS
Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery

Shannon M. Davis, D.O., FACOS
General Surgery

Christina Sanders, D.O., FACOS
General Surgery

Lawrence P. Maccree, D.O.
Neurological Surgery

Hiren N. Patel, D.O.
Neurological Surgery

Julie T. Sofer, D.O.
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Harun Zekirovski, D.O.
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

Samuel G. Deem, D.O., FACOS
Urological Surgery

Nathan E. Hale, D.O.
Urological Surgery

Student Osteopathic Surgical Association (SOSA)

Over 100 students attended SOSA's 2019 Spring Conference at Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine, March 30-31, where inspiring lectures were offered, hands-on workshops were given and opportunities for networking were had.

At SOSA's 2018 Fall Conference, in Atlanta, Georgia, over 140 SOSA members from around the nation came together to learn about the various surgical specialties, master surgical skills, and network with residents, surgeons, and program directors. At this same meeting, over 30 ACOS member mentors participated in a speed mentoring session with the students.

Upcoming Annual Clinical Assembly Dates

2019

October 19 - 23 | Colorado Springs, CO

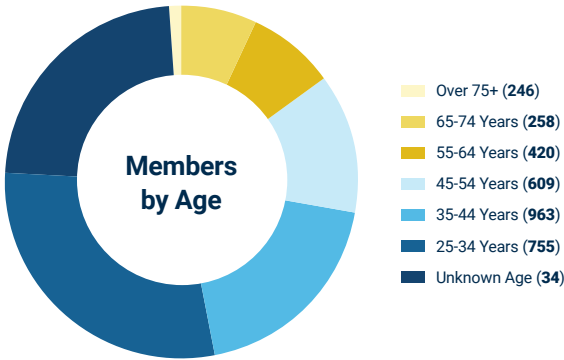
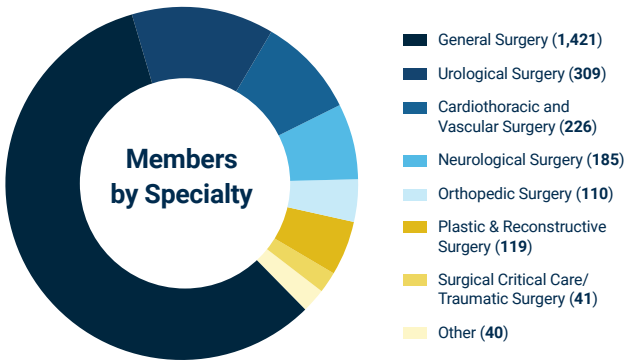
2020

October 10-14 | San Diego, CA

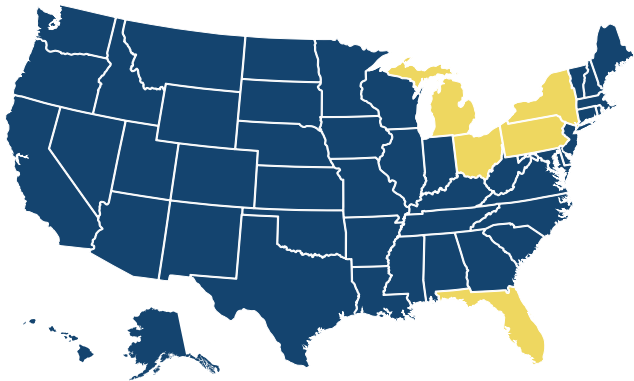
ACOS is INVOLVED

Membership

Sixty-six 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

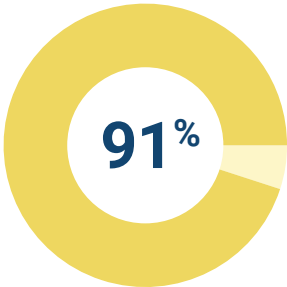


1. Michigan 2. Pennsylvania 3. Ohio 4. Florida 5. New York



General Surgery Mentoring Workshop

During the 2018 Annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia, surgeons motivated to become mentors and those seeking mentoring, participated in a first interactive lecture and speed mentoring workshop designed to develop skills useful in both personal and professional life.



Member Retention Rate

ACOS by the Numbers

1,757
ACTIVE
MEMBERS

2,642
STUDENT
MEMBERS

816
RESIDENT
MEMBERS

323
LIFE
MEMBERS

13
HONORARY
MEMBERS

354
LIFE RETIRED
MEMBERS

22
OTHER
MEMBERS

5,927
TOTAL
MEMBERS*

Osteopathic Graduate Medical Education

On January 13th, the 2018 General Surgery In-Service Examination was administered electronically to 592 examinees at 47 training sites across the country. 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 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) initial accreditation:

General Surgery

Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills • Beaumont Hospital-Trenton • Berkshire Medical Center • Cape Fear Valley Medical Center • Community Memorial Health System • Franciscan Health Olympia Fields • Geisinger Wyoming Valley • Genesys Hospital • Grandview Hosp & Med Ctr • Henry Ford Allegiance Health • Inspira Health Network • Larkin Community Hospital • McLaren General Surgery Consortium • McLaren Greater Lansing • Mercy Hospital Medical Center • Philadelphia College Osteopathic Med • Pinnacle Community Osteopathic Hosp • Sinai Grace Hospital • Sky Ridge Medical Center • South Pointe Hosp • UPMC Horizon • Arnot Ogden Medical Center • Doctors Hospital • EastEnd Health Alliance • HackensackUMC Palisades • Henry Ford Macomb Hospitals MEP • Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital • HonorHealth-John C. Lincoln Medical Center • Medical City Fort Worth • MediSys Health Network • Mercy St Vincent MC • Metro Health-University of Michigan • NYU Hospitals Center • Oklahoma State University Medical Center • St Anthony Hospital • St John Providence Health System-Osteo Div • St Joseph's Hospital & Med Ctr • St Mary's Hospital of Blue Springs • Swedish Medical Center • 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

ACOS Resident Section

The Annual Resident Business Meeting was held in conjunction with the Annual Clinical Assembly. Attendees were updated on current ACOS business, discussed emerging issues and participated in the elections of the 18-19 Resident Section Officers.

The newly created Research Ambassador position was explained and voted in unanimously by all in attendance. This position was created in response to the desire in increasing the production and dissemination of scientific work as well as promoting inter-institutional collaboration amongst Resident Members.

The newly elected council assisted in designing the ACOS Resident Section Logo. The logo was created to brand the ACOS Resident Section and assist in marketing the new initiatives brought forward by the council.



2018 – 2019 Resident Section Governing Council

Chair

Daniel Edwards, D.O., OGME-3 (URO)
Hahneman University Hospital

Dr. Edward will serve as the resident representative to the ACOS Board of Governors.

Chair-Elect

Faraz Haji, D.O., OGME-4 (GS)
Larkin Community College

Member-at-Large

Rachel E. Kaczynski., OGME-4 (GS)
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



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