



Pennsylvania Surgical News

News & Updates for the Keystone and Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapters American College of Surgeons

June 2021

Summer is in full swing, and we are quickly approaching July. It seems time flies by quicker these days. We hope you are able to take some much-needed time away and reconnect with family and friends. Remember, be safe and stay healthy!

This month's issue offers another great message from Dr. Shannon Marie Foster, President of the Keystone Chapter in her *Meanderings from a Wandering Surgeon*. Check out her article on [Rehabilitation](#) on page 2.

Dr. Jeffrey Farma, outgoing President of the Metro Philly Chapter provides some parting words and a look-back from his term serving the Philadelphia-based surgeons. Read his article on page 3.

As we move into the summer legislative recess, numerous Bills are being introduced, moving out of Committee, and some headed to the Governor for signature. Head to page 7 for legislative updates and [ACS State Legislative](#) page for information on all current bills being monitored on the state and federal level.

The Keystone Chapter's Case Review Webinar is LIVE and offers 2.5 CME credit hours and 2.5 Self-Assessment credit hours. This on-demand, virtual session highlights the top ten Case Review submissions from Residents and Medical Students in both the Keystone and Metro Philly Chapters and is available through the end of December. Free to

Chapter Members and a nominal fee of \$10 for non-Chapter members! Click [HERE](#) to register. The Keystone Council invites all members to take this opportunity to view these novel and unique submissions and earn CME credit hours.

Metro Philly Chapter's Annual Educational Meeting, **the first in-person surgical conference in the Philadelphia Region since the Pandemic**, will be held on Monday, September 13th at the Marriott Philadelphia Old City. The keynote lecture, *From Medical Student to Dean – a Path Toward Leadership and the Future of Medical Education*, will be presented by **Amy J. Goldberg, MD, FACS**. Dr. Goldberg, a long-time supporter of MPACS and interim Dean at the Lewis Katz Medical School, has devoted her career to mentoring and guiding future generations of surgeons and leaders throughout the Philadelphia region. New this year will be a blended Abstract/Exhibit Hall that will include Abstract/Case Review poster presentations and our many vendor supporters. The top abstract/case review submission will have an opportunity to give an oral presentation to conference attendees prior to Dr. Goldberg's keynote lecture. Registration will open July 15th!

ACS Clinical Congress has gone virtual. The decision was made recently for the safety and well-being of all participants. More ACS happenings can be found starting on page 7.

Meanderings from A Wandering Surgeon

Shannon Marie Foster, MD, FACS
Keystone Chapter President



Rehabilitation.

It has been three months since I fell and injured my ankle. It still hurts every day, with every step, and often does not comply with my most simple of commands – walk normally. I have developed an internal dialogue to myself when the limp, the constant movements of compensation and avoidance that I have adopted to minimize the pain and fear that the joint will fail: *“walk normally, don’t limp, use your body”* – timed to the cadence of a step - particularly as the other side of me – the foot, ankle, knee, and hip now seem to be sore all of the time from the lack of – normal walking.

How timely that I need to conscientiously retrain and rebuild myself as the world around us needs to do the same. We have been in an altered state of existence for over a year – injured in many ways. COVID. Political divides. Racial and social reckonings. Careers, home-life, relationships, and many of our regular activities have morphed into things injured and altered. So now we must, with caution, determine the simple act of rehabilitation “restoring something that has been damaged to its former condition”. Some will throw themselves in hard - too hard, too fast - and keep tearing the scar down without recovery. Others will be slow and afraid and never trust that the fracture is mended – never push, never test – and forever be unable to use it to its full potential.

But here I pause – no matter what choices I make - I do not think my ankle will ever be restored to its former condition. Will anything else? And perhaps, more urgently - we need to ask if the former condition was good enough.

For me personally – no. It was not good enough. I can do better to make myself stronger. I can make better choices. In fact, yesterday for the first time in a long time – I ran. A slow jog really. It hurt every step of the way - and I was afraid of failure – and I was sideways and awkward - but I did it. And wonderfully, the broken part did not fail me. And today I continue to have hope.

I may have to learn a different approach to do it right. But I am determined to try.

Respectfully,



Shannon Marie Foster, MD, FACS
President, Keystone Chapter

Shannon Marie Foster, MD, FACS, President of the Keystone Chapter. She also serves at the national level as a Governor-At-Large, Vice-Chair of Communications Pillar Outreach Group, liaison to both the Women in Surgery (WiS) and Trauma (CoT) Committees.”



Pennsylvania Surgical News has been delivered to your mailbox since March 2020, at the beginning of the Pandemic. We would like your feedback.....

- What do you think?
- Do you read each issue?
- Do you share it with other colleagues?
- What content do you like OR dislike?
- Other content we should include?
- Willing to contribute an article?

Let us hear your thoughts. Email our editor at rcook@rmcmanagementsolutions.com. Thanks for taking time to provide your feedback!



Looking Back on My Term as President

*Jeffrey Farma, MD, FACS
President, Metro Philly Chapter*

As outgoing President of the Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, I have very mixed feelings about finishing my term.

This has surely been a trying year for all of us and we have overcome so much and thankfully are starting to move forward. I have been an active member of MPACS for almost a decade. I was saddened to miss out on all of the networking and face-to-face events over the past year. As my term ends on June 30th, I would like to share some thoughts about the progress we have made and the importance of surgeons' involvement locally and national with the ACS.

This year has obviously had many high and low notes. Despite all of the uncertainty of the last 15 months, our Council members and staff came together this year and worked diligently to achieve many goals. I wanted to thank all our members for their help and enthusiasm this year. I know the future success of our chapter will be exceedingly bright under the new President Dr. Niels Martin.

As my surgical career evolves, and my participation in the American College of Surgeons both locally and nationally has grown, I have some advice and guidance for current and new members.

GET INVOLVED:

As a new surgeon, join your local chapter and apply to become a Fellow of the ACS! Take some time to review the ACS website. The ACS has amazing content related to legislation, advocacy, career development, education, and wellness to name a few, for all stages of a surgeon's career from medical school to retirement. The ACS is the largest global surgical organization and a unified voice for all aspects of our profession, no matter what specialty

of surgery you practice. It is an honor and privilege to become a Fellow of the ACS and we should encourage all our trainees and colleagues to achieve this goal.

SUPPORT:

Our profession is a calling. No matter what specialty or aspect of surgery, we all speak a common language. This calling transcends culture, background, politics, and borders.

We are very privileged to train and work in Philadelphia, which is home to some of the finest medical schools, training programs, and hospitals in the country. MPACS allows us to come together, learn from each other and collaborate on education, research, and advocacy.

I have met amazing friends and colleagues in the region through MPACS. I miss networking and spending time with these colleagues. Throughout my time with MPACS I have learned so much about our local and national chapter from true leaders. Many of our members are involved in the ACS national organization and other national subspecialty organizations through committees, being on the Commission on Cancer, Commission on Trauma, Board of Regents and Board of Governors. I also cannot thank Robbi Cook enough for her dedication and hard work throughout the years for our chapter.

Support your local chapter. Join and equally encourage trainees and colleagues to join our local chapter. All of our events, advocacy, and education cannot happen without local support from our members. If you are not a member sign up. If you have new colleagues from any specialty encourage them to become a member. If have been a member for years, donate to allow us to move forward with all our current events and allow us to expand to future events that support all surgeons and trainees in the region.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Despite the pandemic we still were able to achieve many of our goals this year. To highlight a few. Dr.

Aley Tohamy took the lead from MPACS to implement an immensely successful COVID roundtable in July. This helped to educate us on newest technology in COVID testing, a Pennsylvania Department of Health COVID update, COVID medical liability, a heartfelt experience from two trainees who treated patients during the height of the pandemic in NYC, and a resident's experience with being positive for COVID.

We continued our tradition of hosting one of the nation's largest and oldest mock oral boards for General Surgery residents and fellows. We were able to convert to a virtual MPACS mock oral board format this year with the leadership of MPACS members, Drs. Renee Tholey and Sanjay Reddy. On a Saturday morning we had over 60 faculty and trainees participate in a successful, smooth, virtual event, and provided dedicated feedback to all program directors and trainees.

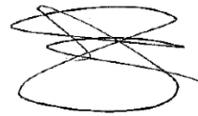
We instituted our first annual Fellowship 101 Webinar where over 100 registrants were able to attend breakout rooms in every surgical specialty and understand what it takes to match successfully in a fellowship. Breakout rooms included local program directors and current fellows. We look forward to continuing this event annually.

In the upcoming year we look forward to re-instituting our wildly popular and competitive Annual MPACS city-wide Jeopardy program hosted by our own MPACS past-president, Dr. Jeffrey Butcher. We are looking forward for each training program to build a team and compete for the coveted MPACS Jeopardy Trophy.

And lastly, we had to cancel our Joint Annual meeting with the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery last year. We are very much looking forward to coming together this September face-to-face. We will be hosting our annual resident abstract competition at this meeting, and please encourage trainees to submit abstracts to us. Please sign up for this event with our keynote speaker Dr. Amy Goldberg.

It has been truly my honor to serve as the MPACS president, despite the tumultuous times. I look forward to the continued success of the MPACS chapter. Improving the diversity, equity and inclusion of our chapter and increasing representation from all types of surgical practices, institutions, and specialties continues to be a primary focus of the organization. I know this year will bring exciting activities and opportunities and I look forward to my continued involvement for years to come with the American College of Surgeons, both locally and nationally.

Respectfully,



Jeffrey Farma, MD, FACS
President, Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter

June Wellness Tip



These Are the 3 Types of Mental Downtime Your Brain Needs

Targeting different sources of mental fatigue can help make your time away from work more restorative. In an article from **FastCompany**, Art Markman shared his thoughts on how to refresh and clear your brain.

Being “on” 24/7/365 is **not** a recipe for success. Work-life balance and the need to take vacations are signs that we understand getting away from work is important for mental and physical health.

As Art shares, digging a little more into what you are trying to accomplish with your downtime is helpful. What you are trying to achieve? Recognize when you need to take a little extra time away. Tailor activities to what your brain requires in order to hit the ground running when you return to work again.

Here are a few thoughts from Art’s recent article:

CLEAR YOUR MIND: Constant focus on work tends to make you think about the critical problems you are facing in the same way, leading to “banging your head repeatedly against the same wall”. Taking some time away allows you to think differently.

RELAXATION OF EXECUTIVE CONTROL: The work you do requires you to step through key tasks proactively. Maintaining focus and avoiding distractions. The ability to stay focused on tasks is called *executive control*, and it is difficult to maintain. This is one reason you feel mentally fried and exhausted by the end of a shift, or the week.

RESTORATION OF CALM: Mental fatigue leads to anxiety. Anxiety is an emotional response to potential threats in your world. As surgeons your workday is driven by elimination of potential problems.

The cycle of stress is exhausting. It is one reason why so many people end their workday with a little self-medication like a beer or a cocktail. But that medication numbs the stress; it does not eliminate it. Develop some activities to help calm yourself like mindfulness meditation, a massage, a quiet bath, long walk, or a fun activity with family or friends.

To read Art’s full article, [CLICK HERE](#).

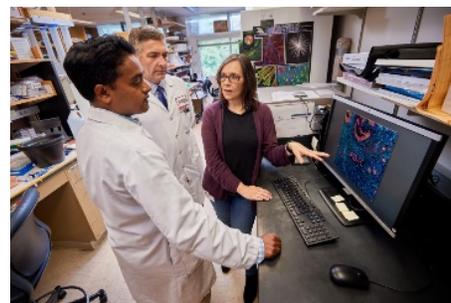
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Philly “Super-Team” Working to Decode One of the Most Mysterious, Dangerous Cancers

The *Pennsylvania Surgical News* promotes unique and novel surgical and research programs for your reading enjoy. The following was published in a recent issue of the *Philadelphia Magazine*, and highlights Metro Philly member, and newly elected Council Member-at-Large, Dr. Sanjay Reddy.

Our best shot at neutralizing cancer is not necessarily a cure. Cancer is a vast, complex disease, and the battle between the body and the cancerous cells can be unpredictable. Cancer lesions are often invisible to the naked eye, resilient and difficult to eliminate, each one containing its own little unpredictable quirks. Quirks that, while literally microscopic, nevertheless determine the difference between success and failure.



Dr. Sanjay Reddy, Dr. Igor Astsaturov & Dr. Edna Cukierman, (Marvin & Concetta Greenberg Pancreatic Cancer Institute at Fox Chase Cancer Center, discuss pancreatic tumor biology.

But that’s not being pessimistic. The scientific community is making incremental improvements day by day. Long before we discover a cure that wipes the disease out, we may find it has a reduced presence in our lives, thanks to those incremental efforts that limit the pervasiveness and deadliness of the disease.

“We have all realized that when treating cancer, there’s not one magic bullet. Success is a culmination of the group’s efforts,” says [Dr. Sanjay S. Reddy](#), a surgical oncologist at Fox Chase Cancer Center and Co-Director of the Marvin and Concetta

Greenberg Pancreatic Cancer Institute. “As therapies get better, as our technologies advance, as delivery of treatment becomes more precise...patients will do better, they’ll live longer, and we’ll keep learning in the process.”[[READ MORE](#)]

Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter Announces 2021-2022 Officers & Directors

During the month of May, the Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter’s voting membership cast their ballots for the election of leadership for the 2021-2022 membership year.

Congratulations to the following MPACS members who will begin serving their term on July 1st. If you have ideas, concerns, or issues for the Officers or Council members, email the Chapter office at info@mp-accs.org.

President: Niels D. Martin, MD, FACS
President-Elect: Matthew M. Philp, MD, FACS
Secretary/Treasurer: Susanna M. Nazarian, MD, FACS
Immediate Past President: Jeffrey Farma, MD, FACS
Members-at-Large:

Robert Josloff, MD, FACS
Sanjay Reddy, MD, FACS
Zoe Maher, MD, FACS
Francesco Palazzo, MD, FACS
Elizabeth Renza-Stingone, MD, FACS
Francis P. Sutter, DO, FACS
Renee Tholey, MD, FACS
Aley Tohamy, MD, FACS
Rosalia Viterbo, MD, FACS

Young Surgeon Representatives:
Thomas Butler, MD, FACS
Alina Mateo, MD, FACS

Resident Representatives:
Nosayaba Enofe, MD
Threshia Malcom, MD

ACS Chapter Appointed Governors:
Michael A. DellaVecchia, MD, PhD, FACS
Jeffrey W. Kolff, MD, FACS

ACS Chapter Appointed Alternate Governors:

Jeffrey L. Butcher, MD, FACS
Ned Z. Carp, MD, FACS
ACS Specialty Appointed Governor:
Joel I. Sorosky, MD, FACS
ACS Board of Regents:
Enrique Hernandez, MD, FACOG, FACS
Past Presidents Council:
Sameer Patel, MD, FACS
Jeffrey L. Butcher, MD, FACS
Jeffrey W. Kolff, MD, FACS

To connect with members of Council, log into your member portal (www.mp-accs.org) and click on the Member Directory.



Happy Independence Day
**The Keystone & Metro Philly Chapter Office will
be closed July 1 through July 5.**



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ACS Clinical Congress 2021 to Be Virtual

As a reminder, ACS has made the decision to host the 2021 ACS Clinical Congress in a VIRTUAL format. The Congress will take place October 24-28, 2021.

Building on the success of last year's first virtual Congress, ACS is confident they can again offer best-in-class educational events for all attendees, presenters, and exhibitors. The program will focus on the latest advances in surgical science, practice, and education, all celebrated under this year's theme, "Resilience in the Pursuit of Excellence."

Last year's event saw a record 33,617 registrants from 162 countries. Plans are well underway to present another robust five-day conference of educational offerings and guest lectures, along with our signature Opening Ceremony and Sunday evening Convocation—all will be remote activities.

More information on programs, event registration and fees will be shared as details become available. Check the [Clinical Congress webpage](#), and watch for our e-mail message updates in the [ACS Bulletin Brief](#).

Plan to join the 2021 VIRTUAL Clinical Congress from the comfort and convenience of your home or office.

Legislative Bill Activity in PA

Your local Chapters continue to work with ACS' Government Relations division to monitor legislative activity both on the Federal and State level. Currently we are monitoring [32 bills](#) in Pennsylvania. [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) to view the complete list of all Federal and State legislation being monitored across the country by ACS.

State legislative priorities include out-of-network payment; prior authorization; MOC; scope of practice and more. The following is an overview of a number of Bills with recent movement. For a complete list of state legislative priorities, visit the [State Legislative Priorities](#) page.

SB 225 Prior Authorization (Phillips-Hill – R York) -legislation will streamline and standardize the process for prior authorization of medical services in Pennsylvania. Bill would improve transparency, accessibility, and consistent application of prior authorization by including a standard definition. Will also significantly streamline the process requiring insurers to make available an electronic communications network that permits prior authorization requests to be submitted electronically, and authorizations and adverse determinations to likewise be returned electronically. A key element of the bill will be the development of a standard prior authorization form that can be electronically submitted by all health care providers and accepted by all health insurers. **Reported as Amended and Recommitted to Banking & Insurance Committee, June 23, 2021.**

SB 397 & SB 398 Physician Assistants Modernization of Practice (Pittman – R

Armstrong/Butler/Indiana/Westmoreland) - legislation would help physician assistants work and practice with increased efficiency in Pennsylvania. Physician assistants are a crucial piece of the healthcare team. Their education and training are in the medical model, which provides both physicians and patients with excellent resources for healthcare. Legislation would place a physician assistant on the Medical Board and Osteopathic Board with a permanent seat; remove requirements of a physician countersignature on 100% of patient files; allow written agreement to be "filed" instead of "approved" by Medical and Osteopathic Boards to allow Pas to immediately begin working instead of waiting 120 days for review/approval; and outline appropriate supervision requirements based on needs of the physicians, physician assistants, patients, and overall healthcare system. Note: regulations have been in place via Governor's COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. Passage of legislation would allow PAs to practice to the fullest extent of their training and healthcare systems to operate more efficiently. **Senate final passage (50-0), June 25, 2021. Referred to House Professional Licensure Committee, June 28, 2021.**

SB 705 Telemedicine (Vogel – R Beaver/Butler/Lawrence) - defining telemedicine, offering guidelines outlining who can provide telemedicine services, and providing clarity around insurance company reimbursement for these services. Although the legislation requires payments for telemedicine services, those payments will be established between the provider and insurer. **Reported as Amended from Banking & Insurance Committee, June 23, 2021, and First Consideration, June 23, 2021**

SB 425 Informed Consent (Gordner – R Columbia/Luzerne/Montour/Northumberland/Snyder) - legislation will clarify that while physicians remain responsible for the overall care of their patients, the task of obtaining a patient's informed consent may be delegated by a physician to a

"qualified practitioner;" allow health care facilities and physicians to develop policies and procedures regarding informed consent concerning when qualified practitioners other than physicians may obtain informed consent; allow physicians and other qualified practitioners to rely on information provided by another qualified practitioner to obtain the informed consent of the patient and allow this information to be used as evidence in a proceeding in which it is alleged that the physician or other qualified practitioner failed to obtain informed consent; clarify requirements in human research conducted pursuant to federal law and regulations related to informed consent; and clarify when a physician or qualified staff person is required to obtain a separate or new informed consent from a patient when informed consent was already obtained. **Reported as Final Passage in Senate (47-0), April 28, 2021 - Reported as Final Passage in House (201-0), June 24, 2021**

HB 1700 & 1701 Disclosure of Disingenuous Physician Complaints (Sonney – R Erie) - legislation would amend the requirement of physicians, when asked if their license has ever been subject to an investigation or complaint, to no longer require the acknowledgement or disclosure of the existence of a complaint filed against their medical license with the Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs when said complaint has been found to lack merit, deemed frivolous, or closed without any formal action by the BEI and no board action taken. Because the details of BEI investigations are confidential, a physician lacks the ability to explain the nature of the "closed complaint" thereby tarnishing their reputation in perpetuity. HB 1700 amends the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act of 1978 and HB 1702 amends the Medical Practice Act of 1985. **Referred to Committee on Professional Licensure, June 24, 2021.**

HB 681 Ban on Non-Compete Agreements for Health Care Practitioners (Ecker – R

Adams/Cumberland) - legislation would deem any non-compete language in an employment agreement for a health care practitioner to be against public policy. Legislation would allow health care practitioners to alert their patients to the new affiliation and allow the patient the option to follow the health care provider to the new location. It would not apply to any additional services provided by the individual outside their scope of practice or to trade secrets or confidential information learned through the course of the prior employment. **Recommitted to Appropriations, May 26, 2021.**

As restrictions begin to lessen, and the legislative body begins their summer recess, now is a good time to make an introductory phone call or email to your legislator and schedule a time to visit. Building a relationship with your state legislator and their staff opens the door for a discussion on healthcare issues. Having an expert to connect with when they have healthcare-related questions is critical to making sure you, your practice, and your patients are well represented.

Who is my representative? Click [Here](#) for the “Find Your Legislator” search engine.



Register for the 2021 ACS Quality and Safety Conference

Still time to register for the upcoming ACS Quality & Safety Conference, being held virtually July 12-16. The conference is being offered free of charge this year to encourage worldwide participation.

[Registration for the conference is now open; sign up today!](#)

The conference will offer a combination of on-demand content and live sessions. On-demand sessions will be released at the start of the

conference to allow attendees to peruse topics of interest and view presentations at their own pace. Other portion of the agenda will lend itself to live presentations, panel discussions, and interactive question-and-answer sessions allowing attendees to engage with speakers and moderators in real time.

The conference will include world-class experts on content centered around the following ACS Quality Programs:

- Cancer
- Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program
- ACS National Surgical Quality Improvement Program
- Children’s Surgery Verification Program
- Geriatric Surgery Verification Program
- ACS Quality Verification Program

The Basics of Quality Improvement, an invaluable series of QI sessions, returns. The sequence will guide participants through an overview, introduce them to key, basic principles, and explain how to perform a QI project from start to finish.

Additional topics and themes covered this year includes:

- Disparities, equity, and Inclusion
- Global health
- Value improvement
- Strong for Surgery
- Emergency general surgery

Keynote Speaker, chef Eduardo Garcia, will share his recovery journey after he was shocked with more than 2,400 volts of electricity in an accident. Mr. Garcia will explain how he remained steadfast in his road to recovery and rehabilitation after losing an arm in the near-death accident.

Virtual networking and engagement opportunities, ACS Quality Program “virtual booths,” and a Virtual Poster Gallery, among other features are also offered. Visit the [Quality and Safety Conference web page](#) for more information and to register.

ACS SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

Information on ACS available scholarships, fellowship, and award opportunities will be posted in the newsletter. If you have an interest in any of the opportunities posted, visit the [ACS Member Services](#) page.

Resident Research Scholarship Open Call: July 1, 2021

ACS is offering two-year resident research scholarships, with eligibility limited to research projects of residents in surgery or a surgical specialty. Scholarships are supported by the generosity of Fellows, Chapters, and friends of the College, to encourage residents to pursue careers in academic surgery.

To learn more about the Scholarship and how to apply, click [HERE](#).

JULY IS THE START OF A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

As a reminder, there is still time to renew or apply for membership in your local ACS Chapter. Keystone and Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapters have exciting programming coming your way the second half of the year. Members receive discounted rates on CME-approved educational meetings, access to free webinars and other resources to help you grow and move through the various stages of your surgical career.

Take a moment to renew your membership today. Know a colleague who would benefit from the educational content, networking opportunities, and other benefits of belonging to the local chapter? Encourage them to consider becoming a member.

Keystone and Metro Philly Chapters are actively engaged in advocacy and the legislative process both here in Pennsylvania and on a national level. It is important that surgeons have their voices heard in order to preserve and improve the physician-patient relationship, remove barriers to care, and maintain high standards of surgical protocol. The more voices speaking in unison, the greater impact on all members of the surgical community across the Commonwealth.

Keystone and Metro Philly Chapters represent the interests of surgeons (general and all specialties) and promotes the ideals, policies, and programs of the American College of Surgeons. They are dedicated to ensuring the highest standards of surgical care through education and advocacy for all members of the surgical profession from medical students and residents, to seasoned surgeons and those moving into their surgical retirement. Benefits provided by both local Chapters far outweigh the minimal dues investment to join and become a member of the only healthcare society dedicated to being the voice of the surgical community.

As a member of the ACS your membership is already approved. You simply need to complete the membership registration information and remit the local Chapter dues (not included in your ACS membership dues).

To renew your membership, log into your membership portal and submit your renewal payment.

Click [HERE](#) to join/renew with Keystone Chapter

Click [HERE](#) to join/renew with the Metro Philly Chapter.

RENEW OR JOIN TODAY!
**Be a Voice for the
Surgical Community!**

Why Join Your Local ACS Chapter?

Your local chapters are stronger than ever. The COVID pandemic created opportunities to expand how your local chapters provide educational content, networking, and resources. It also opened new collaboration efforts with other ACS chapters and surgical societies throughout Pennsylvania. If you are not a current member, or your membership is in lapse status, make a commitment today to join or renew.

NETWORKING



VISIBILITY



REPUTATION



LEARNING

It's not just who you know, it's who others know. Networking is powerful!

**Gain a say in what happens in healthcare through government advocacy efforts.
Have a voice!**

Stand out and get noticed in your community!

Raise your reputation through professional membership!

**Get a competitive edge over non-members with low cost and free training
and educational opportunities.**

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!