

The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION

Fellow / International Fellow / Member

Application Deadline: March 15



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MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for membership/fellowship in the American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons, the applicant must meet the following requirements in the category applied:

MEMBERS:

Annual Dues: \$300 • Initiation Fee: \$100

To qualify as a Member, an applicant shall:

- (a)
 - (i) be graduated from a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), an accredited school of osteopathy or an accredited foreign medical institution;
 - (ii) be fully trained in general surgery as evidenced by (a) certification by the American Board of Surgery; (b) satisfactory completion of an accredited general surgery residency as evidenced by a letter of recommendation from the director of the training program; or (c) completion of training in an accredited foreign medical institution which qualifies the applicant to practice general surgery in his or her country of residence. **Foreign applicants must provide a letter from their Professor stating they have completed general surgery training and are practicing surgery with an interest in colon and rectal surgery;**
 - (iii) be fully licensed to practice medicine in a state of competent jurisdiction;
 - (iv) be of high moral, ethical, and professional standing;
 - (v) be a member in good standing of any state or local medical societies to which he or she belongs;
 - (vi) be a member in good standing of any hospital staffs to which he or she has been appointed; and
 - (vii) meet such other criteria as the Executive Council shall establish and publish.
- (b) **Rights and Duties.** Members may serve on special committees, appear on scientific programs and participate in discussions of scientific papers, but may not vote or hold office in the Society.

FELLOWS:

Annual Dues: \$300 • Initiation Fee: \$200

To qualify as a Fellow, an applicant shall:

- (a)
 - (i) meet all criteria for Members as attested to by letters of recommendation from two (2) Fellows familiar with the applicant;
 - (ii) be certified and maintain such certification by the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery;
 - (iii) have specialized in the practice of colon and rectal surgery for at least two (2) years immediately preceding application for Fellowship. This two year period may begin when applicant finishes colon and rectal training;
 - (iv) have attended at least one (1) annual meeting of the Society within the three (3) years immediately preceding the application for Fellowship;
 - (v) have served a minimum of two years as a member of the Society; and
 - (vi) meet such other criteria as the Executive Council shall establish and publish.
- (b) **Special Qualifications.** A physician who does not meet the criteria set forth in Subsection (a) above may be nominated and elected to Fellowship by the unanimous affirmative vote of the Executive Council if such physician has made exceptional contributions to the advancement of colon and rectal surgery.
- (c) **Rights and Duties.** Fellows shall have all the rights and privileges of membership, including the right to vote, hold office, and serve on any committee of the Society.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS:

Annual Dues: \$300 • Initiation Fee: \$200

To qualify as an International Fellow, an applicant shall:

- (a)
 - (i) meet all the criteria for Members as attested to by letters of recommendation from two (2) Fellows familiar with the applicant. These letters must attest that at least 50 % of the applicant's clinical activity is devoted to the practice of colon and rectal surgery;
 - (ii) at least 50 % of the applicant's surgical practice should be devoted to colon and rectal surgery for at least two (2) years immediately preceding application for Fellowship;
 - (iii) demonstrate signs of professional proficiency as determined by certification of an appropriate national surgical board, fellowship in certain of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons, and/or certificates of higher completion of training in surgery. Depending on the applicant's education, training and practice location, this requirement may vary.
 - (iv) have attended at least one annual meeting of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons within the three (3) years immediately preceding the application for fellowship
 - (v) have served a minimum of two (2) years as a member of the Society, and
 - (vi) meet such other criteria as the Executive Council shall establish and publish
- (b) **Special Qualifications.** A physician who does not meet the criteria set forth in Subsection (A) above may be nominated and elected International Fellow by the unanimous affirmative vote of the Executive Council if such physician has made exceptional contributions to the advancement of colon and rectal surgery
- (c) **Rights and Duties.** International fellows shall have all the rights and privileges of membership, excluding the right to vote at the Annual Business Meeting and to hold office. International fellows may serve on any committee of the Society.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Applications are reviewed yearly at the Annual Meeting. **APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15**

**For your convenience, we have included a checklist
Please be sure to submit all necessary documentation**

Membership Applicants:

- Complete the application (an incomplete application will be returned)
- Sign and date the application
- Check membership category for which you are applying
- Submit a copy of your American Board of Surgery Certificate
 - **or** a copy of your letter from the American Board of Surgery
 - **or** a letter of recommendation from the director of your training program stating satisfactory completion of the accredited general surgery residency
 - **or** a letter from the foreign medical institution Professor stating you have completed general surgery training and are practicing surgery with an interest in colon and rectal surgery
- Submit Curriculum Vitae **if not certified by ABS or ABCRS or in an ACGME training program**

Fellowship Applicants:

- Meet all requirements for Membership
- Served a minimum of two (2) years as a Member of the Society
- Complete the application (an incomplete application will be returned)
- Sign and date the application
- Check membership category for which you are applying
- Submit a copy of your American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery Certificate **or** a copy of the letter from the ABCRS
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from ASCRS Fellows
- Specialize in the practice of colon and rectal surgery for at least two (2) years immediately preceding application for Fellowship. This two-year period may begin when the applicant finishes colon and rectal training
- Attend at least one (1) annual meeting of the Society within three (3) years immediately preceding the application for Fellowship
- Submit a letter of explanation if your practice of Colon and Rectal Surgery is not limited to Colon and Rectal Surgery
- Submit Curriculum Vitae **if not certified by ABS or ABCRS or in an ACGME training program**

International Fellowship Applicants:

- Meet all requirements for Membership
- Served a minimum of two (2) years as a Member of the Society
- Complete the application (an incomplete application will be returned)
- Sign and date the application
- Check membership category for which you are applying
- Submit certification of an appropriate national surgical board, fellowship in certain of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons, and/or certificates of higher completion of training in surgery. Depending on the applicant's education, training and practice location, this requirement may vary.
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from Fellows of ASCRS familiar with applicant. These letters must attest that at least 50% of the applicant's clinical activity is devoted to the practice of Colon and rectal surgery for at least two (2) years immediately preceding application for fellowship.
- Attend at least one (1) annual meeting of the Society within three (3) years immediately preceding the application for fellowship.

No money is due with the application.

Initiation fee (\$200 for Fellows and \$100 for Members) will be invoiced with the dues after the Annual Meeting.

Applications are reviewed at the ASCRS Annual Meeting.

You will be notified after the Annual Meeting regarding the status of your application.

PRACTICE CHARACTERISTICS

Are you engaged in private practice? Yes No

I spend the majority of my time in:

A. Solo Practice

B. Group Practice:

a. Single Specialty

d. Administration

g. HMO

j. Retired

b. Multiple Specialty

e. Armed Forces

h. Hospital Staff

k. Resident/Fellow

c. Academic

f. Government

i. Research

l. Other (specify) _____

My practice of Colon and Rectal Surgery is:

Limited to Colon and Rectal Surgery

Number of years limited _____

Not limited to Colon and Rectal Surgery

Percentage of practice which is colon & rectal surgery _____%

What percentage of your colon and rectal practice is:

Surgical management of anorectal disease _____%

Surgical management of colon disease _____%

Colonoscopy _____%

Total _____ 100 %

Have you been the subject of any disciplinary action by a local or state medical society or medical licensure body in the past 10 years? Yes No If yes, please provide an explanation in an accompanying letter.

Have you had your hospital privileges suspended, revoked or modified in the past 5 years? Yes No

If yes, please provide an explanation in an accompanying letter.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP AFFILIATIONS

ACS Member: Yes No If yes, Member since _____

ACS Fellow: Yes No If yes, Fellow since _____

AMA Yes No If yes, AMA member since _____ AMA ID# _____

Please list current medical society memberships (spell out):

1 _____ 4 _____

2 _____ 5 _____

3 _____ 6 _____

Publications (Please enclose separate sheet providing exact titles and references. Please enclose reprints, if available):

I hereby certify that: (A) I have read and will abide by the precepts of the Society's Bylaws; and (B) All information recorded on the application and any attached documents are accurate and support my qualifications for membership in ASCRS for which I now apply.

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

PLEASE NOTE: An incomplete or unsigned application will not be processed.

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