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The Value of Chapter Membership

Keystone Chapter of the American College of Surgeons

Why belong to your local chapter? Local chapters offer opportunities to network with colleagues in your backyard, attend seminars and other educational events close to home and monitor legislative and regulatory issues affecting Pennsylvania physicians. Chapter members looking for guidance or assistance with an issue can reach out to another member, close to home, that could be dealing with the same state-related issue.

The Keystone Chapter (KCACS), the largest chapter in Pennsylvania, is the result of a merger of the former Central and Eastern Pennsylvania Chapters in 2003 and encompasses 42 counties in the central region of the state. KCACS' mission is to provide a regional voice for surgeons in all specialties; be an advocate for its members and patients they serve; provide educational opportunities and encourage the highest standards of ethical surgical practice.

Benefits of Membership

- Members are kept updated on legislative and regulatory issues affecting their specialty.
- Annual Scientific Meeting held each fall provides members an opportunity to participate in educational sessions on the latest in surgical techniques and changes to our practice, all presented by highly respected speakers in our field.
- Young Surgeons and Residents have an opportunity to engage with their colleagues, providing a network to discuss issues specific to their unique challenges.
- Surgical Jeopardy Tournament challenges Resident teams on their surgical knowledge.
- Opportunities to learn about new products and services available to the surgical community as part of the Exhibit Hall at the Annual Scientific Meeting.
- Annual abstract poster competition provides a forum for Residents to present their research projects.

If you are a current member of the ACS, take the next step and join your local chapter. You have already met the requirements and standards for membership in the KCACS. Simply complete the "Membership Acceptance Form" online at www.keystonesurgeons.org or complete and return the form on the reverse side. **Chapter dues are minimal. The value of having educational and networking resources close to home is immeasurable.**

Unlike other state chapters of the ACS, Pennsylvania is unique in that there are four chapters providing local programs and services within a short distance of your office. The Chapters collaborate on legislative and regulatory issues and offer a statewide discussion board on the ACS website (<http://acscommunities.facs.org>). The state coalition also hosts networking events at the ACS Leadership & Advocacy Summit and the annual Clinical Congress.

Not a member of the American College of Surgeons? Visit www.facs.org and join today!

