

## becoming a member

As you are a member of the American College of Surgeons, becoming a member of the Keystone Chapter is simple. There is no application to complete or lengthy approval process. You have already met the requirements and standards of the American College of Surgeons, so your chapter membership is guaranteed. Simply complete the Acceptance of Membership form and return it to the KC/ACS office with your dues payment. Annual dues are affordable—\$125.00—a reasonable investment for the valuable benefits of membership in the Keystone Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.



## capitol hill chapter visits

KC/ACS members are selected to attend a day and a half session in Washington D.C. with the American College of Surgeons to learn firsthand about the legislative process. On the day they arrive, attendees are briefed on the major issues currently being considered on Capitol Hill that affect surgical practice. The following day, attendees take part in a role playing exercise and then begin their congressional visits with U.S. representatives and their staffs. This proves to be a very informative opportunity for members to not only learn about the legislative process but also become involved in making a difference in the political process.



## legislative advocacy

The Chapter is an excellent and appropriate vehicle to make the concerns of surgeons from eastern and central PA heard not only at ACS headquarters in Chicago, but also in Harrisburg and Washington. Through its strong ties with the American College of Surgeons and the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Chapter monitors and supports action on the legislative and regulatory issues which affect our patients and our profession.

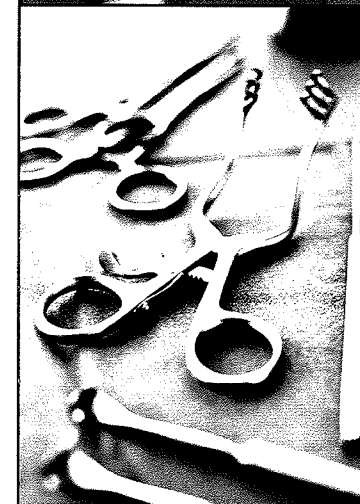
## chapter website

Our chapter website, [www.keystonesurgeons.org](http://www.keystonesurgeons.org), includes up-to-date information on the Chapter's upcoming events, legislative and regulatory issues, and topics relevant to the surgical profession. The website is in its infancy and is continually evolving, so visit us today and give us your input.

## mock oral boards

Our Chapter offers mock oral boards each year for eligible residents and physicians to assist them in preparing for their oral boards. Members are also encouraged to participate as examiners.

## benefits of membership



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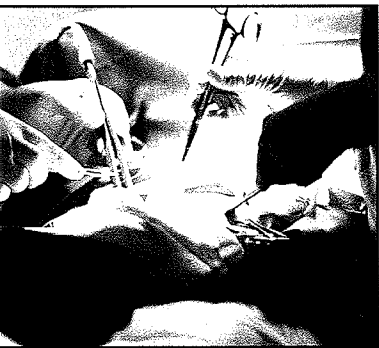
## Keystone Chapter, American College of Surgeons

### Why Should I Join?

The healthcare climate is anything but friendly to most Pennsylvania surgeons today with continual reimbursement cuts and skyrocketing medical liability insurance premiums. Because we recognize the financial impact that these factors have on surgeons, KC/ACS membership is affordable and offers many useful member benefits which are continually evolving to meet your needs.

#### background

The Keystone Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, which was founded in 2003, is the result of a merger between the Central and Eastern Pennsylvania Chapters. The Chapters recognized that a merger would allow them to streamline their operations and better utilize limited staff and volunteer resources. The Keystone Chapter, which represents 42 counties in eastern and central Pennsylvania, is able to offer more exclusive member benefits, develop excellent continuing education programs, provide more frequent and useful communications on issues of concern and interest to the surgical profession, and overall, serve as a more effective voice for surgeons.



#### our mission

The mission of the Keystone Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (KC/ACS) is to provide a regional voice for surgeons in all specialties, be an advocate for its members and the patients they serve, provide educational opportunities for its members, and to encourage the highest standards of ethical surgical practice.

#### member communications

***In the Scope Broadcast fax and email***—These means of communication provide members timely information on issues affecting the surgical profession and on upcoming events without adherence to publication deadlines and production schedules.

***Keystone Surgeon***—Through our Chapter newsletter, *Keystone Surgeon*, produced twice a year, members are kept apprised of chapter and national events, national and state legislative and regulatory issues, and other useful information. Members are encouraged to submit clinical articles for inclusion in the publication.

#### annual scientific meeting

The Annual Scientific Meeting boasts of a valuable educational experience complete with some of the finest surgical speakers in Pennsylvania and across the country, a diverse array of topics, and a convenient location. As a member of the Chapter, you can attend this excellent educational opportunity at a greatly reduced registration rate.

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#### Acceptance of Membership Form

Yes, I want to be a member of the Keystone Chapter, American College of Surgeons. Enclosed is my dues payment in the amount of (please check one):

- Active Fellow Members \$125  
 Associate Fellow Members \$125  
 Candidate Member (surgical residents) \$0  
 Senior Member (retired ACS Fellow) \$0

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Suffix:  MD  DO  FACS

Preferred Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address is:  Home  Business

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Surgical Specialties \_\_\_\_\_

Board Certification(s) \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in getting involved with the following:

- Advocacy Committee  
 Membership Committee  
 Council

Please check method of payment:

- Check (Make check payable to Keystone Chapter, ACS.  
Payment must be enclosed with your application.)  
 Visa  
 MasterCard

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