

# Pennsylvania Surgical News

May 2023

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

ACS Updates	4-5
Executive Director Update	2
Highlights from KCAC Spring Conf.	7-11
Meanderings of a Wandering Surgeon	3
Save the Date!	6
Thank You to Our Sponsors	6
Upcoming Meetings	3
Why Join?	7

*A collaborative monthly publication of the Keystone and Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapters of the American College of Surgeons providing resources and educational content for the Pennsylvania Surgical Community*

Keystone *Chapter*

ACS Chapters American College  
of Surgeons

Metropolitan Philadelphia  
*Chapter*

ACS Chapters American College  
of Surgeons

# Pennsylvania Surgical News

May 2023



Robbi-Ann M. Cook, CAE  
Executive Director

We are coming into the summer months where most look for relaxation time with family and friends. The Keystone and Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapters will continue to monitor legislation and current events and update you. If there are issues or concerns you would like to address, connect with me via email and we will get you the answer(s) you need. Even though our meetings and events are not in full swing, the Keystone and Metro Philly Chapters are still here to serve the needs of our members.

Metro Philly is currently planning for its annual joint dinner meeting with the PAS. We are returning to the Bellevue Hotel on Monday, September 18th for an evening of educational programs, resident posters, exhibit hall, and most importantly, an opportunity to network and reconnect. Watch for additional details as they become available.

ACS has moved unpaid members to a “lapsed” status, but there is still time to reactive or JOIN your local ACS Chapter. Head over to the Keystone or Metro Philly Chapter websites, access your member portal and renew or JOIN today. Be a voice in the choir to advance and protect surgeons and their patients in the Commonwealth.

A membership survey is in the works to gather feedback and create a roadmap for the future of the surgical associations. We need to hear from YOU, our members, on what is relevant and important, where change is needed, and how we can better serve your needs. We need to hear from all career levels and hope you will take a moment to complete and submit the survey.

As always, if you have comments, suggestions, or an article of interest, please email me at [rcook@rmcmanagementsolutions.com](mailto:rcook@rmcmanagementsolutions.com).

*Robbi*

Robbi-Ann M. Cook, CAE  
Executive Director

---

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

<b>ACS Updates</b>	5
<b>ACS Local Chapter Dues Renewal</b>	8
<b>Executive Director Update</b>	2
<b>Keystone Chapter Spring Conference</b>	7-9
<b>Meanderings of a Wandering Surgeon</b>	3-4
<b>Why Join?</b>	9

*Pennsylvania Surgical News* is a collaborative effort of the Keystone and Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapters. Content is copyright. Articles are the opinion of the writer(s), and may not reflect the mission, goals, and focus of the Chapters.

Editorial Team  
Robbi-Ann M. Cook, CAE  
Shannon Marie Foster, MD, FACS



## Meanderings from A Wandering Surgeon

### Evolving Member Benefits

Shannon Marie Foster, MD, FACS  
Keystone Chapter  
Immediate Past President

Friends and Colleagues -

The American College of Surgeons, the House of Surgery, creates and distributes to its members countless education and proactive resources. To further enhance member benefits, a number of additional resources and services will be coming on line in the months ahead that will focus on professional development, business support, and better navigating the complexities of the job outside of clinical practice. The Compensation Data Reports from the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) are available to ACS members at a 45% discount. Visit the [ACS website](#) for additional information. If you don't know what you are worth and what colleagues in your area are making - how do you know what to ask for? Just another helpful hand from the ACS.

To further explore the progressional growth, including an expanded well-being and intimate partner violence toolkit; and practice management for the employed and private and all in between, check out [Practice Management | ACS \(facs.org\)](#) and [Professional Growth and Wellness | ACS \(facs.org\)](#)

Thanks for your membership and interest...

Shannon Marie Foster, MD, FACS



### Upcoming Meetings

KCACs/MPACS Collaborative Task Force Meeting  
June 5th—6:30 PM (Virtual)

MPACS Council Meeting  
June 12th—6:30 PM (Virtual)

KCACs Council Meeting  
June 13th—6:30 PM (Virtual)

For additional details email:  
[rcook@rmcmanagementsolutions.com](mailto:rcook@rmcmanagementsolutions.com)



## Quality and Safety Conference Keynote Speaker Disabuses Disability

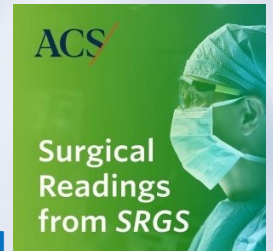
The 2023 ACS Quality and Safety Conference, July 10-13 at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minnesota, is the premier forum for the latest developments in quality and safety, best practices, and actionable items that you can implement in your own institutions. And this year’s keynote address is one you won’t want to miss.

Oluwaferanmi O. Okanlami, MD, MS, will share his remarkable journey and perspective on being both a physician and a patient. He will explain the meaning behind his catch phrase “disabusing disability” and demonstrate that DISability doesn’t mean INability and the reason why the patient voice is so essential.

As the Director of Student Accessibility and Accommodation Services at the University of Michigan, Dr. Okanlami oversees the office of Services for Students with Disabilities, two Testing Accommodation Centers, and the Adaptive Sports & Fitness Program. He also is an assistant professor of family medicine, physical medicine & rehabilitation, and urology at Michigan Medicine, and an adjunct assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles.

### [Read More About Dr. Okanlami](#)

Additional Information on Quality & Safety Conference and to Register, Click [HERE](#).



## Listen to Abdominal Transplant Expert Discuss Liver Malignancies, Transplants

In the final episode in the *Surgical Readings from SRGS* liver surgery series, host Rick Greene, MD, FACS, continues to discuss liver malignancies and transplantation with Zachary C. Dietch, MD, member of the abdominal transplant team at Northwestern University Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.



Dates and Deadlines	Career Connection
<a href="#">See Events</a>	<a href="#">Career Opportunities</a>
ACS Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching Nominations Due June 12 Submit Today	Vascular Surgery The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Facility, Columbus
ACS Comprehensive General Surgery Review Course July 13–15 Register Today	General Surgeon New Mexico Cancer Center, Albuquerque
Leadership Summit Content On Demand Available until July 31 ACS Members: Register Today for Free	Pediatric Surgeon Kaiser Permanente - Northern California, Santa Clara
	Neurosurgeon MultiCare Health System, Spokane

## Surgeons Discuss Bariatric Surgery in Adolescents with Severe Obesity



One of the most effective treatments for severe obesity in adults has been metabolic and bariatric surgery, and recent research and guidelines have supported its use in adolescents—though the use of bariatric surgery in this vulnerable population is not without controversy. Watch two bariatric surgeons discuss the role of surgery in treating adolescents with severe obesity in a companion video to the *May Bulletin* cover story.

### More from the ACS

[Colorado Will Provide Schools with STOP THE BLEED Training and Kits](#)

[Become Involved with the ACS: Apply to Join a Committee](#)

[Medical Students: Attend Medical Student Program at Clinical Congress and Submit ePoster Abstracts Today](#)

[Submit Nominations for Two Prestigious ACS Resident Member Awards](#)

[Foster Your Mental Health during Mental Health Awareness Month and Beyond](#)

## Named Lecturers for Clinical Congress 2023 Announced

**Clinical Congress 2023**, October 22-25 at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center in Massachusetts, will bring together world-renowned experts in the clinical practice of surgery, as well as leaders in surgical education, research, and technology. A highlight of the annual conference is the impressive slate of Named Lectures.



Delivered by internationally renowned experts, the **11 Named Lectures** cover a wide range of medical disciplines, including surgical innovation, patient care, medical ethics, and beyond. The lectures will be presented in-person and on-demand for attendees who want to view the talks virtually.

To view all lectures, click [HERE](#).

For additional information on Clinical Congress 2023 and to register, click [HERE](#).

We look forward to seeing our Keystone and Metro Philly members in Boston!



**Metropolitan Philadelphia**  
*Chapter*  
**ACS Chapters** American College of Surgeons

# SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Joint Dinner Meeting Hosted by  
Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter ACS & Philadelphia Academy of  
Surgery

Bellevue Hotel, Philadelphia

Monday, September 18, 2023

Details coming soon.

Are you an industry partner, supplier, device manufacturer? Be a part of  
the Exhibit Hall to engage with surgical members.



Keynote Lecture | Poster Competition | Exhibit Hall | Networking

The Keystone Chapter  
Would Like to  
Thank Our Sponsors  
Who Participated in the  
Spring Conference

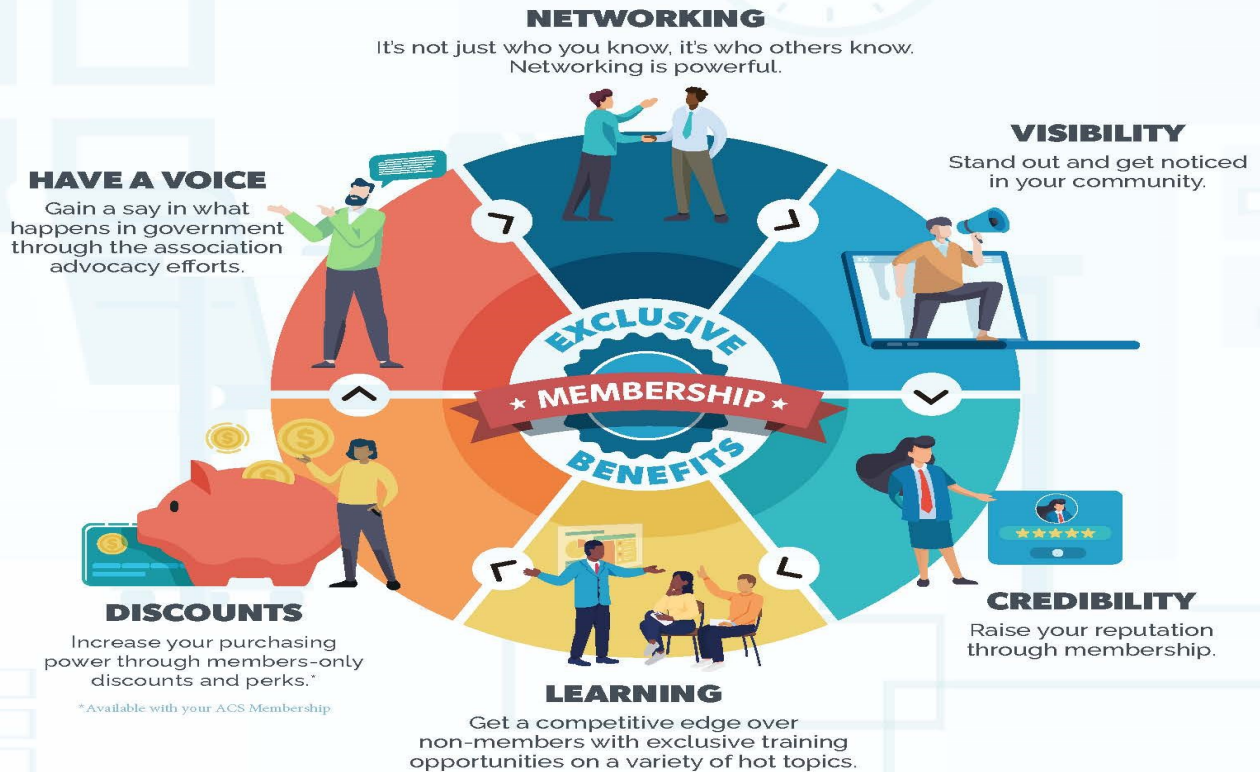


**Keystone Chapter**  
**ACS Chapters** American College of Surgeons



# WHY JOIN AN ASSOCIATION?

**Associations are stronger than ever.** By joining, you get members-only perks, exclusive advertising and networking opportunities, and a whole lot of exposure for yourself and your institution. **Get on board and see the difference!**



Keystone & Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapters  
American College of Surgeons

**JOIN US!**

Contact us to learn more about the benefits of membership today!

## Be a Voice for YOUR Surgical Community!

Join Your ACS Local Chapter Today and be part of the momentum to move the surgical community forward.

[Keystone Chapter Membership](#)

[Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter Membership](#)

Or contact Executive Director, Robbi Cook ([rcook@rmcmanagementsolutions.com](mailto:rcook@rmcmanagementsolutions.com)) for additional information.

