



THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
Breast Surgeons

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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*was formed to encourage
the study of breast surgery
by promoting research and development
of advanced surgery techniques,
encourage the ongoing research
and study of breast disease,
improve the standards of practice
for breast surgery,
and serve as a
primary leadership organization
offering a forum for the exchange of ideas.*

History

The American Society of Breast Surgeons was founded in 1995 by surgeons concerned about access to the latest breast technologies and quality of patient care.

As the Society has grown, its initiatives have expanded to include work in the areas of patient safety and quality, coding and reimbursement, certification, research, and education.

“I have never been associated with a more passionate group of physicians.”

“Membership in the American Society of Breast Surgeons has shown itself to be invaluable.”



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Membership Information:
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The Benefits of Membership

Advocacy

With more than 2,800 members, the Society has become a strong voice for surgeons on issues affecting the treatment of breast disease. Members are represented through intersocietal efforts that include representation on:

- The American College of Surgeons Board of Governors
- The AMA RVS Update Committee (RUC)
- The American College of Radiology/American College of Surgeons Joint Committee on Stereotactic Breast Biopsy Accreditation
- National Approvals Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC)
- National Quality Forum (NQF)
- Commission on Cancer (CoC)

Publications

The American Journal of Surgery
The official monthly journal of The American Society of Breast Surgeons provides the latest research and news for surgeons.

Newsletters Print and electronic newsletters tailored to the specific interests of the membership provide updates on the Society as well as regional events, a message from the president, the latest advances in technology and clinical trials, spotlight on members' accomplishments, announcements for CME activities, and more.

Resources

Website The Society website, www.breastsurgeons.org, provides access to worthwhile information of interest and use to the expanding community of breast surgeons, with a special “members only” section.

Committees The Society oversees 15 committees dedicated to advancing its mission and goals.

Educational Programs

Annual Meeting The Society sponsors an annual meeting in the Spring, offering CME opportunities with hands-on workshops, educational seminars, lectures, and opportunities to network with peers and industry representatives. Members receive discounted rates for this meeting.

Regional Courses The Society offers regional hands-on workshops on various topics to provide members conveniently located training led by recognized experts in the field.

Certification and Facility Accreditation Programs

The Society recognizes the leading role of surgeons as providers of clinical expertise in management of patients with breast abnormalities. That is why it developed two programs which certify individual surgeons in *breast ultrasound* and *stereotactic breast procedures*. **Certification** demonstrates a dedication to quality patient care and public safety through adherence to established standards for performance and training in breast ultrasound and stereotactic breast procedures. Each program offers a means of recognition to individual surgeons who meet criteria in the areas of clinical experience, training, and quality assurance.

Facility accreditation is available for those surgeons certified in breast ultrasound and stereotactic breast biopsy. These programs are designed to ensure that facilities receiving such accreditation have met the applicable requirements regarding the equipment, personnel, quality control and quality assurance programs and accuracy of examinations and procedures being performed.

Recognition

In recognition of affiliation with the Society, members receive a personalized certificate suitable for framing and a membership lapel pin.

Apply for your membership today! Instructions are included on the application form. Call the Society's office at 877-992-5470 (toll-free) if you have any questions.

Applicant's name: _____
(First name) (Middle initial) (Last name) (Suffix)

Institution _____

Institution address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Country _____ (if other than USA, Puerto Rico, and Canada—read and satisfy requested requirements in "International Applicant Information" box below)

Telephone: _____

Gender: M F

Fax: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____

Email: _____

Do not publish contact information in printed or online directories.

Indicate percentage of practice devoted to breast care: _____%

I. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

Check the one membership category for which you are applying and supply supporting information:

ACTIVE MEMBER

- An Active Member is a General Surgeon, MD or DO, with a demonstrated interest in breast surgery.
- Must have a full and unrestricted license to practice surgery in the jurisdiction in which such physician is engaged to practice.
- Must have Board Certification in the appropriate certifying Board upon initial application.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

An Associate Member is either:

- A Non-General Surgeon or a non-Surgeon Physician, with a demonstrated interest in breast surgery. Board certification by the appropriate certifying Board is required on initial application.
- A General Surgeon, MD or DO, not Board certified at the initial application. Must have a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the jurisdiction in which such physician is engaged to practice.

AFFILIATE MEMBER

- An Affiliate Member is an allied healthcare professional, academic researcher or scientist who is engaged in the care of breast surgery patients.
- Must have a letter of recommendation from an Active or Associate member.

CANDIDATE MEMBER

- A Candidate Member is a General Surgery Resident, Surgical Oncology Fellow or Breast Fellow currently enrolled in a residency/fellowship program.
- Must have a letter from the director stating the residency/fellowship program, including the term: ____/____/20____ to ____/____/20____

NOTE: Only Active Members may sit on committees, vote, and hold office. Associate, Candidate, and Affiliate Members may sit on committees, but not vote or hold office.

International Applicant Information

Physicians applying for membership in the American Society of Breast Surgeons who do not live in the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico must satisfy the following:

- All documents must be submitted in English. If original documents are not in English, they must be translated into English and notarized with an original signature from a Notary Public.
- The applicant must show evidence of professional standing by providing the following:
 - Curriculum vitae
 - Valid medical license
 - Surgical license or certificate (as applicable). Provide contact information for surgical certification board.
 - Proof of privileges at a healthcare facility in the form of a letter, in English, on official letterhead, from the Chief of Staff, Department Chair, Credentials Committee Chair, or similar individual.

II. MEDICAL ACTIVITY (enclose a copy of curriculum vitae, current medical license(s), and board certification, if applicable)

- a. **Education** (please include institution, city, and state) _____ Year of graduation/completion: _____
 Educational Institution: _____
 Medical School: _____
 Residency(ies): _____

- b. **Medical License #:** _____ State: _____
- c. **Board Certification:**
 Certifying board: _____
 Year of board certification: _____ Certification #: _____
 Year of recertification (if applicable): _____ Expiration Date: _____

III. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (check all that apply)

- State Medical Association American College of Surgeons American Medical Association Royal College of Surgeons

I attest that the information contained in this application is correct and complete.

Signature _____ Date: _____

I agree that the Society may fax and/or email me with Society-related news and updates on activities: _____ Yes _____ No

ANNUAL DUES (check payment method)

\$295—Active and Associate **\$150**—Affiliate **\$50**—Candidate

- A check payable to The American Society of Breast Surgeons for the appropriate amount in US dollars:
- Charge my: _____ MasterCard _____ VISA _____ American Express
- Credit Card #: _____
- Exp. Date: _____
- Cardholder's Name : _____
(please print)
- Signature: _____

APPLICATION PROCESSING AND APPROVAL

All membership applications are reviewed by The American Society of Breast Surgeons Membership Committee. Please allow 6-8 weeks for review. Membership becomes effective on the date of approval. Membership certificates are mailed upon approval of the membership committee and receipt of dues.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- _____ Curriculum vitae
 _____ Medical license
 _____ Board Certification
 _____ Completed and signed application
 _____ Dues payment
 _____ Affiliate applicant—letter of recommendation from current Active or Associate member
 _____ Candidate applicant—letter from director stating residency/fellowship program and term
 _____ International applicant—satisfied requirements listed on reverse side

Mail or fax your completed application, supporting documentation, and annual dues to:

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