



APDCRS

Fall Newsletter

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ABCRS

Please remind / educate your residents that following graduation [ABCRS Continuous Certification](#) is accomplished through longitudinal assessment utilizing the CertLink platform.

ACGME

Are you interested in Milestones for your faculty? [Clinician Educator Milestones](#) were just released at the end of August and provide a framework for assessment of educational skills of faculty members who teach residents and fellows. Each of the 18 milestones cover a different area of professional development. Faculty members can use these milestones for their own self-assessment as educators, or with a trusted peer to provide feedback and assessment. The ultimate goal of these milestones is to provide faculty members with tools to help them with lifelong growth and development as educators. Individuals may choose to focus on one or more of the milestones, but do not need to assess against all the milestones. The Clinician Educator Milestones can also provide a framework for organizations to support development of teaching, scholarship, and leadership, while providing opportunities for educators' lifelong learning and growth.

[Milestones Mid-Year Reporting](#) is open until January 13, 2023.

Milestones Mid-Year Reporting Open October 31, 2022 until January 13, 2023

The reporting window will be open Monday, October 31, 2022 through Friday, January 13, 2023. Milestones assessments can be submitted via ADS at any point during this time. A list of specialties that have transitioned or soon will transition to Milestones 2.0 can be found on the [Milestones](#) page.

Email technical questions to ADS@acgme.org.

Email content questions to milestones@acgme.org.

Affiliate Membership

Ever since the APDCRS Bylaws were agreed upon in 1981, there has been a category for Affiliate Membership. Over time the definition of an Affiliate Member has been updated slightly with current APDCRS Bylaws stating, “A Board-certified colon and rectal surgeon who is an Associate Program Director, considering applying for a program, or who has a special interest in colon and rectal training programs may be admitted as an Affiliate Member. Affiliate Members may attend meetings of the Members but shall not be entitled to vote on any matters.”

Dr. Richard P. Billingham from Northwest Colon and Rectal Clinic (now Swedish Medical Center) in Washington was the last documented Affiliate Member accepted during the March 6 – 8, 1988 APDCRS meeting. There have been none since.

If you know of a Board-Certified Colon and Rectal Surgeon interested in becoming an Affiliate Member, would like to nominate someone, or would like to apply for Affiliate Membership yourself, please reach out and let us know.

Affiliate members have the opportunity to serve on and contribute to committees.

During our 2023 Spring meeting, Members will vote on accepting nominations / applications for Affiliate Membership.

ASCRS

If you have not already done so, please consider attending the **Question Writing Workshop** during the upcoming ASCRS Meeting.

In addition to enhancing question writing abilities for CARSITE questions, following completion of the Workshop volunteer opportunities will be available to write questions for CertLink and ABCRS.

[Details regarding registration will be coming in December.](#)



CARSITE Committee

On behalf of the [CARSITE committee](#) and Chair Syed Husain, we would like to recognize and THANK everyone who submitted CARSITE questions this year. We had an increase in submitted questions, which has greatly benefited our efforts to continue providing an up to date and relevant exam to our residents.

The CARSITE exam will be offered November 11 – 12th and 14 – 16th.

Core Curriculum Committee

The last time the APDCRS Core Curriculum for colon and rectal surgery programs / residents was updated was 2019. ACGME Milestones and Common Program Requirements updates were both released in 2021, necessitating a Core Curriculum update.

On behalf of the [Core Curriculum Committee](#) and Chair Kim Lu, the APDCRS Core Curriculum is in the final stages of being revised. We anticipate being able to share the updates later this year.

Ex Officio Members / Representatives

CONGRATULATIONS to Josh Bleier, who was recently elected to replace Jennifer Beaty as our new ABCRS Representative.

Position	Name	Term	Term Serving	Term Ends
ABCRS Executive Director	Thomas E. Read, MD	5 yrs	First	2027 (1)
ABCRS Representative	Josh Bleier, MD	4 yrs	First	2026 (1)
ABCRS Representative	Michelle E. Murday, MD	4 yrs	First	2025 (1)
ABCRS President	Scott R. Steele, MD, MBA	1 yr	n/a	2022 (1)
ACGME Review Committee Chair	Glenn T. Ault, MD, M.S.Ed	3 yrs	n/a	2024
ACS Advisory Council Representative	David J. Maron, MD	3 yrs	Second	2024 (2)
APDCRS Past President	Glenn T. Ault, MD, M.S.Ed	6 yrs	n/a	2023
APDCRS Past President	Jennifer S. Beaty, MD	6 yrs	n/a	2025
APDCRS Past President	Robert K. Cleary, MD	6 yrs	n/a	2027
ASCRS President	Conor Delaney, MD, PhD	1 yr	n/a	2023

Entrustable Professional Activities Committee

On behalf of the [Entrustable Professional Activities \(EPA\) Committee](#), Chair Jitesh Patel, Vice-Chair Surya Nalamati, and ABCRS representative Glenn Ault, work is currently underway on creating three EPAs to pilot for colon and rectal surgery residents (complicated diverticulitis, perianal abscess, colonoscopy). Pilot EPAs will focus on high volume categories to allow residents/faculty multiple opportunities to complete evaluations, as well as concentrate on proficiencies that distinguish our specialty from general surgery. Our pilot is expected to be ready to introduce to all programs at the next APDCRS meeting on April 21-22, 2023.

MATCH

For 2022 there were 67 training programs offering 110 residency positions. 66 programs (98.5%) and 109 positions (99.1%) filled on Match Day (October 26th). Colon and rectal surgery remains a very competitive subspecialty residency training program.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Applicants	129	129	128	110	110	127	141	153	151	156	138
Programs	52	54	54	55	54	53	61	59	62	65	67
Positions	88	90	92	93	93	93	103	101	104	109	110
Match %	68%	70%	72%	85%	68%	77%	75%	66%	70%	70%	80%

Officer / Board of Director Positions

Program Directors, **are you interested in serving as an Officer / on the Board of Directors for APDCRS.** A new slate will be elected during our 2023 meeting. Positions available include:

- Vice-President (President Elect)
- Secretary / Treasurer
- Member-at-Large

If interested in a position, please send a letter of intent and your CV to Jan Wisniewski (jwisniewski@abcrs.org). The Nominating Committee will present a slate of names to vote on during our April meeting.

Position	Term	Renewal	Term Ends
President	2 years	n/a	2025
President-elect (VP)	2 years	n/a	2025
Secretary / Treasurer	2 years	Once	2025
Member-at-Large	2 years	n/a	2025

Resident Education Opportunities

[APDCRS Robotics Webinars](#)

APDCRS ROBOTICS TRAINING WEBINARS

Webinar 1: Robotics Colectomy Setup Port Placement Instrument Selection – Amir Bastawrous, MD, MBA, FACS, FASCRS

Webinar 2: Low Anterior Resection High Ligation of the IMA and IMV Medial to Lateral Dissection – Mark Soliman, MD, FACS, FASCRS

Webinar 3: Splenic Flexure Mobilization and Intracorporal Anastomosis – Amir Bastawrous, MD, MBA, FACS, FASCRS

Webinar 4: Total Mesorectal Excision Final – Amir Bastawrous, MD, MBA, FACS, FASCRS and Jamie Cannon, MD, FACS, FASCRS

Webinar 5: Robotic Right Colectomy Final – Robert Cleary, MD


Series of Robotic Training Videos – Mark Soliman, MD, FACS, FASCRS

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[DC&R Didactic Video Collection – Submissions Needed](#)

DCR is in need of didactic videos. The submissions are considered DCR publications, get an official doi, and are a great way for residents to fulfil ACGME scholarly activity requirements.

[DC&R Journal Club](#)

Each month DCR will select a colorectal topic and provide freely accessible DCR articles to be presented by a panel of experts, in addition to providing opportunities to discuss, share opinions, and learn from colon and rectal surgeons around the world.



[CRS Virtual Education Program](#)



Resident L-serv

During our 2022 spring meeting a discussion was held regarding creating a L-serv for our colon and rectal surgery residents, which members voted on and unanimously approved. A total of 85 residents have signed up to be part of the L-serv.

APDCRS uses the L-serv to communicate directly with residents (job offers, career course, endoscopy course, Sunday education series, APDCRS offerings, etc.). The L-serv will not be used for anything other than APDCRS business. It will not be used to solicit residents to participate in non-APDCRS sanctioned surveys / studies, etc. APDCRS controls and monitors the L-serv and each academic year we will update the L-serv with the new incoming class, and delete the old class. Program directors and education coordinators will be copied on all emails sent to the resident L-serv.

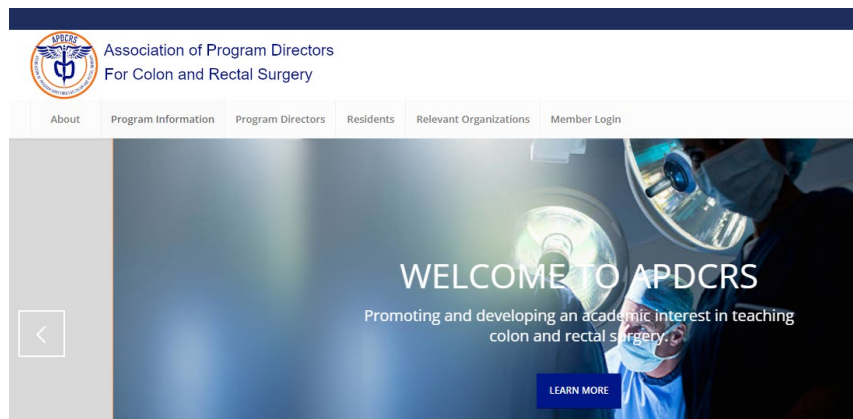
If your resident has not signed up and would like to be part of the L-serv, please have them reach out.

Robotics Committee

On behalf of the [Robotics Committee](#) and Chair Amir Bastawrous, the [APDCRS Robotics Training Curriculum for 2022 – 2023 is open for enrollment](#). The Robotics Training Course is now in its 12th year and for the 2022 – 2023 academic year four robotics courses will be held in Atlanta on June 19 – 22nd.

Website & Social Media Committee

The APDCRS website is significantly out of date and was last updated in 2015. It is lacking the functionality necessary for our current information technology environments. On behalf of the [Website & Social Media Committee](#) and Chair Josh Bleier, the overhaul of our website continues. Our goal is to have our completely new website (look, feel, functionality) ready to unveil during our spring meeting.



43rd Annual APDCRS Meeting

SAVE THE DATES

Omni Hotel – Chicago, IL

April 21, 2023 (Friday) – Coordinators Meeting
– Mini Question Writing Workshop
– Evening Social

April 22, 2023 (Saturday) – Program Directors Meeting