



APDCRS

Winter Newsletter

January 2023



43rd Annual APDCRS Meeting

SAVE THE DATES

Omni Hotel – Chicago, IL



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

April 22, 2023 (Saturday) – Program Directors Meeting

- EPAs
- Standard Letter of Recommendation
- Curated Fellowship
- Optimal Pouch Training
- ACGME Updates
- ABCRS Updates
- ASCRS Updates
- ACS Updates
- New Website Unveiling
- Core Curriculum Update
- Abstract Submission for ASCRS
- 2023 Residency Interviews
- Officer & Board of Director Elections
- Affiliate Member Elections
- Etc...

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

Affiliate Membership

APDCRS Bylaws state, "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.

ABCRS

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

ACGME

[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.

[Call for Review Committee Candidates](#)

The AMA is soliciting AMA member candidates for nomination by the AMA Board of Trustees for the **Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Review Committee for Colon and Rectal Surgery** ([ACGME RC-CRS](#)). **The application deadline is Tuesday, January 17, 2023.**

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.

Saturday, June 3, 2023

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM PT

Question Writing Workshop   

Location: Room 617 (Seattle Convention Center)

Co-Moderator: [Shankar Raman, MD](#) – Mercy Surgical Affiliates

Co-Moderator: [Glenn Ault, MD, MSED](#) – University of Southern California

CARSITE Committee

On behalf of the [CARSITE committee](#) and Chair Syed Husain, we would like to **THANK everyone in advance for submitting their CARSITE questions this year.**

New this year Associate Program Directors, with Program Director mentorship, can write CARSITE questions for their program. Program Directors will be responsible for vetting and submitting questions for their program.

The call for CARSITE questions will be coming out soon...

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 soon.

Diseases of the Colon & Rectum

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

DCR needs 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](#)



The DC&R Journal provides a live, online journal club at 1900(EST) on the last Monday of each month.

- The sessions are conducted via Zoom
- The duration of each session is one hour
- All the sessions are recorded and available via the [DC&R YouTube channel](#)

All topics are specific to the colorectal subspecialty.

- The #DCRJournalclub is hosted by premier local and international colorectal surgical faculties
- This initiative is supported by the DC&R Journal editorial board and featured authors, who regularly attend

Each session consists of:

- Presentation of two DC&R papers by the local faculty
- An interactive panel discussion with the online audience

- A special guest segment featuring a thought-provoking, succinct interview with an eminent Academic surgeon
- Some sessions have included live debates and future sessions will include operative video analysis

A link to the online sessions is distributed [via this mailing list](#).

Further updates about #DCRJournalclub can be found:

- [On the website](#)
- Via [twitter](#) @DCRJournal

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 during our spring meeting.

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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CRS Virtual Education Program



USC 7th Annual Advanced Endoscopy Colorectal Fellows Course

February 23-24 *or* March 23-24 '2023

Hands-on 1.5 Day Course

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 20 – 23rd.

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.

