



APDCRS

Spring Newsletter

March 2023



APDCRS 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 April 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-elect (VP)	2 years	n/a	2025
Secretary / Treasurer	2 years	Once	2025
Member-at-Large	2 years	n/a	2025

43rd Annual APDCRS Meeting

April 21, 2023 (Friday)

(0830 – 1600) Program Coordinators Meeting

(1700 – 1830) Mini Question Writing Workshop

(1830 – ??) Evening Social

April 22, 2023 (Saturday)

(0730 – 1530) Program Directors Meeting

- EPAs
- Standard Letter of Recommendation
- Curated Fellowship
- Optimal Pouch Training
- ACGME Updates
- ABCRS Updates
- ASCRS Updates
- ACS Updates
- Committee Updates
 - CARSITE
 - Core Curriculum
 - EPA
 - Robotics
 - Website & Social Media
- Abstract Submission for ASCRS
- 2023 Residency Interviews
- Officer & Board of Director Elections
- Affiliate Member Elections
- By-Laws Updates
- Etc...



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

ABCRS

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

[CRS Common Program Requirements Updates – Go Live 7-1-2023](#)

Requirements Updated with Common Program Requirement Revisions

The specialty- and subspecialty-specific Program Requirements have been updated to reflect revisions to the Common Program Requirements that become effective July 1, 2023. The updated documents can be found on the Program Requirements and FAQs and Applications page of each **specialty's section** of the ACGME website, under the "Future Effective Date" header.

2024 [Resident / Faculty Surveys](#) (Change in Distribution)

Resident/Fellow and Faculty Survey Update

The reporting period for the ACGME's annual surveys will open on **February 13, 2023**. As with last year's survey cycle, the reporting period will run for eight weeks. As the survey results are valued by programs and institutions for their continuous quality improvement efforts, further extension of the survey window could delay release of program and comparison data. The ACGME anticipates that programs will still receive their reports in early May.

The process for informing programs, faculty members, and residents/fellows of survey windows will remain unchanged from previous years. Beginning with the **2024 surveys**, however, the ACGME plans to update this process and **alert individuals directly** about the availability of the surveys and their requested participation and deadlines. This change will be made as part of the ACGME's overall efforts toward reducing the administrative burden on designated institutional officials, program directors, and coordinators.

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, MEd](#) – 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 2023 CARSITE exam will be offered November 3 – 4th and 6 – 8th.

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. Updates will be unveiled and made available to everyone during our April meeting.

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. The Committee has been meeting regularly and working closely with General Surgery EPA stakeholders. The CRS pilot is expected to be ready to introduce to all programs by the 2024 APDCRS meeting. Updates will be presented 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

A total of 85 residents have signed up to be added to the L-serv. APDCRS has used the L-serv to communicate directly with residents (job offers, career course, endoscopy course, Sunday education series, APDCRS offerings, etc.). The L-serv is not and 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 will control and monitor the L-serv and each academic year we will update the L-serv with the new incoming class, and delete the old class.

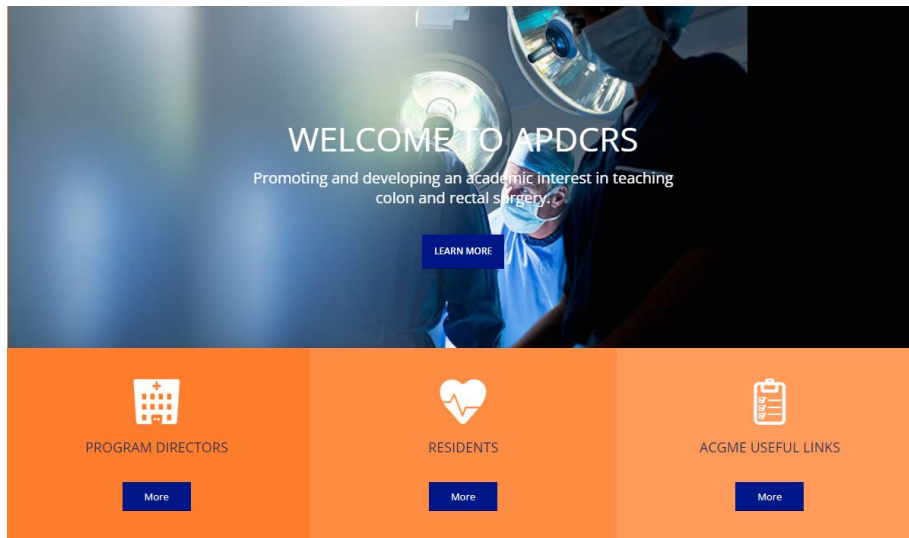
If your resident has not signed up and would like to be part of the L-serv, please have them reach out.

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 a complete website overhaul is currently underway and will be completed and unveiled to APDCRS membership during our upcoming April meeting.



APDCRS Meeting Program Directors & Coordinators Agenda

Saturday, April 22, 2023 - Chagall B Ballroom, Third Floor

0730 - 0800	Registration & Continental Breakfast	Chagall Foyer- 3 rd Floor
0800 - 0815	Welcome	Scott R. Kelley, MD
0815 - 0900	ACGME Potpourri Executive Director Review Committee Update Block Diagram	Corey J. Parker, MPA Glenn T. Ault, MD, M.S.Ed Rebecca E. Hoedema, MD, MS
0900 - 0915	Optimal Pouch Training Project	Emily F. Steinhagen, MD
0915 - 0930	ABCRS Update from the Executive Director	Tom E. Read, MD
0930 - 0945	ACS Update from Advisory Council Representative	David J. Maron, MD
0945 - 1000	Break	
1000 - 1015	ASCRC Update from the Executive Director	David A. Westman, MBA, CPA, CAE
1015 - 1030	ASCRC Resident Abstract Submissions	Scott R. Kelley, MD
1040 - 1100	Standard Letters of Recommendation	Dr. Anjali S. Kumar, MD, MPH
1100 - 1120	Curated Fellowship	Beth-Ann Shanker, MD
1120 - 1130	Robotics Committee	Amir L. Bastawrous, MD
1130 - 1230	Lunch	

1230 - 1245	CARSITE Committee	Syed G. Husain, MBBS
1245 - 1300	Core Curriculum Committee	Kim C. Lu, MD
1300 - 1315	Website / Social Media Committee	Josh Bleier, MD
1315 - 1330	Entrustable Professional Activities Committee	Jitesh A. Patel, MD
1330 - 1345	Break	
1345 - 1445	Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs)	Rebecca M. Minter, MD
1445 - 1500	Other Updates: CARSITE (Nov 3 - 4 & 6 - 8) Colorectal Career Course (Nov 10 - 11) Interviews (virtual or in-person) 2024 Meeting Dates	Scott R. Kelley, MD Michael A. Valente, DO
1500 - 1515	Business Meeting: 2022 Meeting Minutes By-Laws Updates Treasurer Report	Scott R. Kelley, MD Michael A. Valente, DO
1515 - 1530	Elections & Membership Vice-President (President Elect) Secretary/Treasurer Member-at-Large Affiliate Members	Scott R. Kelley, MD
1530	Adjourn	