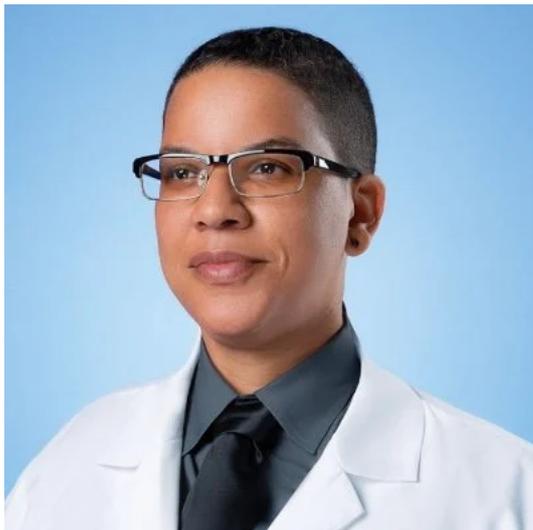




2021 Chapter Annual Meeting



Save the Date - Friday, October 8

Planning is well underway for the 2021 Chapter Meeting which will be held at the Trumbull Marriott on Friday, October 8th from 7:30 am until 6:30pm.

Dr. Roselle Crombie has accepted the role of meeting Chair and will be assisted by Dr. David Shapiro who will Chair the Skills Competition.

The meeting will be themed around the topic of Diversity and Inclusion, which is the newest College pillar. We are still working on the full list of guest speakers but are pleased to announce that Dr. LJ Punch has accepted our invitation to speak. Dr. Punch attended Yale University, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, the University of Maryland Medical Center and pursued a Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. Dr. Punch has collaborated to address gun violence, and brought the Stop the Bleed campaign to St. Louis. They are a co-founder of The T, an anti-violence center that seeks to create a safe and supportive environment with which to gather community members.

Check your email and the Chapter website for information regarding registration in early June.

Updated Newsletters

This edition marks the first newsletter we are publishing using our newly selected vendor, MailerLite. We have struggled to get our newsletters to your Inbox with our prior vendor as many institutions sent them to junk by default based on the vendor.

We are continuing to reach out to the IT departments at institutions across the state to work with them to be sure we are compliant with their requirements.

We are also asking them to whitelist the Chapter.

If possible, please whitelist our email address, info@ctacs.org, with your institution.

Your Chapter published two newsletters this year using our prior vendor. In case they did not make it to you we have posted them on the [Chapter homepage](#) and provided links below.

[February Newsletter](#)

[March Newsletter](#)

We appreciate your patience during this transition and welcome your feedback.

Helping a Young Researcher in CT



Improving the Stapler

Avery Dillon, daughter of Chapter member, Dr. Denise Barajas, is working on a science research program at Amity Region High School. Ms. Dillon is studying the ergonomics of Laparoscopic staplers. After doing extensive research, she created a device she believes will improve the ergonomics of the Endo-GIA stapler.

She is now in the next phase of her research, surveying surgeons for their opinion on her device. Ms. Dillon has developed a 6 question survey that can be accessed by clicking the button below. Please take a moment to help her move her research along to the next phase.

The Chapter has also invited Ms. Dillon to join us at the October Annual Meeting.

Thank you!

[Stapler Survey](#)

Stop the Bleed Night @ Dunkin' Park

May 20th

Chapter Partners with Saint Francis Hospital to Teach 1000 People in Single Night

The Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons is partnering with Saint Francis Hospital to teach Stop The Bleed to more than 1000 people in a single night.



The event is being held on National Stop the Bleed Day, May 20th, 2021, at Dunkin' Park in Hartford, home of the Hartford Yard Goats baseball club, the double-A affiliate of the Colorado Rockies. The event will be held during the team's home game against the Somerset Patriots, a Yankees affiliate.

The event will start with the game that night, and all ticket holders are being offered Stop The Bleed training. Instructors and organizers from Saint Francis will be teaching the didactic portion on the JumboTron, and offering a COVID-safe hands-on training during the game.

Stop The Bleed kits are being given away to a variety of those trained. This event could represent the largest Stop The Bleed event to date, and the CT chapter is helping with every aspect of the night. For more information, contact David S. Shapiro, MD, FACS at 860.833.5673.

2021 Dues Notice Changes

When are they being sent? +

Being distributed in mid-May

How are they being sent? +

All 2021 dues notices will be send by email initially. We may follow-up with a postal mailing but hope that we can save the expense and be more conscious of the environment by implementing electronic collection.

Why the change? +

Given the COVID related disruptions in the US Postal Service and the challenges with mail delivery at many hospitals in Connecticut we are shifting to email notices as our primary form of notice.

Are rates changing? +

No, dues will remain the same in 2021 as they were in 2020 at \$250 for renewals and \$225 for new members. If you would like to pay your dues online today via credit card please click below.

[Pay your dues today!](#)

Legislative Call to Action



Please Support SB 1007 – AN ACT REQUIRING HEALTH INSURANCE AND MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF SEVERE OBESITY

Your Chapter, in partnership with the College, and the Connecticut Chapter of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, have

been working with our legislators to expand access to for the State Medicaid program and private health insurance plans in Connecticut to provide robust coverage for metabolic and bariatric surgery and FDA-approved obesity drugs.

We came very close to seeing this passed last year. Please use your voice to help get it over the finish line in 2021.

Please take a moment to click on the link below to Surgeons Voice where you can send a letter to your state Senator and Representative. Please consider editing the letter to include any personal stories or to add a personal note to your Senator or Representative.

[Surgeons Voice](#)

Upcoming College Meetings



The ACS 2021 Leadership & Advocacy Summit will be held virtually, May 15–17, as follows:

Leadership Summit—Saturday, May 15 - offers up to 4 CME credits

Advocacy Summit—Sunday, May 16 and Monday, May 17

The Summit is a dual meeting offering comprehensive and specialized sessions to provide ACS members, leaders, and advocates with topics focused on effective surgeon leadership, as well as interactive advocacy training with coordinated virtual visits to Congressional offices.

Register Today!

2021 ACS Virtual Quality and Safety Conference – July 12–16

Abstracts due by April 30



Meeting Homepage

Check above for details.



Abstracts

Due by April 30,

Click image to submit.



Conference Objectives

Click above for more.

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Honoring the extraordinary contributions Dr. Dudrick has made to medical science, surgical education, and humanity, Council established the The Stanley Dudrick, MD, FACS Memorial Fund.



The Fund is managed by the College's Foundation. 100% of all donations to the Dudrick Fund benefit the Chapter. The funds will be used to support our resident paper competition, to provide stipends for residents to attend College events, to fund local educational opportunities for residents and medical students, and other programs that are within the purview of the ACS Foundation.

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