

History/Members

The Association of Clinical Scientists was formed in 1949 by a group of physicians and scientists from the various fields of laboratory medicine. As the ACS membership and activities expanded, the organization became incorporated as the "Association of Clinical Scientists." In 1956, ACS received a charter from the state of Pennsylvania as a non-profit scientific and educational corporation.

The members of the Association include pathologists, clinical chemists, molecular and cell biologists, microbiologists, immunologists, hematologists, cytogeneticists, toxicologists, pharmacokineticists, clinicians, cancer researchers, and other doctoral scientists who are experts in the application of laboratory methods for elucidation, diagnosis, and treatment of human diseases.

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Affiliations

The Association of Clinical Scientists is an active member of the Coalition to Improve Diagnosis, a voluntary organization of more than 30 healthcare and other organizations formed to bring awareness, attention and action to the issue of diagnostic errors in medicine. The Association is the first laboratory medicine organization to join the Coalition. It is expected that future ACS meetings will include sessions on how laboratory medicine can impact the field of medicine to improve the diagnostic process and decrease medical error. The Association is also a sponsor and member of the Intersociety Pathology Council.



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Member Information Brochure







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We invite you to join ACS!

This brochure summarizes the goals, activities, programs, and publications of the Association of Clinical Scientists and describes the benefits of membership. The Association encourages its members to conduct clinical research, present papers, organize seminars, visit each other's laboratories, improve their clinical and laboratory skills, expand their knowledge, and publish their findings.



There are three categories of membership

- **Fellows:** Fellowship is granted to scientists with a doctoral degree who through residency or post-doctoral training, clinical activities, and presentations or publications have demonstrated proficiency and achievement in clinical science. Fellow member dues are \$225.
- Associate Fellows: This category is open to clinical scientists who hold an earned doctorate degree, but who are still early in their careers and don't meet the requirements for full fellowship. This includes graduate medical trainees (residents and clinical fellows) and postdoctoral research fellows. Associate Fellow dues are \$50.
- **Members:** Scientists who have the qualifications of a Fellow with regard to publications, practice, and activities and who have demonstrated an interest and expertise in clinical science, but who do not hold an earned doctorate. Members, however, must hold, minimally, a baccalaureate degree. Member dues are \$50.

Membership applications are available on the website. Completed applications can be emailed to: clinsci@sover.net. If you do not have a sponsor, a member of the Executive Committee can help you locate one. Candidates should not send payment until they have been accepted as members and are billed by the Association.

The Goals of the ACS are to...

- Promote education and research in clinical science.
- Improve the development, selection, accuracy, utilization, and interpretation of laboratory tests used for clinical diagnosis, prognosis, monitoring, and research.
- Encourage cooperation among physicians and members of other professions concerned with applications of scientific methods in clinical practice and research.
- Foster the professional development, scientific stature, ethical standards, and collegiality of clinical scientists.

Meetings

The Association has an annual scientific meeting, usually held in May, which includes a seminar on a timely topic in clinical science and platform sessions that feature scientific papers presented by members and invited guests, as well as visits to clinical and research laboratories.

The Association's meetings provide CME credits and offer cultural as well as scientific exchanges. A Musicale and Art Exhibit, featuring members and guests of the Association, is held during each meeting. The Auxiliary of the Association ensures that spouses and guests enjoy varied activities during the Association's meetings, with visits to museums, galleries, historical sites, and other local attractions.

Through its meetings, workshops, publications, and professional interactions, the Association fosters scientific inquiry, education, and collegiality. An atmosphere not found in larger meetings promotes discussion, learning, and mentoring.

Future Meetings



June 24-27, 2020—Banff, Alberta, Canada 2021—Louisville, KY (dates t.b.d.)



Benefits



Publications: Members receive subscriptions to

- Annals of Clinical & Laboratory Science (published bi-monthly in print and online), this indexed journal includes review articles and research papers that encompass the broad field of laboratory diagnosis, as well as advances in clinical science and medicine.
- *Clinical Science Trumpet*, the ACS Newsletter is published three times a year, which contains commentaries, announcements, and news about members.

Career Development

- The ACS strongly supports the career development of its members. Annual awards include the Young Clinical Scientist Award, the F. W. Sunderman Jr. Diploma of Honor, and the Clinical Scientist of the Year Award.
- The Association provides an opportunity for specialists to remain abreast of developments in areas of medicine ancillary to their specialty. For anatomic and clinical pathologists, the Association provides coverage of new methods and concepts that are pertinent to clinical diagnosis.
- The ACS Annual Meetings are accredited for continuing medical education.