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AST MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



AST is the only professional organization representing the interests of more than 80,000 surgical technologists and surgical assistants across the United States. Its commitment to quality education, certified proficiency, member advocacy and practitioner development is well evidenced at the national and state level.

Become part of AST and you join a patient-care force that's more than 36,000 members strong. You gain exclusive access to relevant continuing education, extraordinary networking opportunities and quality programs. And the opportunity to tap into resources specifically designed to support your career growth.

Your membership connects you with a community where you can participate with AST as a collective voice.

What Can You Expect as an AST Member?

• Legislative Voice

- ▲ When you join AST, you automatically become a member of the state assembly of your choice and a portion of your membership dues supports that state.
 - You can earn continuing education credits (CEs) offered through your state assembly workshops/meetings.
 - Vote for your state assembly (if you are certified with currency as defined by the NBSTSA and active member of AST).
 - Vote for your state assembly board of directors (if you are certified with currency as defined by the NBSTSA and active member of AST).
 - Be a part of state assembly's Grassroots Network advocating for surgical technologist certification and patient safety initiatives.

• Members-only Benefits

- ▲ Relevant, online CE courses provided through AST's Online CE Resource Center
- ▲ Substantial discounts on CE opportunities, including credit package deals that can apply toward the renewal of your credentials



- ▲ Seamless, automatic transfer of CE credits to the NBSTSA
- ▲ Information concerning legislative developments affecting your profession
- ▲ Waiver of the \$400 nonmember CE processing fee
- ▲ Automatic recording of AST CE credits completed online, earned at AST's national conference or other AST-sponsored live events
- **Communications that Connect**
 - ▲ Complimentary monthly subscription to *The Surgical Technologist* journal
 - ▲ Monthly E-news updates delivered directly to your email
 - ▲ Informative AST e-newsletters and newsletters
 - ▲ AST Discussion Board where you can network
 - ▲ Career-focused AST Standards of Practices
- **Professional growth opportunities**
 - ▲ AST's Recommended Clinical Ladder
 - ▲ Volunteering/networking information
 - ▲ Professional leadership opportunities for qualifying members to serve on the AST Board of Directors or state assembly Board of Directors

- ▲ Opportunities to serve on AST national committees
- ▲ Scholarship opportunities for students and CSTs
- ▲ AST career center to post resume and get information on job openings

- **Discounts**

- ▲ Save on AST events such as the national conference, Instructors Forum and Instructors Workshop and hands-on educational sessions
- ▲ Professional liability plan
- ▲ Partnering organizations for services/savings (see AST website for a list)
- ▲ Surgical Technology Student membership discounts
- ▲ Discounts on AST products

If you have questions or concerns related to AST membership, please contact:

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