



# *American* HEAD & NECK Society

AHNS – the single largest organization in North America for the advancement of research and education in head and neck oncology

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# JOIN AHNS!

*Join an esteemed network of more than 1800 multidisciplinary surgeons, physicians and health care professionals dedicated to the prevention and treatment of head and neck cancer patients across the world. As an AHNS member, you have access to tools, resources, continuing medical education and a professional network that will help you to advance your career and the profession.*



## OUR MISSION

Advance education, research and quality of care for the head and neck oncology patient

## OUR MEMBER BENEFITS

Our comprehensive benefits are manifested in a variety of ways

- » Our signature event, AHNS International Conference on Head and Neck Cancer, provides access to over 30 hours of Category 1 CME
- » Substantial savings on fees for the AHNS Annual Meeting
- » Access to member-only research awards
- » Network with colleagues and experts from all around the world
- » Our Advance Training Council matches applicants with 60+ approved fellowship programs
- » Cutting-edge education and professional development programs
- » Exposure to state of the art surgical technology and techniques
- » Create your professional profile on our ***Find a Physician*** public site for patients and physicians
- » Annual online subscription to *JAMA Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery*
- » 34 volunteer Services and Task Forces provide opportunities for collegiality, involvement and leadership development
- » Opportunity to join any or all of the AHNS' six subspecialty Sections (Endocrine, Mucosal Malignancy, Cutaneous Cancer, Skull Base, Salivary Gland, and Reconstructive Head and Neck Surgery)

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY

Applicants desiring to join AHNS in any class other than Associate Fellow, Resident, or Medical Student must hold a valid, unrestricted license to practice medicine in the state or country in which they reside. All applicants except Medical Students shall be proposed by two AHNS Fellows with at least one from the applicant's local geographical area or having direct knowledge of applicant's practice. Both sponsors must complete online recommendation forms pertaining to the qualifications of the candidate.

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# OUR TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

All members of the AHNS, regardless of category, are referred to as Fellows.

## **ACTIVE FELLOWSHIP, \$500 ANNUAL DUES**

1. Applicant shall maintain a license to practice medicine and be actively engaged in diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of patients with neoplasms and other diseases of the head and neck. A significant portion of practice shall be concerned with managing patients with neoplasms and other diseases of the head and neck.
2. Surgical applicants must be Diplomates of a particular specialty board, or have credentials that are equivalent to those issued by member boards of the **American Board of Medical Specialties, the American Board of Otolaryngology, Plastic Surgery, or Surgery or OTHER EQUIVALENT CERTIFICATION BOARD**. Board certified medical and radiation oncologists may also become Active Fellows. A significant portion of practice shall be concerned with managing patients with neoplasms and other diseases of the head and neck.
3. Applicants for Active Fellowship shall provide documentation that he or she has received adequate training in the management of patients with head and neck tumors and that a significant portion of current activity is devoted to the care of such patients. Such documentation will include a listing of at least 35 patients with head and neck tumors managed during preceding year.
  - » Further instructions and an example case list can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3cOF9iC>
4. Additional evidence of academic activity such as one paper published on cancer of the head and neck is required.
5. Active Fellows are expected to uphold ethical standards.

## **MEDICAL STUDENT FELLOWSHIP, \$25 ANNUAL DUES**

1. Applicant shall be enrolled in an accredited allopathic or osteopathic medical school.
2. The membership shall expire if the Medical Student Fellow has not submitted an application for Resident Fellowship within two years of completion of medical school.

## **INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP, \$100 ANNUAL DUES**

1. International Fellowship shall be granted to those who are actively engaged in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of patients with neoplasms and other diseases of the head and neck.
2. International Fellows must reside in a country other than the United States or Canada.

## **ASSOCIATE FELLOWSHIP, \$100 ANNUAL DUES**

Applicant shall be a Physician Assistant, Dentist, Speech Pathologist, Surgical Educator or other Advanced Practice Provider. Physicians with interest in head and neck oncology, but a significant portion of whose practice is concerned with managing patients with non-neoplastic diseases of the head and neck are also eligible.

## **RESIDENT FELLOWSHIP, \$25 ANNUAL DUES**

1. Applicant shall be a trainee currently enrolled in, or a graduate of an approved residency program or in a Fellowship Program approved by the Advanced Training Council.
2. Resident fellows must become Active fellows upon completion of a residency or fellowship program. The membership shall expire if the Resident member has not submitted an application to full membership within five years after the completion of training.



## **UPGRADING TO ACTIVE OR INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

In order to be upgraded from Resident Membership to Active or International Membership, a Resident must complete an online form, select Upgrade to Active Member and pay a \$25 application fee. If the resident is upgrading to International membership, please contact the AHNS membership office for further instructions. Active applicants must submit a case listing (if the applicant has completed a fellowship with any of the approved AHNS Advanced Training Council programs, a case listing does NOT need to be submitted).

# APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Complete an online application today at:

**[www.ahns.info/online-membership-application](http://www.ahns.info/online-membership-application)**

- » Applications are reviewed three times a year
- » Deadlines for completing applications are: **March 31, June 30, and October 31**
- » Notification of provisional membership occurs approximately 60 days after the application deadline
- » Final approval occurs during the annual AHNS Business meeting

## **American Head & Neck Society Member Services**

11300 West Olympic Boulevard, Suite 600

Los Angeles, CA 90064

EMAIL: [membership@ahns.info](mailto:membership@ahns.info)

PHONE INQUIRIES: 310-437-0559, ext. 138

## **APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

*To complete your application, ALL APPLICANTS must submit the following:*

- » A completed application form. Fill out the online application at [www.ahns.info/member-central](http://www.ahns.info/member-central).
- » A copy of your most current **Curriculum Vitae**.
- » Optional – 2x2 or passport size photo.
- » Request two (2) recommendations from Active Fellows of the Society (one in your community or a member with direct knowledge of your practice). International Applicants may request recommendations from an Active or International member of the Society. Standardized letters of recommendation can be requested directly through the online application form for your convenience.
- » Submission of \$25 application payment.

*The following information is also needed for ACTIVE APPLICANTS:*

- » You must submit a SIGNED case list. An AHNS Sample Case List document is available at <https://bit.ly/3cOF9iC>



**PLEASE NOTE:** If the Active applicant has completed a fellowship with any of the approved AHNS Advanced Training Council programs within the **last 5 years**, a case list **is not required**.

***AHNS Member Services is ready to assist you.***

If you have questions call us at 310-437-0559, ext. 138, M-F, 8 am – 5 pm Pacific Time  
or email: [membership@ahns.info](mailto:membership@ahns.info)