



## ASR Membership Dues

The Academy of Surgical Research understands that annual membership dues can be a challenge for some members for various reasons. However, membership dues are necessary for the Academy to operate and to continue offering educational programs, professional support and exclusive benefits to its members. As such, this letter is intended to help employers understand the value of paying for membership dues on behalf of your employees. Below is a summary of key benefits that members of the Academy enjoy:

**Members receive a subscription to the bi-monthly publication, the *Journal of Investigative Surgery*, as well as access to archived editions of Journal articles.** These articles can provide insight on the newest methods currently being used in surgical research. Members are also encouraged to submit articles for publication that can highlight the research your company has performed and acknowledge your expertise in the field.

**Members receive a discounted registration fee to our annual meeting, which includes various hands-on wet and dry lab training programs.** The annual meeting gives the member an opportunity to network with other professionals, such as technicians, veterinarians, medical doctors, and biomedical researchers. Attendees have access to multiple presentations and posters. Wet and Dry labs are designed to increase the technical skills of your employee and can result in increased surgical research capabilities at your company.

**The Academy offers expanded web-based networking for members and a Mentorship Program.** Both initiatives further enable ASR members to connect, share, learn and grow as surgical research professionals.

**Most importantly, active membership is required to maintain certification.** Whether you are a CRO and your staff is performing procedures for clients, or you are a company that has staff perform surgical procedures to satisfy your own research needs, having certified employees contributes to the credibility of your organization and the products or services you offer. People looking at your company from the outside in, such as regulatory personnel or investors, are familiar with the certifications offered by the Academy and will appreciate seeing it.

**For a comprehensive look at the value proposition of membership in the Academy of Surgical Research, [click here](#)**