

CAREER DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE

Subspecialties | Organizations | Private Practice | Academics | Government | Other

Compiled by:

Susan Kaiser, MD, FACS, Celeste Hollands, MD, FACS, FAAP, Vivian Gahtan, MD, FACS

Introduction (PDF)

as published in: The American Journal of Surgery (2006) 192, 263.

The Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) and the American Journal of Surgery are proud to introduce a series of articles describing the many interest areas and varieties of practice that comprise surgery. Although this series is aimed primarily toward trainees who are in the process of choosing specific surgical careers, and at students who want to know what a surgical career might be like, it will also be of interest to any surgeon who considers a change in direction or who mentors others. Read more.

Subspecialties

- Bariatric Surgery (PDF) (Am J Surg 2011:201:266-8)
- Breast Surgery (PDF) (Am J Surg 2007;193:130-2)
- Cardiothoracic Surgery (PDF) (Am J Surg 2011;202:357-9)
- Colorectal Surgery (PDF) (Am J Surg 2007;193:125-6)
- Critical Care (PDF) (Am J Surg 2007;193:127-9)
- Endocrine Surgery (PDF)
 (Am J Surg 2011;202:369-371)

- General Surgery (PDF)
 (Am J Surg 2013;206:719-723)
- Minimally Invasive (Laparoscopic) Surgery (PDF)
- (Am J Surg 2010;199:263-265)
- Neurosurgery (PDF) (Am J Surg 2011;202:360-3)
- Orthopaedic Surgery (PDF) (Am J Surg 2011;202:364-8)
- Otolaryngology (ENT) (PDF) (Am J Surg 2013;206:724-726)
- Pediatric Surgery (PDF) (Am J Surg 2010;199:275-7)
- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery (PDF) (Am J Surg 2010;199:271-4)
- Surgical Oncology (PDF) (Am J Surg 2007;193:133-4)
- Transplant Surgery (PDF) (Am J Surg 2007;193:135-7)
- Trauma/Critical Care Surgery (PDF) (Am J Surg 2010;199:266-8)
- Urology (PDF) (Am J Surg 2012;204:135-37)
- Vascular Surgery (PDF)
 (Am J Surg 2011;201:269-71)

Organizations

- AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges)
- AAS (Association for Academic Surgery)
- ACS (American College of Surgeons)
- SUS (Society of University Surgeons)

Private Practice

- Hospital Based Practice
- HMO Based Practice
- Single Specialty Group Practice
- Solo Private Practice

Click here to view "Private Practice Pearls"

Academics

- Academic Career in Surgical Education (PDF) (Am J Surg 2012;204:126-129)
- Achieving Decanal Positions in Medical Schools
- Associate Professor (PDF) (Am J Surg 2012;204:130-134)
- Basic Science Research (PDF) (Am J Surg 2006;192:267-9)
- Health Services Research for Surgeons (PDF)
- Clinical Research (PDF) (Am J Surg 2006;192:264-6)
- Division Chief
- Promotion to Professor (PDF) (Am J Surg 2010;200:554-7)
- Professional Development and Leadership Training Opportunities (PDF) (Am J Surg 2013;206:727-731)
- Vice Chair for Surgical Education (PDF) (Am J Surg 2012;204:121-125)

Government

- Academic Practice within the Veterans Affairs Hospital System
- Indian Health Service
- Military Practice (PDF) (Am J Surg 2006;192:403-6)

Other

- Job Negotiations (PDF)
 (Am J Surg 2010;200:558-61)
- Mentorship (PDF) (Am J Surg 2013;206,714-718)
- Additional or Alternate Career Paths for Physicans (PDF)
- Missionary Surgery (PDF)
 (Am J Surg 2010;199:269-70)
- Rural Surgery
- American College of Surgeon's resources on Rural Surgery
- Surgeon Burnout (August 2011 Bulletin of The American College of Surgeons)