



# We invite you to join ACS!

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





## Categories of Membership (full details on the website)

- Fellows: doctoral scientists in post-training position.
- Associate Fellows: doctoral scientists still in fellowships or training.
- Members: nondoctoral scientists with baccalaureate degree active in clinical science.

Membership applications are available on the website. Completed applications can be emailed to: ACS@uth.tmc.edu. If you do not have a sponsor, the Association Secretary will sponsor you. Candidates should not send payment until they have been accepted as members and are billed by the Association.



## Meetings

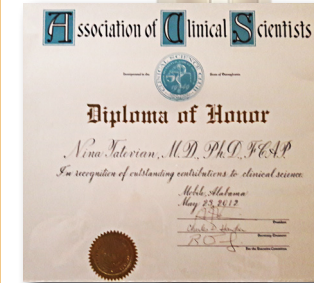
The Association's Annual Meeting, usually held in May, features a program on an important subject in clinical science and platform sessions with scientific papers (oral and poster) presented by members and invited guests. Included in the agenda are visits to clinical and research laboratories and tours of cultural or historic interest. ACS also conducts a virtual symposium each fall on a current important topic.

Association meetings provide CE credits and offer scientific exchanges as well as cultural programs such as the Musicales and Art Exhibit, featuring members and guests of the Association. The Auxiliary of the Association enables spouses and guests to enjoy varied activities such as visits to museums, galleries, and other local attractions.

Through 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.

## Career Development

- ACS strongly supports career development of its members through committee service review of journal-submitted manuscripts and as officers or members of the Executive Committee. 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 Gold-Headed Cane, awarded occasionally, is the Association's highest award.
- The Association provides an opportunity for specialists to remain abreast of developments in their areas of medicine. For anatomic and clinical pathologists, ACS provides coverage of new methods and concepts that are pertinent to clinical diagnosis.



*"ACS was especially important early in my career. It was a lot of fun and I learned a lot at their meetings. They fostered a mixing of specialties to spread knowledge and afforded different viewpoints and approaches on complex problems."*

– Amadeo Pesce, PhD, FACS

*"I attended my first meeting in Charlottesville, VA in 1982 and haven't missed a meeting since."*

– Robert L. Hunter, PhD

*"The musicale is one of the best aspects of the Association."*

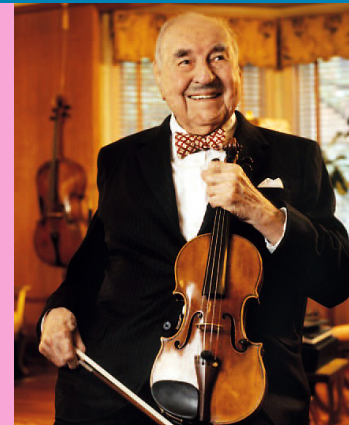
– Philip Foulis, MD, MPH, FACS



## Publications:

### Members receive subscriptions to...

- *Annals of Clinical & Laboratory Science*, a highly regarded PubMed indexed journal now celebrating over 50 years of publication, is published bi-monthly in print and online. It 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, and contains news of meetings, members, and other announcements.



## History

The Association of Clinical Scientists was formed in 1949 by a group of physicians and scientists from various fields of laboratory medicine, led by F. William Sunderman, Sr., MD, PhD. While working at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Sunderman had established the concept of proficiency testing of clinical laboratories throughout the United States, a program now used worldwide. Dr. Sunderman, an accomplished violinist, also instituted the Musicales at ACS Annual Meetings, highly anticipated events that contribute to the Association's collegiality. As ACS membership and activities expanded, the organization incorporated and, in 1956 received a charter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a non-profit scientific and educational corporation.





## Members

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 disease.



## The Goals of ACS are to...

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



*“Participation in the Association’s committees, receiving awards, becoming an officer on the executive board, and serving on the editorial board for the Annals are important and, in many cases, useful for academic advancement.”*

– Sidney M. Hopfer, PhD, FACS



## Affiliations

The Association of Clinical Scientists was the first laboratory medicine organization to join 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 also a sponsor and member of the Intersociety Pathology Council.



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