

**We're looking for a few *more* great Hip & Knee Surgeons to join the ....**



### **The Reasons to Belong**

The most financially and professionally successful individuals belong to associations, because they want to keep their edge, and to support the advancement of their field. If your professional focus is on hip and knee surgery, **AAHKS** needs you to join your colleagues working to advance your profession.

Established in 1991, the mission of the **American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS)** is to provide leadership in advocacy, education and research to achieve excellence in hip and knee patient care. *Advances in Arthroplasty*: The AAHKS Annual Meeting (held in the fall) addresses a broad array of scientific topics, such as implant design, results, surgical techniques and complications of primary and revision TJA, as well as the latest information available on socioeconomic and health policy issues affecting your specialty. In addition, the Meeting provides the opportunity to see the latest products and services specific to hip and knee surgery and to network with the leading adult reconstruction surgeons from around the country.

In addition to its Annual Meeting, the AAHKS provides a variety of other benefits and programs of great value to its over 1,500 members. These include:

- An annual subscription to the *Journal of Arthroplasty* ~ the official peer-reviewed and clinically relevant Journal of the Association.
- Partnership with AAOS, the Hip Society and the Knee Society to bring you additional educational opportunities.
- A presence on the Internet through the AAHKS Web page at [www.aahks.org](http://www.aahks.org). Features include association functions and background, membership criteria, a Doctor Locator for patients, a members-only directory, news and information, on-line abstract submissions, on-line registration, links to other Orthopaedic sites, patient education materials, information for the media and much more.
- An active committee structure which addresses issues of importance to hip and knee surgeons, such as Education, Research, Evidence-Based Medicine, and Health Policy and Practice. Subcommittees and Task Forces monitor issues including malpractice insurance, Medicare reimbursement, PAC activities, emerging clinical research and other topics that impact the practice of joint arthroplasty.
- Support and promotion of hip and knee research initiatives through the OREF grant-funding process, directed by the AAHKS Research Committee.
- A public education campaign to increase the awareness on the quality and value of joint replacement, to educate patients and to raise the profile of TJR in the minds of legislators and the public.

### **The Purpose of the Organization—**

1. To increase knowledge of the hip and knee joint in health and disease.
2. To provide educational opportunities that will promote the highest level of professional standards in patient care of disorders of the hip and knee.
3. To create an optimum environment to enhance education, research, and treatment of arthritis of the hip and knee joint.
4. To promote and maintain professional standards to provide the best care to patients with arthritic disorders of the hip and knee joint.
5. To determine optimal standards for education of members in the surgery of the arthritic hip and knee.
6. To ethically promote the members' welfare.
7. To promote the interests of musculoskeletal patients and the profession of adult reconstructive surgery.

**For an application and a list of membership requirements, visit [www.aahks.org](http://www.aahks.org) to download an application, e-mail Krista Stewart at [krista@aaahks.org](mailto:krista@aaahks.org), or call 847-698-1200.  
Help your colleagues shape the future of your profession.**