Our constituents in surgery are undergoing a needs assessment. We invite everyone to participate in this survey to better help them define core principles in surgery that ALL medical students should experience in medical school.

We are also pleased to announce the publication of our latest position paper on the community-based preceptor crisis.

**Needs Assessment Survey of Clerkship Directors regarding National Curriculum in Surgery**

Dear Clerkship Director,

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the Association for Surgical Education (ASE) have combined efforts to define the core clinical principles in surgery that all medical students should be proficient in prior to graduation. This will form the basis of the national medical student curriculum in surgery. In order to ensure that the curriculum is relevant to all specialties, is accessible, and serves as an essential resource, we are seeking the opinion of all stakeholders. We would be very grateful if you could complete the short 5-10 minute survey which can be found at:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MSCCFaculty](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MSCCFaculty)

In addition, we would be grateful if you could forward this link to fellow clerkship directors within your medical school, representing both surgical and nonsurgical specialties, and encourage them to complete the survey.

If you have any questions or desire additional information about this project, please contact Krashina Hudson at (312) 202-5335 or at khudson@facs.org. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your invaluable contribution to this important project.

Sincerely,
ACE Elections

At the ACE annual meeting in November, we held elections for new officers. We are excited to announce the results:

- **Bruce Morgenstern, MD**, President-Elect
  Dr. Morgenstern will be assuming the presidency at our annual meeting in November, 2016.
- **Brenda Roman, MD**, Treasurer
  Dr. Roman took over for Dr. Katie Margo as our treasurer. Her term started at the 2016 annual meeting.

The Community Preceptor Crisis:
Recruiting and Retaining Community Preceptors to Teach Medical Students

We are excited to announce the position paper entitled "The Community Preceptor Crisis: Recruiting and Retaining Community-Based Faculty to Teach Medical Students-A Shared Perspective From the Alliance for Clinical Education" will be in a forthcoming issue of Teaching and Learning in Medicine. The following is a link to the publication:


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About the Alliance for Clinical Education
The Alliance for Clinical Education (ACE) is a multidisciplinary group formed in 1992 to enhance clinical instruction of medical students. This brochure is an update on our activities. ACE's mission is to foster collaboration across specialties in order to promote excellence in clinical education of medical students. Its members include representatives of the groups which direct the core clinical clerkships in our medical schools, such as the following national organizations of clerkship directors:

- Association for Surgical Education (ASE)
- Association of Directors of Medical Student Education in Psychiatry (ADMSEP)
- Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO)
- Clerkship Directors in Emergency Medicine (CDEM)
- Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine (CDIM)
- Consortium of Neurology Clerkship Directors/American Academy of Neurology (CNCD)
- Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics (COMSEP)
- Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM)

ACE plays a key role in issues related to multi- and interdisciplinary undergraduate clinical medical education. It has worked cooperatively, within its membership and in conjunction with other public and private organizations, to develop policies, projects and publications that directly impact medical student education.