

Fellow Status

Credentialing with the AASP demonstrates the member's commitment to excellence in spine-care and thus enhances their professional stature with patients, the public and other healthcare professionals. Fellow status with the American College of Spine Physicians (FACSP) represents the highest level of academic distinction provided by a member based organization in cooperative spinecare. The American College of Spine Physicians, is a division of the American Academy of Spine Physicians. Members who achieve prestigious Fellow status can proudly display the certificate in their office.

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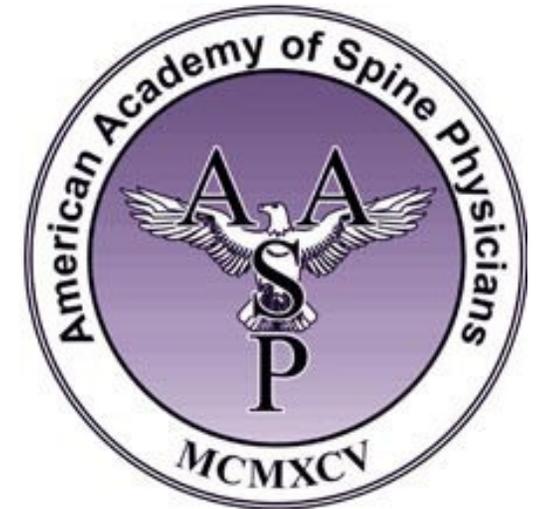
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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION



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The Academy

The American Academy of Spine Physicians (AASP) is a national organization comprised of healthcare professionals committed to excellence in spinecare. The AASP is one of the fastest growing and largest interdisciplinary spine organizations in the world. The Academy provides a variety of valued resources for its members including continuing education, credentialing, practice development resources, patient education items and tools to enhance visibility online. The AASP is committed to keeping its members informed about trends in spinecare and advances in technology.



Commitment to Education

The AASP is dedicated to providing unique and affordable continuing educational opportunities for physicians and other healthcare professionals who care for patients with spine disorders. Special opportunities are also provided for students and residents who are candidate members of the AASP. Emphasis is placed upon providing cost efficient and flexible self-study programs. AASP programs are easily accessible, allowing the Academy to reach more professionals, thus better serving the public.

Continuing education programs include online and self-study courses which utilize written and multimedia resources. The AASP participates in jointly sponsored activities with organizations and educational facilities whose goals are compatible with the goals of the AASP.

Through education of its members, the AASP helps improve the quality of spinecare.

Course Formats

The AASP offers flexible continuing educational opportunities in three categories which are:

- Textbook Review Courses
- Online Journal Review Courses
- Case Study Courses

Coursework

The AASP currently offers over 70 educational courses. The courses include topics such as spine anatomy, spine biomechanics, diagnostic methods, pathogenesis of spine disorders, diagnosis and the care of spinal disorders.

After studying the material for each course the participant can take the corresponding test online. The test is auto-graded electronically and the results are immediately sent to the participant via email. To obtain credit, online tests must be passed with a minimum of 80% proficiency. The continuing educational opportunities help facilitate cooperative spinecare. One of the benefits of the AASP program is that the physician can choose the topics they are most interested in.

Credentialing

The AASP offers credentialing to members who complete the required level of continuing education.

Diplomate status with the American Academy of Spine Physicians (DAASP) is awarded to those AASP members who acquire 300 continuing education credits through the AASP.

Fellow status with the American College of Spine Physicians (FACSP) is awarded to those physicians who have met the requirements of Diplomate status and have acquired an additional 200 continuing education credits through the AASP.



"NO ONE IS BIG ENOUGH TO BE INDEPENDENT OF OTHERS."

William W. Mayo 1941

Benefits of Credentialing

The benefits of credentialing through the AASP include:

- A considerable cost savings
- Achievement of credentialed status through a respected interdisciplinary organization
- Interdisciplinary recognition of your interest in conservative and cooperative spinecare
- Acknowledgement of your commitment to excellence in spinecare
- Distinguished credential for managed care
- An academic foundation for integrating in a multidisciplinary healthcare setting
- Access to personalized AASP patient and public educational resources which acknowledge your credentialed status



Enhanced Recognition

It is becoming increasingly important for physicians to inform their patients and the public about their expertise. The AASP is committed to helping physicians achieve higher levels of education and credentialing in spinecare. Those who obtain Diplomate status (DAASP) and Fellow Status (FACSP) can use these designations after their name on patient educational material, directory listings, and on professional correspondence.

The AASP strives to enhance public recognition of spine specialists who have achieved additional training and academic distinction. This is done through various publications, press releases, online practice profiles, and online directories