



FLORIDA SOCIETY OF THORACIC & CARDIOVASCULAR SURGEONS

Membership
and
Member Benefits

AS AN FSTCS MEMBER, YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR:

Benefits through

THE DOCTORS COMPANY:

- 5% **discount** on liability insurance premiums
- Competitive Rates
- **Free** Tail coverage for qualified members
- Industry leading patient safety resources
- **Free** web-based and live CME
- Protection against privacy breach and Medicare reviews through CyberGuard and MediGuard

FREE LEGAL SERVICES

- **Free** Legal Hotline
- **Free** Peer Review
- **Free** Expert Witness Evaluation

DISCOUNTED LEGAL SERVICES

- Lease Review
- Employment Contract Review
- Managed Care Contract Review
- RAC Audit Response Services

DID YOU KNOW THAT BY PAYING YOUR MODEST CHAPTER DUES YOU ARE ALSO ENTITLED TO:

- Representation and Influence in Washington, Tallahassee and with the Board of Medicine

DISCOUNTED FEES FOR:

- HIPAA Training
- Medicare Compliance Training
- CME at the Annual Meeting
- Disability Income Coverage through the Larry D. Share Co

**We need your help to continue
this legacy of service to our
patients and this state.
Please join or renew your
membership today!**

**Contact Bridget Anderson
in the Society office
for additional information**

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE - Annual dues \$500
(Payable upon acceptance)

- Certification from the American Board of Thoracic Surgery
- Established in the practice of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery for a minimum of two (2) years in the state of Florida.
- Provide names of 2 current FSTCS Members outside your own group practice as references

ASSOCIATE - Annual dues \$450
(Payable upon acceptance)

- Have completed training in an approved thoracic and cardiovascular residency program
- Are in the process of acquiring certification
- Are licensed to practice in the State of Florida
- Provide names of 2 Current FSTCS Members outside their own group practice as references.

Contact Bridget Anderson at the Society office
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additional information:

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“WHAT HAVE WE DONE FOR YOU?” FSTCS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN WASHINGTON AND TALLAHASSEE

- Worked with STS to delay implementation of 40% cuts in Medicare - spread out over 4 years instead of a single year
- Successfully represented Florida surgeons in a class action lawsuit against Prudential, AV Med, and Tricare for withholding payments
- Principal participant in the litigation and passage of the “Prompt Pay Law”
- Authored a “white paper” and provided education that resulted in beneficial changes of the reimbursement practices of Blue Cross/Blue Shield for cardiac surgery in Florida
- Prevented the passage of a bill that required classifying nosocomial infections as “Code 15” violations to the state
- Instrumental in preventing the abolishment of CON laws
- Worked with the FMA and other groups to institute tort reforms that have resulted in lower premiums
- Instrumental in authoring legislation that required HMO’s to pay for first assistants
- Helped change “EMTALA” law to place burden of follow up care on patients and insurers
- Prevented passage of a bill that prevented elective surgery when on call for an emergency room
- Prevented passage of a requirement to carry commercial MedMal insurance
- Took the teeth out of the “3 strikes” law – has never been successfully used against a Florida Physician
- Protected the “Peer Review” process
- Helped legislate the requirement for HMO’s to pay first assistants