

Our Mission: *To provide opportunities for the educational and professional growth of women in surgery.*

Our Purpose

In 1996, the AWS leadership came together with a bold plan for generating positive changes in the medical profession. Familiar with the barriers many women face, these surgeons sought a means for heightening the visibility of women surgeons and creating advancement opportunities for them. Their solution was the establishment of the Association of Women Surgeons Foundation to fund initiatives promoting educational and professional growth for women surgeons.

The AWS Foundation seeks contributions in support of innovative programs that have the power to impact the future of the field of surgery.

The AWS Foundation Visiting Professor Program allows women surgeons to share their expertise with medical students. This program provides medical schools with the opportunity to request top women surgeons as speakers. Opportunities to lecture heighten the visibility of women surgeons while encouraging women medical students to pursue similar careers and promotes dialogue between practicing surgeons and the academic community.

Mentoring and Networking Programs are also supported by the AWS Foundation to provide forums for women surgeons to meet with peers, attend educational programs, and enhance their professional and personal lives.

The AWSF/Ethicon Fellowship has supported a number of women surgeons by funding original research in a variety of topics, such as flexible GI endoscopy, laparoscopy, minimal access techniques or related emerging technology.

The AWS Foundation annually recognizes individuals who have contributed exceptional service to women in surgery through the Nina Starr Braunwald, Honorary Member, and Distinguished Member awards, and other recognition awards.

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“Every women practicing medicine owes a debt of gratitude to those who have paved the way. And we who are now on the path have an opportunity to smooth the way for others to follow.”

Patricia J. Numann, MD, FACS

“Were it not for the undaunted spirit of a few exceptional women, many barriers would still exist to bar women from becoming surgeons. What we do today to support the AWS Foundation can create real change for women surgeons tomorrow.”

Tamar Earnest, MD, FACS

Women Caring Today to Change Tomorrow!

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