

# Membership Benefits

## Active Member Benefits

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According to our current members, the top benefits of Active membership include:

- Complimentary subscription to the [Journal of Hand Surgery](#)
- Collegiality and being connected: at [courses and meetings](#), and on the [members' listservs](#).
- Reduced price for the [ASSH Annual Meeting](#), [courses](#) and [products](#), including the [Self-Assessment Exam](#).
- Membership Directory: paper book and [online search](#).
- Prestige and increased credibility among peers and the public.
- Regular help: [Correspondence News](#) for case reviews, [members' listservs](#) for case advice and Physician Reimbursement and Coding Committee for coding issues.

### Staying Current and Connected

#### The Three Intangibles

Collegiality, Prestige and Increased Credibility. When we listen to our members talk about what their membership means to them, they most often refer to the intangible benefits, particularly the collegiality of their fellow ASSH members. Personal and professional relationships are built through attending [courses and meetings](#), communicating through the [members' listservs](#), serving on [committees](#) and getting involved with additional ASSH programs.

#### Complimentary Journal of Hand Surgery

Stay up-to-date with the latest research in upper extremity care. As an Active member, you'll receive a complimentary print and online subscription to the [Journal of Hand Surgery \(JHS\)](#). JHS offers original, peer-reviewed articles reflecting clinical and basic science research related to diseases and conditions of the upper extremity. ASSH also offers an [online Journal Review Club](#). Every other month, 14 of the latest medical journals are reviewed for articles of interest to hand surgeons.

#### Member Listservs

Get help with your toughest cases. Ask your fellow members how to diagnose and/or treat your toughest case on the [ASSH Physician listserv](#). Open to all physician members, the listserv e-mails your question to over 400 members. You can even attach copies of x-rays and digital photos to your e-mail. Even if you don't have a case to post, you may want to subscribe to offer your advice or simply read the posts. [ASSH Forum Listserv](#) is available to all ASSH Members, including Affiliates.

#### Correspondence News

Gather tidbits of wisdom from other ASSH members. The [ASSH Correspondence Newsletter](#) features monthly submissions by ASSH members on everything from surgical knots to retirement planning. Your copy will be e-mailed to you each month. You can also view current and past issues in the Correspondence News section of the ASSH website at [www.assh.org](http://www.assh.org).

#### Membership Directory

Connect with hand surgeons around the world. The [ASSH Membership Directory](#) provides you with office and home contact information for over 2800 ASSH members in the United States and around the world. Provided in both print and on-line formats.

#### ASSH Weekly Member Update

Stay informed with the ASSH Weekly Member Update. Every Friday, you'll receive the ASSH Weekly Member Update via e-mail. Providing concise information on the newest ASSH products and meetings, updates on medical liability issues, and other news briefs relevant to the life of a practicing hand surgeon, the Weekly Member Update keeps you in the loop.

#### Committee Membership

As an Active ASSH member, you are eligible to become a member on an [ASSH committee](#). Each year, the president-elect revises the committee rosters, and you are invited to volunteer for one or more of the many available committees.

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## Membership to the IFSSH

As an Active member, ASSH also pays for your membership in the [International Federation of Societies for Surgery of the Hand \(IFSSH\)](#), connecting you with hand surgeons around the world.

## Saving Time and Money

### Reduced CME Prices and Advanced Notice

Earn CME hours at a reduced price. As an Active member, you qualify for a price reduction on all [ASSH courses and meetings](#). You will also receive advance notice of our courses in the mail, so you can sign up early.

### Reduced Prices on ASSH Products

Save money on your purchase of [ASSH products](#). Membership entitles you to significant savings on the purchase price of most ASSH products, including practice management tools, surgical techniques DVD's, and study aids.

### Print Your CME Certificates and Transcripts Online

Simply log in to the ASSH website at [www.assh.org](http://www.assh.org), click on "Member Center" then "My CME", and get an [instant transcript of all the CME](#) courses and meetings you've attended with ASSH since 1997 or click on the individual listings to print out your CME certificate.

## Managing Your Practice

### Find-A-Hand Surgeon

Publicize your practice in the ASSH Find-A-Hand Surgeon pages. As an Active member, contact information for your practice is automatically listed in the [Find-a-Hand Surgeon](#) pages of the ASSH website at [www.assh.org](http://www.assh.org). These pages receive thousands of visits a month from patients looking for a hand surgeon in their area.

## Physician Reimbursement and Coding

ASSH advocates on your behalf in the area of physician reimbursement. The [ASSH Physician Reimbursement and Coding Committee](#) works closely with the [AMA](#), [CMS](#), and other medical specialty societies on creating, developing and revising CPT codes and their associated relative values. This committee also fields questions from members and their staff related to coding and reimbursement issues.

### Coding Corner

Stay current on the coding issues that affect your practice. [Coding Corner](#) articles written by the ASSH Coding and Physician Reimbursement Committee Chair keep members up to date on the latest coding news and explain the details of coding changes.

## Employment Opportunities

Need to add another doctor to your practice, ready for a change of scenery or getting ready to retire – take advantage of [JOBS](#) section on the ASSH website [www.assh.org](http://www.assh.org). Post a position opening or practice purchase opportunity with significant discounts for ASSH Members. You can also post **FREE** anonymous resumes.

