

ASCO[®] State/Regional Affiliate Program

ASCO Services for State Affiliates

ASCO is committed to supporting its State/Regional Affiliates and encourages its members to become engaged in local activities by joining their state oncology society. Strong state societies are a vital component of effective advocacy and a critical resource for addressing issues of concern to the cancer community. To better support the activities of each state/regional oncology society, ASCO offers several services and benefits to its Affiliates, including:

Resources

Contact Us

State/Regional Affiliate Program Inquiries (stateaffiliates@asco.org)

myAffiliates

myAffiliates is an online community designed exclusively for State Affiliate Council members. The purpose of this tool is to help ease communications between Affiliate leaders and executive staff. It features benefits such as a resource library, discussion forums, a member directory, event details, and more.

State Society Network

This online community is for state society members located throughout the United States. The purpose of this community is to ease communications between state society members, allowing them to share their successes and challenges, and encourage engagement with State Affiliate Council leadership.

Administrative Policies, Procedures, and Standards

Outlines the formal relationship between ASCO and its state/regional affiliates.

Coding & Reimbursement Assistance

ASCO Care Delivery staff is available to assist members and their office staff with coding, coverage, and reimbursement questions. Contact practice@asco.org.

Media

ASCO helps State/Regional Affiliates contact members of the local media and offers primers on specific issues to prepare potential spokespeople to communicate their message. Contact stateaffiliates@asco.org with inquiries.

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Advocacy Support

ASCO works closely with State Affiliates to advance our shared advocacy priorities by providing timely information on federal and state legislation and regulations in *Latest News* and offering opportunities to sign letters to state governments, Congress, and federal agencies. Affiliates can also use the [advocacy center](#) to learn about ASCO's advocacy opportunities, including the [ACT Network](#), the [ASCO Association PAC](#), and [federal](#) and [state](#) bill trackers. Policy briefs to educate affiliate members or state legislators on a variety of issues are located on [this page](#).

Management

Meeting and Speaker Support

Affiliates may request an [ASCO-sponsored speaker](#), in addition to having your upcoming meetings posted on [ASCO's Calendar of Events](#) located on ASCO.org.

Membership Recruitment & Benefits Assistance

An ASCO affiliate may request one complimentary ASCO membership list per year to assist them in recruiting new members in their respective state. Upon request, ASCO will send [one marketing email](#) message to ASCO members in their state to promote an Affiliate meeting.

State Oncology Societies Best Practices Program

Helps state societies by providing a platform to allow them to share ideas, tools, best practices, and other useful resources, programming, etc. All submissions can be found on [myAffiliates](#).

Development

State Affiliate Council

One ASCO physician member and one executive staff person is invited to be a member of the State Affiliate Council. The Council serves as an advisory group to the ASCO Society and Association's Boards. Members of the Council are encouraged to share their members' concerns, collaborate on solutions, and report back to their membership. Council meetings are held in the spring and fall. Council elections are held during the spring meeting. An Executive Director-only meeting is held in conjunction with each meeting.

State Affiliate Leadership Conference

An annual event that provides leaders and executive staff of ASCO's Affiliates with information and tools on how to strengthen their societies, enhance their current activities, and learn best practices.

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State Oncology Societies Booth

ASCO provides complimentary exhibit space for its affiliates at the ASCO Annual Meeting, providing state oncology societies with the opportunity to showcase their organizations.

State Affiliates' Reception

ASCO hosts a reception at the ASCO Annual Meeting honoring State Affiliate volunteer leaders, as well as awards the annual Jeffery C. Ward Affiliate Advocacy Award.