

The Transplantation Advisory Council (TAC) of the American Board of Surgery (ABS) Is Seeking Interested Members

About the ABS TAC

The ABS TAC comprises approximately 6-8 committee members that represent the spectrum of transplantation and are responsible for providing guidance to the ABS from the transplant surgeon perspective. Nominees are sought to serve a six-year term beginning September 29, 2025.

TAC Member Expectations

Physical attendance at the annual ABS Specialty Boards meeting being held September 28-30, 2025, in Philadelphia is mandatory.

In addition to focusing on the TAC's current priorities and initiatives, members will:

- Participate in the review and development of transplant-related items for ABS examinations
- Administer the General Surgery Certifying Examination
- Members may also sit on an ABS committee aligned with their area of interest and/or expertise

Qualifications and Submitting a Nomination

Members must be currently certified by the ABS in general surgery. The time commitment is approximately 10 days per year including the oral examination, examination reviews, and TAC meetings, in addition to the various advisory council responsibilities.

The TAC utilizes a competency-based selection process to optimize its performance. Accordingly, individuals with one or more of the following competencies are sought:

- Experience as a program director
- Experience in video-based assessment (VBA)
- Knowledge of and experience in using artificial intelligence (AI) systems
- Thoracic or VCA transplantation experience
- Previous ABS volunteer experience welcome, but not necessary

Emphasis will be placed on varied experience across all dimensions that bring a different voice to the organization.

All nominations require completion of the Nominate/Support Form from an ABMS-certified physician. **Both the nominator and nominee forms must be completed for each candidate by 4:00pm ET on Thursday, July 11, 2025.** Please use the links below to access the nominator and nominee forms.

- [TAC Member Nomination](#) (to be completed by individuals who are nominating a colleague)
- [TAC Member Application](#) (to be completed by individuals who are submitting a self-nomination)

<https://www.absurgery.org/resources/news/tac-nominations-2025/>

If you have any questions, please contact the ABS [communications department](#).