

Diplomate Status (DAASP) and Fellow Status (FACSP)

Credentialing with the American Academy of Spine Physicians (AASP) demonstrates the member's commitment to excellence in spinecare and, thus, enhances their professional stature with patients, the public and other healthcare professionals. Diplomate status with the American Academy of Spine Physicians (DAASP) and Fellow status with the American College of Spine Physicians (FACSP) represent the highest levels of academic distinction awarded to physicians by the AASP. The American College of Spine Physicians, is a division of the American Academy of Spine Physicians. Members, who achieve Diplomate and/or Fellow status, can proudly display personalized certificates in their office.

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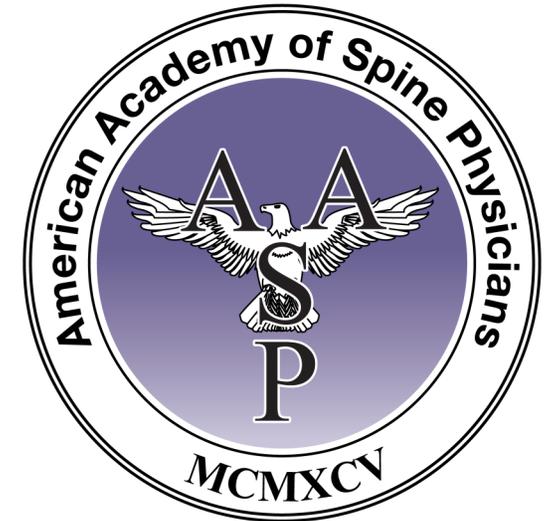
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The Academy

The American Academy of Spine Physicians (AASP) is a national organization, comprised of healthcare professionals of various disciplines, who are committed to excellence in spinecare. The AASP is one of the largest multidisciplinary spine organizations in the world. The Academy provides a variety of valued resources for its members including continuing education, credentialing, practice development resources, patient education items and a technology section. The AASP is committed to keeping its members informed about available spinecare-related services and technologies.



Commitment to Education

The AASP is dedicated to providing unique and affordable continuing educational opportunities for physicians, who care for patients with spine disorders. Special opportunities are also provided for Affiliate Members (non-physician) as well as students, interns and residents (Candidate Members). Emphasis is placed on offering cost-efficient and flexible self-study programs. AASP programs are easily accessible, allowing the Academy to reach more physicians and other healthcare providers, thus, better serving the public.

Academy continuing education programs include flexible online opportunities with access to written and multimedia resources. The AASP also participates in jointly sponsored activities with organizations and educational facilities with compatible goals. Credentialing is affordable.

Through education of its members, the AASP can help improve the quality of spinecare.

Course Formats

The AASP offers flexible continuing education opportunities in four primary categories which are:

- Textbook Review Courses
- Online Journal Review Courses
- Case Study Courses
- Other AASP Courses

Courses

The AASP currently offers over 70 courses. The courses cover a wide range of topics, including spine anatomy, spine biomechanics and diagnostic methods, as well as, courses on the pathogenesis, diagnosis and care of spinal disorders.

After studying the material for each course, the participant can take a corresponding test online. The test is auto-graded electronically with the results immediately sent to the participant via email. To obtain credit for courses, tests must be passed with a minimum of 80% proficiency. The continuing education opportunities help facilitate cooperative spinecare. One of the benefits of the AASP education programs is that the physicians can choose topics they are most interested in.

Credentialing

The AASP offers credentialing to members (physicians) who complete the required level of continuing education.

Diplomate status with the American Academy of Spine Physicians (DAASP) is awarded to the AASP physician member who acquires 300 continuing education credits through the AASP.

Fellow status with the American College of Spine Physicians (FACSP), a division of the AASP, is awarded to the physician member who has met the requirements of the Diplomate status and who acquires an additional 200 continuing education credits through the AASP.



“NO ONE IS BIG ENOUGH TO BE INDEPENDENT OF OTHERS.”

William W. Mayo 1941

Benefits of Credentialing

The benefits of credentialing through the AASP include:

- Enhanced recognition through a respected multidisciplinary organization
- Multidisciplinary recognition of exceptional academic achievement in spinecare
- Demonstrated commitment to academic excellence in spinecare
- Distinguished credentials for managed care
- Foundation for working in/with multidisciplinary healthcare systems
- Use of AASP patient and public educational materials, which acknowledge the member's advanced credentialed status.



Enhanced Recognition

It is becoming increasingly important for physicians to inform their patients and the public of their expertise. The AASP is committed to helping physicians achieve higher levels of education and credentialing in spinecare. Those who obtain Diplomate status (DAASP) and Fellow Status (FACSP) can use these designations after their name on patient educational resources, directory listings, script forms and on professional correspondence.

The AASP strives to enhance public recognition of the spine physician, who has obtained additional training and academic distinction. This is done through various publications, press releases and the online spinecare directories.