

Subject: application for ASC travel grant

Dear ASC office employee,

The ASC is an important conference that helps me to be up to date with current surgical practice and enables me to be at the forefront of developments in surgery. In addition, it is an important podium for presenting my work to colleagues across the Atlantic Ocean.

As a surgical resident and PhD student, the research I am conducting concerns surgical learning curves. I will present a new analysis of original outcome data of a randomized controlled gastric cancer trial, that our group of surgeons and methodologists performed. These new analyses show that the outcome of high quality randomized controlled trials can be substantially influenced by surgical learning curves. In addition, I will discuss what surgeons that are doing surgical trials can do to expel learning curve bias from their trials.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to present our work at the ASC. However, although there is some compensation for participating from my hospital, the total congress costs will not be met for me. Therefore I would like to apply for one of the travel grants that are provided by the society. These funds will be used to pay for the journey to Houston and hotel costs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,



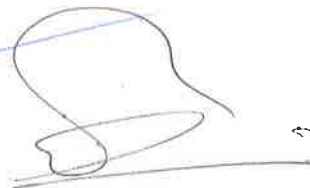
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