



JOINING OUR PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY:

THE AEROSPACE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (AsMA) AND THE AEROSPACE PHYSIOLOGY SOCIETY (AsPS)

Why Join the Aerospace Medical Association as Your Professional Society?

The personal benefits of belonging to a professional society will become apparent from active participation. Personal growth and professional development are achieved by being an active participant and not a bystander. It is that commitment and perseverance that will challenge your abilities.

Membership in our professional society offers individuals the opportunity to support or be actively involved in applied research, communications and programs in the field. Meetings and conferences are held to provide a way to share information within your field. One of the most important aspects of membership that is often forgotten, or not addressed, is networking with your professional peers.

Aerospace Medicine is our profession! Aerospace medicine concerns the determination and maintenance of the health, safety, and performance of persons involved in air and space travel. Aerospace Medicine, as a broad field, offers dynamic challenges and opportunities for physicians, nurses, physiologists, bioenvironmental engineers, industrial hygienists, environmental health practitioners, human factors specialists, psychologists, and other professionals. Those in the field are dedicated to enhancing health, promoting safety, and improving performance of individuals who work or travel in unusual environments. The environments of space and aviation provide significant challenges, such as microgravity, radiation exposure, G-forces, emergency ejection injuries, and hypoxic conditions for those embarking in their exploration. Areas of interest range from space and atmospheric flight to undersea activities and the environments that are studied cover a wide spectrum, extending from the “microenvironments” of space or diving suits to those of “Spaceship Earth”. Listed below are two Professional Societies that we as Aerospace Physiologists should consider joining.

AsMA

The AsMA is the largest, most-representative professional organization in the fields of aviation, space, and environmental medicine. It is an umbrella group providing a forum for many different disciplines to come together and share their expertise. The Association has provided its expertise to a multitude of Federal and international agencies on a broad range of issues including aviation and space medical standards, the aging pilot, and physiological stresses of flight. The Association's membership includes aerospace medicine specialists, flight nurses, physiologists, psychologists, human factors specialists, and researchers in these fields. Most members are with industry, civil aviation regulatory agencies, departments of defense and military services, the airlines, space programs and universities. Approximately 25% of the membership is international.

Through the AsMA, qualified aeromedical professionals can seek Board Certification in Aerospace Physiology. No other organization offers such an opportunity for recognition of professional achievement as aeromedical experts.

AsPS

The AsPS is a constituent organization of the AsMA. Members of AsPS must be AsMA members first. The majority of our Societies' membership is made up of active duty Navy and Air Force Aerospace Physiologists. The mission of AsPS is:

To encourage, promote, and advance the science and practice of aerospace physiology by:

- Establishing and maintaining cooperation between aerospace physiology and other scientific disciplines
- Stimulating and accomplishing physiological investigation, studying and disseminating pertinent knowledge and information through teaching and participation in scientific and technical meetings
- Increasing the professional stature of Aerospace Physiologists and associated disciplines within the Aerospace Medical Association
- Providing a single unified voice within AsMA to present the views of the Society

If you think you can offer something to this organization and membership is for you, we wholeheartedly encourage you to join.

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