



BRITISH COLUMBIA SURGICAL SOCIETY

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Dear Members:

Very soon you will receive electronic notice of the 2021 annual dues from the Doctors of BC. We want to remind you that the BC Surgical Society and the Section of General Surgery (now called the General Surgeons of BC) are two different organizations that represent you very well, and we ask that you check both when paying for your dues. A small reduction in the annual dues has been made for the upcoming year for the General Surgeons of BC to reflect the current situation and reduced income of our members.

The BC Surgical Society is the educational body that hosts the Annual Spring Meeting with accredited clinical presentations and a guest speaker. This meeting also provides networking opportunities for surgeons from around BC to meet. The society encourages and supports UBC resident participation. **The Annual Spring Meeting is scheduled for April 29 - May 1, 2021 and will be hosted virtually if regulations prevent an in-person event (tentatively at the Fairmont Chateau Whistler).** We look forward to (hopefully) seeing you there.

The General Surgeons of BC represent, as the name indicates, the general surgeons of the province, but our focus is medico-political and economic returns for our members. We negotiate within the Doctors of BC and Specialists of BC for funding for our Section, particularly any new funding that becomes available. In the past we were awarded a disparity fund from which we were able to correct many inequities in our fee guide, as well as funding the BMI surcharge. We are currently in the process of making submissions to the negotiating body for the next Physician Master Agreement, scheduled to begin in June of 2021.

The Section has had success introducing new fee items and updating description of fee items as technology changes and have most recently been involved with creating temporary fees during this unprecedented time of Covid 19.

BOTH of these organizations represent you - and we ask you to be sure to select both of them when paying your dues online. Here is the link for payment: <https://www.doctorsofbc.ca/account/dues>.

Thank you for your attention.

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