Submissions for “The Academic Surgeon” – AAS Blog Guidelines

General Information:

- Blogs are generally 500-800 words in length; this is not a hard and fast rule.
- Topics for blog articles can encompass all aspects of academic surgery and can include but are not limited to medical work, education, reports from the field, work-life balance, personal interests, extracurricular activities, etc. Past blog submissions have featured interviews with opinion leaders, summaries of important research, or recent news articles and commentary.
- Members of AAS committees who have been assigned a blog article should check with their committee chairs to confirm their topic - some committees wish to create a series of committee-themed posts throughout the year, and some allow their members to decide what kind of article they'd like to post.
- Photos or other media are welcome to be added with your blog submissions.
- Blog authors are encouraged to ask questions in their writing and frame the article so as to encourage further discussion and/or to generate comments.
- Committee members who are assigned a blog article do not necessarily have to author the article themselves; rather they are responsible for submitting an article. If they have a resident or a colleague doing something interesting, they may ask that colleague to submit a blog in the committee member’s place.
- AAS members do not need to be currently serving on an AAS Committee to submit a blog article – see the General Membership bullet point below for submission information.
- Blog articles submitted by non-AAS members will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Submission Procedure:

- **Ochun Farlice** in the AAS Administrative Office ([ochun@aasurg.org](mailto:ochun@aasurg.org)) coordinates all AAS blog communications. AAS Associate Executive Director Nicole von Husen ([nicole@aasurg.org](mailto:nicole@aasurg.org)) oversees the AAS blog as a whole and directs its schedule.
- All blog articles should be submitted to **Ochun Farlice** in the AAS Administrative Office – [ochun@aasurg.org](mailto:ochun@aasurg.org). Blog articles will be reviewed and approved before posting:
  - **Committee members**: Articles from committee members will need the committee chair’s approval – articles should be emailed to both Ochun and the committee chairs.
  - **Committee Chairs**: Articles submitted by committee chairs will be reviewed and approved by the AAS Secretary – articles should be emailed to Ochun and she will forward it to the Secretary for approval.
  - **General Membership**: AAS members not currently serving on a committee who would like to submit a blog article are encouraged to do so. These article should be submitted to Ochun who will determine who best to review/approve them; depending on the topic, it may be reviewed by the appropriate committee chair or by the AAS Secretary.
- A byline is created for all blog authors. When submitting an article, authors should also include:
  - A brief 2-3 sentence bio (Twitter handles or other social media contacts are welcome)
  - A recent photo
  - Authors who have previously submitted articles should review their bylines and contact Ochun with any needed updates,
- Depending on the current queue, all blogs submitted and approved will usually post within 2-3 days of submission unless a specific date or time period is requested by the author or committee chair.

Further questions regarding The Academic Surgeon and blog submissions can be sent to AAS Associate Executive Director Nicole von Husen ([nicole@aasurg.org](mailto:nicole@aasurg.org)).