

# Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter

**ACS** Chapters American College  
of Surgeons

## DEBATES AND DILEMMAS COMPETITION

**ELIGIBILITY** – The competition is open to all general surgery residents and surgical specialty residents. Medical students are **not** eligible.

**FORUM** – This event is LIVE and requires you to create a 7-minute power point presentation with 10 minutes of discussion to follow. Debate questions will be provided in advance.

**SUBMISSION** – Email a copy of your PowerPoint slides to [etaylor@acms.org](mailto:etaylor@acms.org) by Monday, March 25, 2024.

**EVENT DETAILS** – Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 6:00 pm, at Eddie Merlot's, 444 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

### AGENDA –

6:00 pm	Registration/Cocktail Reception
6:00 pm	ACS-SWPA Council Meeting
7:00 pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks
7:05 pm	Debates Begin
8:30 pm	Winner(s) Selected

**DEBATE** – There will be 3 debates, with 2 participants each. Each debater will get 7 minutes to present plus 10 minutes for discussion. Subjects to be determined and will be provided in advance.

	DEBATER 1	DEBATER 2	DISCUSSION	TOTAL TIME
<b>TIME</b>	7 min.	7 min.	10 min.	24 min.
	<b>DEBATER 3</b>	<b>DEBATER 4</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
	7 min.	7 min.	10 min.	24 min.
	<b>DEBATER 5</b>	<b>DEBATER 6</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	
	7 min.	7 min.	10 min.	24 min.
				<b>72 MINUTES</b>

**RESULTS** - Debates will be judged in real time by the audience and ACS-SWPA Board of Directors.

### POWERPOINT GUIDELINES

- Speakers should be able to communicate in a 5-7-minute time slot.
  - Slide 1: Title slide
  - Slide 2: Your name, photo, PGY-year and where you are doing your residency
  - Slide 3: Disclosures
  - Slides 4 and on: Present your side of the debate.