



International Consortium of Mohs Surgery (ICMS)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION GUIDE

Welcome to ICMS Membership!

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About ICMS

The International Consortium of Mohs Surgery (ICMS) is a global community of dermatologic surgeons, allied health professionals, and collaborators dedicated to advancing Mohs micrographic surgery and cutaneous oncology through education, research, collaboration, and the highest standards of patient care.

Our Mission

To advance the art and science of Mohs micrographic surgery and cutaneous oncology through education, research, collaboration, and the highest standards of patient care worldwide.

Our Vision

A global community of Mohs surgeons dedicated to excellence, innovation, and ethics in skin cancer treatment, improving outcomes and accessibility for patients everywhere.

Important Note

ICMS is an educational and collaborative society. It does NOT function as a certifying or accrediting body. Formal qualifications remain the purview of national and regional organizations.

Membership Categories Overview

ICMS welcomes physicians and collaborators at all stages of their Mohs surgery journey. We offer five distinct membership categories:

1. Full Member (Mohs Surgeon) 🏆

Who it's for:

Dermatologic surgeons whose Mohs training and practice have been recognized by credible national or regional Mohs societies.

Key Requirements:

- Current membership in ICMS-recognized Mohs society (e.g., ACMS, ESMS)
- Good standing with relevant national specialty boards (where applicable)
- Two professional references
- Commitment to ICMS ethical standards

Benefits:

- ☒ Voting rights
- ☒ Eligibility for leadership positions
- ☒ Use of designation: Fellow of the International Consortium of Mohs Surgery (FICMS)
- ☒ Full access to all ICMS programs and resources

Application Form: Full Member Application

2. Allied Member 🤝

Who it's for:

Physicians involved in skin cancer surgery or reconstructive dermatologic surgery who may not meet Full Member criteria but are aligned with ICMS mission.

Ideal for:

- Dermatologists interested in Mohs surgery
- Plastic surgeons doing reconstructive work post-Mohs
- ENT/Head & Neck surgeons
- Oncologists
- Dermatopathologists
- Related specialists

Key Requirements:

- Professional involvement in cutaneous oncology and reconstruction
- 1-2 professional references
- Documented interest in collaboration with Mohs surgeons

Important: Allied membership does NOT attest to or certify Mohs surgery training or competence.

Benefits:

- ☒ Access to educational programs
- ☒ Networking opportunities
- ☒ Participation in meetings and conferences
- ☒ Committee participation (non-voting)

Application Form: Allied Member Application

3. Member-in-Training 🎓

Who it's for:

Physicians currently enrolled in dermatology residency or formal Mohs/procedural dermatology fellowship programs.

Key Requirements:

- Verification of training status by Program Director
- Current enrollment in good standing
- Interest in Mohs surgery and cutaneous oncology

Benefits:

- ☒ Access to ICMS curriculum and learning modules
- ☒ Virtual case discussions
- ☒ Mentorship opportunities
- ☒ Reduced registration fees for ICMS meetings
- ☒ Pathway to Full/Allied Member status after training

Application Form: Member-in-Training Application

4. Histotechnologist Member

Who it's for:

Histotechnologists and laboratory professionals actively involved in Mohs micrographic surgery.

Key Requirements:

- Current employment/active role in Mohs laboratory
- Commitment to best practices in tissue processing, staining, and QA
- Letter of verification from supervising Mohs surgeon

Benefits:

- ☒ Access to histotechnology-focused modules and forums
- ☒ Mentorship and professional development
- ☒ Recognition of vital role in Mohs surgery
- ☒ Participation in histotechnology networks
- ☒ Committee participation (non-voting unless specified)

Application Form: Histotechnologist Member Application

5. Retired & Honorary Members

Who it's for:

Two subcategories:

Retired Members:

- Former Full or Allied Members who have left active clinical practice
- Want to remain connected to ICMS

Honorary Fellows:

- Individuals with exceptional global contributions to Mohs surgery, dermatologic oncology, or education
- Typically nominated by ICMS Board or senior members
- Self-nomination accepted with detailed justification

Benefits:

- ☒ Recognition at ICMS events
- ☒ Continued access to programs (often reduced/waived fees)
- ☒ Mentorship and advisory opportunities
- ☒ Lifetime connection to ICMS community

Application Form: Retired & Honorary Member Application

Which Category is Right for Me?

Decision Tree

Step 1: Are you a dermatologic surgeon performing Mohs surgery?

- **YES** → Go to Step 2
- **NO** → Go to Step 5

Step 2: Are you currently in training?

- **YES** → **Member-in-Training**
- **NO** → Go to Step 3

Step 3: Are you a member of a recognized Mohs society (ACMS, ESMS, etc.)?

- **YES** → **Full Member (Mohs Surgeon)**
- **NO** → Go to Step 4

Step 4: Do you practice Mohs surgery regularly?

- **YES** → **Full Member** (alternative pathway available) or **Allied Member**
- **NO** → **Allied Member**

Step 5: Do you work in a Mohs laboratory?

- **YES** → **Histotechnologist Member**
- **NO** → Go to Step 6

Step 6: Are you involved in skin cancer care/surgery?

- **YES** → **Allied Member**
- **NO** → Go to Step 7

Step 7: Have you retired from active practice?

- **YES** → **Retired Member**
- **NO** → **Allied Member** (if aligned with ICMS mission)

Honorary Fellow: Exceptional contributions to field, typically nominated

Application Process

Step-by-Step Guide

1. Choose Your Membership Category

Use the decision tree above or review category descriptions to determine which membership level is right for you.

2. Download the Appropriate Application Form

Visit www.icmohssurgery.org and download the form for your category:

- Full Member Application
- Allied Member Application
- Member-in-Training Application
- Histotechnologist Member Application
- Retired & Honorary Member Application

3. Complete the Application Form

- Fill out ALL sections completely
- Be thorough and accurate
- Provide detailed information where requested
- Use "N/A" for questions that don't apply

4. Gather Supporting Documents

See the "Required Documents Summary" section below for your specific category.

5. Submit Your Application

Email to: membership@icmohssurgery.org

Subject Line Format:

"ICMS [Category] Application - [Your Full Name]"

Examples:

- "ICMS Full Member Application - Jane Smith"
- "ICMS Member-in-Training Application - John Doe"

6. Confirmation & Review

- You will receive email confirmation within 2-3 business days
- Application review times vary by category (2-6 weeks)
- Committee may request additional information
- You will be notified of the decision via email

7. Welcome to ICMS!

Upon approval:

- You will receive welcome email with member information
 - Access to member portal and resources
 - Information about upcoming events and programs
 - Membership certificate (digital)
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Required Documents Summary

Full Member (Mohs Surgeon)

- ✓ Completed application form
- ✓ Current CV
- ✓ Proof of membership in recognized Mohs society
- ✓ Two (2) standardized reference forms
- ✓ Copy of board certification (if applicable)

Allied Member

- ✓ Completed application form
- ✓ Current CV
- ✓ 1-2 professional reference letters
- ✓ Brief statement of interest (recommended)

Member-in-Training

- ✓ Completed application form
- ✓ Brief CV or resume
- ✓ Letter of verification from Program Director

Histotechnologist Member

- ✓ Completed application form
- ✓ Current CV or resume
- ✓ Letter of verification from supervising Mohs surgeon
- ✓ Copy of certification(s) if applicable

Retired Member

- ✓ Completed application form
- ✓ Current CV
- ✓ Brief statement about career and interest in ICMS

Honorary Fellow

- ✓ Completed application form
- ✓ Comprehensive CV with achievements
- ✓ Detailed statement of contributions
- ✓ 2-3 letters of support from leaders in field
- ✓ Nomination letter (if nominated)

Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions

Q: How much does ICMS membership cost?

A: Membership fees will be posted once ICMS formally launches enrollment. Check www.icmohssurgery.org for current fee structure.

Q: How long does the application process take?

A: Review times vary by category:

- Member-in-Training & Histotechnologist: 2-3 weeks
- Allied Member & Retired: 3-4 weeks
- Full Member: 4-6 weeks
- Honorary Fellow: May require Board review, 4-8 weeks

Q: Can I apply if I'm not from the US or Europe?

A: Absolutely! ICMS is a global organization. Surgeons from all continents are welcome.

Q: What if my country doesn't have a recognized Mohs society?

A: Alternative pathways are available. The Membership Committee works with regional mentors to validate training and practice.

Q: Can I update my application after submission?

A: Yes, email membership@icmohssurgery.org with updates.

Category-Specific Questions

Q: I'm not in ACMS or ESMS. Can I still be a Full Member?

A: Yes, if you're a member of another nationally/regionally recognized Mohs society. These are under review by the Membership Committee. Alternative pathways exist for surgeons in countries without formal societies.

Q: Does Allied Membership allow me to say I'm trained in Mohs surgery?

A: No. Associate membership does NOT attest to or certify Mohs surgery training. This is clearly communicated to avoid misunderstanding.

Q: I'm a resident interested in Mohs. Can I join?

A: Yes! Apply as Member-in-Training. You'll get access to educational resources and mentorship.

Q: I work in a Mohs lab but don't have formal certification. Can I apply?

A: Yes! While certification is preferred, it's not required if you have relevant experience and a letter from your supervising surgeon.

Q: I retired 5 years ago but wasn't an ICMS member. Can I join as Retired Member?

A: Yes! Retired membership is open to those who had distinguished careers in Mohs surgery/dermatology, regardless of prior ICMS membership.

Q: How are Honorary Fellows selected?

A: Typically nominated by the Board or senior members. Self-nominations are accepted but require detailed justification and strong supporting letters demonstrating exceptional contributions.

Application Process

Q: Can I submit my application by mail?

A: We strongly prefer email submission for faster processing. If email is not possible, contact us at info@icmohssurgery.org for alternative arrangements.

Q: Do my references need to use a specific form?

A: For Full Members, yes - use the standardized ICMS reference form (available at icmohssurgery.org). For other categories, standard reference letters are acceptable.

Q: Can my Program Director email the verification letter directly?

A: Yes! They can send it directly to membership@icmohssurgery.org. Please ensure they reference your name in the subject line.

Q: What if I'm missing a required document?

A: Submit your application with what you have. Note in your email which documents are pending and when you expect to provide them. We can hold your application for a reasonable time.

Q: Will I be notified if my application is denied?

A: Yes. You will receive notification regardless of outcome. If denied, we will explain the reason and whether reapplication is possible.

Contact Information

Membership Questions

 **Email:** membership@icmohssurgery.org

General Inquiries

 **Email:** info@icmohssurgery.org

 **Website:** www.icmohssurgery.org

Office Hours

We aim to respond to all inquiries within 2-3 business days.

Next Steps

1. **Review** all membership categories
 2. **Choose** the category that fits your background
 3. **Download** the appropriate application form
 4. **Complete** the application thoroughly
 5. **Gather** required supporting documents
 6. **Submit** via email to membership@icmohssurgery.org
 7. **Wait** for confirmation and review
 8. **Join** the global ICMS community!
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Thank you for your interest in the International Consortium of Mohs Surgery!

We look forward to welcoming you to our global community dedicated to advancing Mohs micrographic surgery and cutaneous oncology worldwide.

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Connecting Mohs Surgeons Worldwide*

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