



Research is fundamental to continual innovation and advancement in spine care. Spine care practitioners know that every treatment they employ to bring relief and healing to their patients was borne of research.

The North American Spine Society is the leading multidisciplinary organization committed to advancing quality spine care through education, research and advocacy.

NASS' commitment to research funding exceeds that of most organizations. While other groups allocate up to 25% of each dollar contributed to cover the costs of postage, printing and salaries, NASS absorbs all expenses associated with research fund development. That means every penny contributed to the NASS Annual Research Fund or the NASS Spine Research Foundation directly supports quality, peer-reviewed spine research.

Quality spine care transcends any one medical specialty, as should quality spine-related research. As the only organization dedicated to a multidisciplinary approach to spine, NASS' research program is uniquely important.

Remember: Every dollar of your contribution counts to NASS members and toward quality spine-related research!

ANNUAL RESEARCH FUND

Since 1989, NASS has funded more than \$1.5 million in multidisciplinary, spine-related research through the NASS Annual Research Fund (ARF). NASS relies on the generosity of its membership and corporate partners to provide funding for the highest quality, top priority, peer-reviewed research each year. The Annual Research Fund collects more than \$150,000 annually to distribute in support of projects selected by NASS' Research Project Management Committee. NASS' goal is to increase the amount collected and distributed by the Annual Research Fund by at least 10% each year.

The Annual Research Fund has been an effective vehicle for supporting basic science and applied clinical research since 1989. (A listing of NASS funded research can be found at http://www.spine.org/grant_winners_index.cfm). As every dollar contributed to the Annual Research Fund is distributed in the year it is received, NASS recognized the need for an additional, permanent source of funding for spine research.

SPINE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

To ensure the availability of future funding, NASS established the Spine Research Foundation, an endowment fund, in 1996. As an endowment fund, the principal remains untouched. The interest income accrued each year on the principal will supplement the amount distributed through the NASS Annual Research Fund — essentially doubling the average amount that NASS distributes annually.

Annual Research Fund Donor Recognition

- A prominent listing in *SpineLine*™
- Recognition in NASS' Annual Report
- Acknowledgment on the NASS Web site
- Public recognition at the Annual Meeting
- A listing on the Donor Wall
- Acknowledgment in the NASS Annual Meeting Preliminary and Final Programs

Spine Research Foundation Donor Recognition

The Century Club (\$1,000 to \$9,999)

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- Listing on the Donor Wall at the NASS Annual Meeting
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The Heritage Club (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

- All of the above, plus:
 - Acknowledgment on NASS' Web site
 - Exclusive invitations to the President's reception at the NASS Annual Meeting

***The Premiere Circle** (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

***The Paramount Circle** (\$50,000 to \$74,999)

***The Visionary Circle** (\$75,000 or more)

**NASS will work with you to provide the recognition that best suits your company.*



Why partner with NASS in research efforts?

NASS members are committed to supporting research, and they will recognize and appreciate your commitment. NASS membership is increasing in record numbers each year, and this unique audience of spine care professionals takes great pride in NASS' unswerving support of research to advance our understanding of spinal disorders and their most effective treatments.

Research propels enhanced patient care. Your support of NASS' research efforts increases our knowledge of the causes and natural progression of spine disorders and leads to more effective treatments and therapies.

A donation to NASS research is an appropriate expression of your gratitude. Many NASS members have provided insight, guidance and consultation from which your company has benefited. As an additional acknowledgment of their immeasurable contribution to your success, you can contribute to NASS' research funds in their honor.

The exhibit floor at the NASS Annual Meeting sells out each year. Increase your visibility by making sure your company name appears in all Annual Meeting materials and the Donor Wall, which lists all donors and their respective giving levels. Your exhibit floor personnel will receive Research Donor ribbons for their badges, identifying them to all participants as partners in supporting the future of spine care.

Top three topics of interest

- 1 Determine the natural history of back pain and various spine diseases, including disc herniation and stenosis.
- 2 Study the effect of fusion on adjacent segments.
- 3 Determine the role of fusion in spine surgery, including technical aspects and complications.

NASS Short Term Research Goals

- 1 Develop methods for studying results of surgical interventions when a randomized, controlled trial is not appropriate.
- 2 Develop guidelines for introduction of new technologies, including recommendations about presentations at meetings and studies beyond FDA requirements.
- 3 Define stability and its significance as a source of back pain.
- 4 Determine the role of discography in spinal disorders.
- 5 Develop a database for recording complications from different spine surgical procedures.

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