



Guidelines for membership:

The **Spine Society of Australia** encourages membership from a wide variety of disciplines. At present our membership is made up of the following disciplines: Anatomy, Biomechanical Engineering, Epidemiology, Neurosurgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, Pathology, Pain Medicine, Physiotherapy, Radiology, and Rehabilitation Medicine.

Requirements for membership:

- (i) Demonstration of engagement in clinical practice or research into prevention, management, or treatment of spinal disorders and their related problems.
- (ii) Written letters of support from three referees, two of whom are **active members** of the Society and preferably not from the same practice.
- (iii) Membership of Professional Body [Full or Associate].
- (iv) An abbreviated Curriculum Vitae.

Types of membership:

1. Active Membership

These requirements are fulfilled where the applicant is a Full Member or Fellow of his/her respective Specialist Professional Association or like bodies in Australia or New Zealand. Active membership will be recorded as RACS or non-RACS according to surgical qualifications presented.

2. Associate Membership

Where other requirements are fulfilled and the applicant is not a Full Member or Fellow of his/her respective Specialist Professional Association or like body in Australia or New Zealand.

All applications for membership are considered by a Membership Committee, subject to approval by the Executive Committee, and thereafter voted upon at the Annual General Meeting of the Spine Society.

Requirements for continued Active or Associate Membership:

A Member must show a sustained interest in spinal disorders and related problems through:

- (a) Participation in the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) by attending at least once every three (3) years;
- (b) Successfully submitting a scientific paper for presentation at the ASM at least once every five (5) years; or making some other major contribution to the SSA in a five (5) year period [eg: membership of committees].
- (c) Maintaining membership of their professional body.
- (d) Payment of the annual Spine Society membership fee levied on a yearly basis.

Applicants must submit all application documents two [2] months prior to the up-coming ASM [check meeting

dates published on website]. **Please note:** Failure by referees to submit references may prevent consideration of the application and delay membership, in some cases forcing late submissions to be held over to the following year.

Curriculum Vitae: Please provide a concise CV [6 page maximum; without attachments]. The Secretary or Chair of the Membership Committee may, at their discretion, contact you for additional information. Your CV should highlight your clinical and/or research interest in spine. Please use the following headings for the CV document:

- * Qualifications: Year awarded & Institution.
- * Clinical, professional, academic and/or research career progressions, listing the three most recent to current appointment.
- * Professional memberships and offices held.
- * Recent peer-reviewed spine-related publications.
- * Five (5) most recent spine-related conference presentations.
- * Research funding [last 5 years].
- * Recent spine conference attendances [last 5 years].
- * Outline of spine-related research interests.
- * Outline of spine-related clinical interests.
- * Why you wish to become a member.

A current membership statement from your professional body is required.

Please do not send membership dues. These will be invoiced after acceptance.

PLEASE NOTE:

APPLICATION & C.V. MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY BY THE DUE DATE to: secretary@spinesociety.org.au

For further queries, please contact:

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Application for Membership

I,
[Print full name and title of applicant],
hereby apply to become [tick one category below]:

- 1. Full **Active Member**:
 - RACS [surgical qualification]
 - Non-RACS membership
- 2. **Associate Member**
- 3. **Corresponding Member**

Corresponding address:
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Office Phone:
Office Facsimile:
Home Phone:
Mobile:
Email:
Date of Birth:
Citizenship:

I am engaged in clinical practice [Y] [N]
My occupation is:

I am a FULL / Provisional member of my
professional body [eg: FRACS; or equivalent body].
Professional body:

Referee 1: Active member of Spine Society
Name:
Address:
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Email:
Office phone: ()
Mobile phone:

Referee 2: Active member of Spine Society
Name:
Address:
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Email:
Office phone: ()
Mobile phone:

Referee 3: Senior professional colleague
Name:
Address:
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Email:
Office phone: ()
Mobile phone:

- Final checklist:**
- 1. Three named referees have been confirmed and agree to submit their reports by the due date.
 - 2. Two of the named referees are current **Active Members** of the **SSA**.
 - 3. Six page abbreviated CV per guidelines.
 - 4. Copy of current membership of professional body

PLEASE NOTE: This Application Form must be printed, signed, and then scanned. The Application Form, plus your C.V., plus documentary evidence of current membership of your professional body, should then be emailed by the due date to: secretary@spinesociety.org.au

Declaration:
In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the Rules of the Constitution of the **Spine Society of Australia**.
Full name:
Signature: Date: