

**SOCIETY FOR THE  
ADVANCEMENT  
OF  
GERIATRIC  
ANESTHESIA**

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You may join by completing the form on the next page and mailing it with a check, or you can pay by credit card at [www.sagahq.org](http://www.sagahq.org).

SAGA Membership categories and requirements are as follows:

**Active Membership**, \$100/year.

Must be a physician. Only Active Members are permitted to vote, hold office and serve on the Board of Directors.

**Associate Membership**, \$25/year.

Primarily for non-physicians. However, any non-anesthesiologist physician who does not desire the additional benefits of Active Membership may join SAGA as an Associate Member.

**International Membership**, \$15/year.

Individuals residing outside the United States or Canada may join the Society as International Members.

**Retired Membership**, \$25/year.

Individuals who have retired from clinical practice may join at this level.

**Resident or Medical Student Membership**, free.

Any medical student or anyone in full-time training in an approved residency or fellowship in the specialty of anesthesiology.

**Lifetime Membership**, \$1500.

Lifetime members will be exempt from all future dues. However, only those Lifetime Members who are physicians will be allowed to vote, hold office or serve on the Board of Directors.

· Please renew by April 1, 2017·

Note that any physician who wishes to be a voting member of **SAGA** or hold office must join as an Active member, regardless of whether they qualify for some other membership category.

Time to renew dues for 2017 for The Society of Advancement of Geriatric Anesthesia. Dues are unchanged from prior year. Renewal is easily done by completing the attached form, or renew on line ([www.sagahq.org](http://www.sagahq.org)) with credit card. Check is always preferred to avoid credit card fees.

The New 2017 SAGA Board:

President	Ruben Azocar, MD
Immediate Past President	Mike Lewis, MD
President Elect	Shamsuddin Akhtar, MD
Secretary	Charles Brown, MD
Treasurer	Adamina Podraza, MD

SAGA Members hard at work:

The American Society of Anesthesia new Educational Track for Geriatrics Anesthesia was a new addition to the 2016 ASA meeting and chaired by SAGA member Sheila Burnett.

American College of Surgeon - Coalition for Quality in Geriatric Surgery (CQGS) Standard development in Geriatric Surgery group chaired by Mark Neuman and Stacey Diener (SAGA members) An initiative of the ACS and John A Hartford Foundation to develop standards for elective national hospital certification and benchmarking program in geriatric surgery.

The Management of Osteoarthritis of the Hip Clinical Practice Guideline of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons reviewed by the ASA Committee on Geriatric Anesthesia to ensure consistency with existing ASA policy. The document will be considered for support/Endorsement (review by BOD and HOD)

The Final ruling of the VA Leadership carved out the Nursing Handbook - Certified Nurse Anesthetist as independent practitioners.

The ASA Geriatric committee is working on the Brain Health initiative “toolkit” for providers to improve cognitive outcomes in older adults undergoing surgery and anesthesia

A representative from the ASA Committee on Geriatrics is a lesion to the AGS/SEGUE Geriatric for Specialists Initiative group improving wellbeing of older adults by improving speciality physician competency in Geriatrics.

IARS has a Geriatric section in Anesthesia & Analgesia is edited by SAGA Member

SAGA donated \$2000 to Foundation of Anesthesia Education and Research this year .

SAGA has a Jeff Silverstein Endowment to sponsor speakers at the annual SAGA meetings.

We hope you continue your membership for 2017. It is an exciting time for Geriatric Anesthesia.

Sincerely,  
Adamina G Podraza MD  
Treasurer

Society for the Advancement of Geriatric Anesthesia - *SAGA*  
2017 Membership Registration Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Category:

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| _____ Lifetime                    | \$1500 |
| _____ Active                      | \$100  |
| _____ Associate                   | \$25   |
| _____ International               | \$15   |
| _____ Resident or Medical Student | free   |
| _____ Retired                     | \$25   |

Funds should be paid in US dollars. Please send application and dues to:

**SAGA**  
c/o Dr. Adamina Podraza  
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Indian Head Park, Illinois 60525

Or join online at [www.sagahq.org](http://www.sagahq.org).

For questions, contact Adamina Podraza MD  
SAGA Treasurer at [adaminapod@gmail.com](mailto:adaminapod@gmail.com) or (312) 720-4333.