



DEGREE OF FELLOW

Each year an AAPS affiliated Academy can select from its members, physicians who meet the following criteria and honor them as a Fellow in the Academy.

1. Candidate must have been a member of the Academy of Medicine for three (3) years.
2. Candidate must have one letter of support from a Fellow in his or her Academy submitted by the December 31st deadline. Any nomination for the Degree of Fellow shall be addressed to the President of the Academy and shall state the candidate's full name and qualifications, including services to that Academy and to the profession. The President of the Academy will address the nomination and supporting documentation during the annual Academy conference call.
3. The Academy's Board of Governors shall determine the qualification of the candidate and shall vote on the candidate. If favorably acted upon, such degree shall be presented at the next annual meeting.
4. The Degree of Fellow shall be awarded only with the unanimous approval of all members of the Board of Governors present during the conference call. In the event a unanimous vote is not cast, the following rules shall apply:
 - a. The dissenting vote of any member of the Board of Governors shall not be recorded unless it is supported by written report stating the reason for the dissenting vote.
 - b. In the event there is a recorded dissenting vote, the candidate for the Degree of Fellow shall be notified that s(he) shall have an opportunity to appear for a hearing before the Academy's Board of Governors within one year. Such hearing shall be held by the Board of Governors within one year and after thirty days notice of the candidate for the Degree of Fellow. Such thirty days notice can be waived by the candidate or his/her sponsors.
 - c. Following the hearing a new vote shall be taken and the Degree of Fellow may be granted to the member by a majority vote of members of the Board of Governors.
 - d. The sponsor of a candidate for the Degree of Fellow shall have the privilege of withdrawing the candidate's name from any consideration at any time prior to the conferring of the Degree of Fellow upon the affiliate.
5. Candidate is a Diplomate who is eligible to be considered for the Degree of Fellow two (2) years following his/her initial certification.
6. Additionally at least **three of the four criteria** below must be met to be considered for the Degree of Fellow:
 - a. Lectured or presented a poster at an AAPS Annual Scientific Meeting
 - b. Published in the *American Journal of Clinical Medicine (AJCM)*
 - c. Served as an Academy Officer or Governor, Board of Certification Officer, or AAPS Committee Chair.
 - d. Served as an Oral Examiner, member of an Examination Committee, or participated in a Certification Workshop for the Board of Certification Examination procedures.

7. Registered and attended three (3) AAPS Annual Scientific Meetings within the past five (5) years.
8. Recipients must attend the Annual Scientific Meeting to receive the Degree of Fellow.

Academies may add additional criteria, but this list is the criteria established for the Degree of Fellow granted by an AAPS affiliated Academy of Medicine.