Resources Relevant to Surgical Education

**Associations:**
The Association for Program Directors of Surgery, [http://www.apds.org/](http://www.apds.org/)

The APDS is focused on residency education, both coordinating the resident work pool to make sure that there is sufficient coverage and ensuring that the residents get a good educational experience.


This website has a clearinghouse for surgical education relevant materials that are available for free or for purchase. Free materials includes not only the quarterly newsletter "Focus on Surgical Education" but also a series of useful handbooks like those listed below:

**Handbooks**
"Surgical Educator's Handbook"
"The Manual of Surgical Objectives: A Symptom and Problem-Based Approach"
"The Objective Structured Clinical Examination"
"Nurses in Surgical Education (NSE) Reference Manual"
"Surgical Curriculum Coordination: A Guide for Newbies"
"Manual on Preparing Surgical Case Reports for Presentation or Publication"

**Journals**
In addition the American Journal of Surgery features occasional papers from the presentations at the ASE, which are labeled right on the front of the journal as ASE related papers. There are also papers each month (or so) that are direct submissions, and they are usually labeled "surgical education". Education oriented papers also show up occasionally in the Journal Surgery and in Surgical Research.

**A Selection of Papers relevant to Surgical Education to display the breadth of research in this area:**


Rogers DA, Elstein AS, Bordage G. Improving continuing medical education for surgical


