

## CASA Award for ASC Excellence

A CASA member facility who exemplifies best practices in the surgery center industry, plus actively promotes and advocates for ASC excellence and inclusion in the healthcare delivery system.



The criteria for the CASA Award for ASC Excellence is built around 5 pillar categories.

### **Membership**

Facility supports the ASC industry through active engagement in professional organizations.

### **Advocacy**

Facility drives ASC-related legislation at both the Federal and State level through education, action and financial contributions.

### **Quality Metrics**

Facility drives transparency and clinical quality in the ASC through facility benchmarking and public reporting and superior performance of important metrics including outcomes, pricing and patient satisfaction.

### **Education**

Facility ensures clinical best practices, operational efficiency and regulatory compliance through ongoing patient, staff and physician education.

### **Community Involvement**

Facility is actively engaged in educating the public regarding the benefits of ASCs and demonstrating leadership in improving the general health of their community.

**In addition to the CASA Award for ASC Excellence, the most outstanding center will be awarded with the CASA ASC of the Year award.**

Announcement of the awards will take place at the CASA Annual Conference, September 2-4, 2026, at the Monterey Conference Center.

As this is a CASA sponsored award, all nominees must be members of CASA. Nominees should submit an application to CASA and must demonstrate activity in each section (Membership, Advocacy, Quality, Community Involvement, Education, CASA Involvement). Applications should utilize information and activity from 2025 and will be accepted between March 1, through June 30, 2026.

# Guidelines for the CASA Award for ASC Excellence

The CASA Award for ASC Excellence is built around the following 5 categories. In order to provide guidance, the committee has developed the following framework. The point system below is meant as a guide in evaluating your application. Applicants may have additional areas to expand upon in a category, in addition to the indicators listed below. Applicants are encouraged to provide a detailed and thorough justification on how they meet and or exceed in each area. **It is up to the applicant to demonstrate compliance, including documentation, in each category.**

## Membership

Facility supports the ASC industry through active engagement in professional organizations.

- CASA Membership – Mandatory
- Actively recruits CASA Membership (10 points for each center recruited)
- Facility accreditation (10 points)
- Facility attends CASA Conference and sends a voting member for annual business meeting – 5 points
- Facility participation on a CASA Committee or Volunteers at a CASA Event – 5 points

## Advocacy

Facility drives ASC-related legislation at both the Federal and State level through education, action and financial contributions.

- Legislative tour conducted at facility – 10 points
- CASA PAC participation ( 5 points for \$500-\$2,000 / 10 points for > than \$2,000)
- Research / Advocacy Fund donation – 5 points
- Center representative at DC “Fly-In” – 10 points
- Participates in special legislative asks (i.e. letter campaign) – 5 points
- Hosted a fund raiser – 10 points
- Participates in a fund raiser – 5 points

## Quality Metrics

Facility drives transparency and clinical quality in the ASC through facility benchmarking and public reporting and superior performance of important metrics including outcomes, pricing and patient satisfaction.

- Participates in CASA Benchmarking ( 5 points for each quarter)
- Participates in CASA Salary Survey – 10 points
- Participates in special Outcomes Research – 10 points
- Participates in Medicare Outcomes Reporting – 10 points
- Participates in industry quality improvement programs – 10 points

## Education

Facility ensures clinical best practices, operational efficiency and regulatory compliance through ongoing patient, staff and physician education.

- Infection Prevention training – CASA or APIC – 10 points
- CASA Regional Meeting or Seminar – 5 points
- CASC Certified Administrator – 5 points
- ASCA or AORN SafeSteps Seminar – 5 points

## Community Involvement

Facility is actively engaged in educating the public regarding the benefits of ASCs and demonstrating leadership in improving the general health of their community.

- Community Outreach – Veterans program, Health Fair etc. – 10 points
- Chamber of Commerce Membership – 10 points