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**Policy:**

*Membership Categories*

The Society shall have three categories of individual members which are: Professional, Student, and Industry.

*Qualifications*

Any person who is interested in any aspect of cardiac catheterization and who endorses the mission of the Society, agrees to abide by its charter and bylaws, and meets other criteria as adopted by the Board of Directors by policy shall be eligible for membership.

**Professional Member** – Any individual actively working in the field of invasive cardiology or related area.

**Student Member** - Any individual actively enrolled in the educational field of invasive cardiology. Student I.D. or statement from director or program required.

**Industry Member** – Any Industry representative wishing to become involved with SICP.

*Rights and Benefits:*

Members shall have the rights and benefits determined by the Board of Directors and as listed by policy.

*Student Member* - No voting rights.

*Professional Member* - Voting rights of one vote per one member.

*Industry Member* – no voting rights. May request a non-voting seat on any committee which will be reviewed and ruled upon by the board of directors.

*Application and Acceptance*

Professional Member - Application forms will be prepared by the Society’s management firm and distributed upon request. Professional membership is granted upon the Society’s receipt of the form and membership dues.

Student Member – Application forms will be prepared by the Society’s management firm and distributed upon request. Student membership is granted upon the Society’s receipt of the form and copy of student ID or letter from director

*Membership Renewal, Fees, Dues*

All members shall pay an annual membership fee as determined by the Board of Directors. The SICP Membership year is based on the Society’s fiscal year January – December. Membership fees are pro-rated depending on the month joined. A sixty- day (60) grace period will be allowed for completion of membership renewal, after which membership shall automatically be terminated. Should a member with

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the FSICP designation allow their membership to lapse a reinstatement fee will be assessed to regain the designation.

***Termination of Membership***

The membership of any member of the Society shall automatically terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

Death of a member; Resignation of the member; incomplete membership renewal

***Fellowship***

Fellowship status may be awarded to any Professional member meeting the Fellowship status requirements. A Professional member wishing to apply for Fellowship status must complete the Fellowship application, meet the requirements and submit the application fee to Society Headquarters.

**Requirements**

1. Have sat for, and passed, the Invasive Registry (RCIS) examination administered by Cardiac Credentialing International (CCI).
2. Active status with CCI and the SICP.
3. Current staff position at a health care facility based in the cardiac catheterization laboratory or associated with an invasive cardiovascular technology program.
4. The applicant must have made significant contributions to the SICP, or to the field of invasive/diagnostic cardiology.

This last requirement may be fulfilled by publication in national journals, authoring or coauthoring a book/chapter, serving on committees or special projects for the society, or serving as an officer or committee chairman in a recognized national organization which has an overlapping interest in cardiology. This requirement may also be met if the applicant has been responsible for the organization of, or presentation in, educational programs on the national or regional level with a course curriculum relevant to cardiology.

The Membership Committee will consider an applicant who believes that they meet all the criteria other means not specifically listed in the explanation.

The applicant should submit proper documentation to support Fellowship criteria's one through four. This should include a copy of the applicant's CV, relevant publications, letters of commendations or service, and any other documents thought to be relevant.

Applicants should mail to SICP supporting documents and a letter of request regarding fellowship status.

**Application Fee is twenty-five dollars (\$25)**