



PROFILE

American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) Diplomates and ACVS Surgery Summit Attendees

Founded in 1965, the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) is the American Veterinary Medical Association specialty board which sets the standards for advanced professionalism in veterinary surgery. The mission of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons is to advance the art and science of surgery and promote excellence in animal health care through research, education and service to the public.

The ACVS defines the standards of surgical excellence for the profession, promotes advancements in veterinary surgery and provides the latest in surgical educational programs. By fostering the highest standards of excellence in veterinary surgery, the ACVS is helping the veterinary profession achieve its goals of providing outstanding service to the public and care to animals.

ACVS Diplomates: As of March 2019, there are approximately 2,119 ACVS Diplomates (board-certified veterinary surgeons). More than 60 percent of the ACVS Diplomates operate in private practices, some of which accept cases exclusively on a referral basis from primary care practitioners. Twenty five percent of the ACVS Diplomates are employed by academic institutions and industry where they teach, conduct research, practice in teaching hospitals and participate in the development of new products and treatments, which improve the quality of veterinary and human health care.

Employment distribution of ACVS Diplomates:

Private Practice	32%
Private Referral-Only Practice	34%
Academic Institution	25%
Retired, etc.	3%
Corporate	1.5%
Armed Forces	<1%
Other/Unknown	3.5 %

Practice emphasis of ACVS Diplomates:

Small Animal	60%
Equine/Large/Food Animal	34%
Research/Other	6%

ACVS Surgery Summit Attendees: The annual ACVS Surgery Summit demonstrates ACVS's commitment to the highest level of surgical education. The Surgery Summit attendees are knowledgeable professionals who are excited about learning and experiencing the "latest and greatest" in veterinary medicine.

2018 ACVS Surgery Summit Attendees (1,736):

ACVS/ECVS Board Certified Veterinary Surgeons	43%
Veterinary Practitioners and other Specialists	25%
Technicians	14%
Surgical Residents	11%
Students	7%