



# Albanian Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery ASTES

## History:

The Albanian Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ASTES) was founded on November 22, 2016 in Tirana, Albania, and registered in Tirana on January 17, 2017, as a voluntary union of several health professionals who are part of the medical services in trauma and acute care surgery.

ASTES is the most important surgical organization of trauma and emergency care in Albania.

It includes a wide range of "health professionals", who in their daily activities, deal with the management of trauma and emergency surgery.

## Aims:

Our aim is to promote interest, knowledge, and quality of care in emergency and trauma surgery. ASTES seeks to promote best practice in the provision of emergency and trauma surgery and acute care surgery, from prehospital care through diagnosis, intervention and intensive care to rehabilitation. It aims to increase awareness of trauma and emergency surgery within the medical sector and the political community.

Knowledge and quality in these fields shall be improved all across Albania.

## ASTES Congress:

ASTES holds an annual scientific meeting – The Annual Albanian Congress for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ACTES).

More than 300 surgeons and specialists gather at this major international meeting. ACTES offers a program of meetings devoted to various specialties and subspecialties in addition to selected topics of general interest to all health professionals.

## ASTES Journal:

ASTES produces a bi-annual journal – the Albanian Journal for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (AJTES).

AJTES is the official publication of the Albanian Society of Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ASTES) that comes out two times a year.

AJTES is an open access, peer reviewed journal that aims to promote interest, knowledge, and quality of care in emergency and trauma surgery.

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