

2022 NEHS Annual Meeting Abstract Submission

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NEHS Vice President, Daniel Mastella, M.D., is currently accepting abstract submissions for presentation at our Annual Meeting on December 2, 2022.

This meeting will be held at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA.

Therapists, NPs, and PAs are also encouraged to submit.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS OCTOBER 15, 2022

RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS ONLY. Please indicate if you want your paper to be considered for the prestigious H.Kirk Watson, M.D. Founder's Award. The abstracts for award consideration will be presented in the morning and the award will be presented in the afternoon.

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* ABSTRACT TITLE

Hand Surgeon Survey of Income Variation throughout the United States: A Survey of ASSH Membership

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*** ABSTRACT - should include background information and a description of methods, programs, or practices.**

Background: Compensation structures and expectations are rarely part of residency curricula. Many trainees may feel they possess a lack of understanding of how type of practice, setting, ancillary income and changing practices impacts income, and how income changes with seniority. These trends and observations are neither published nor accessible for residents and fellows who are discerning their career paths. The purpose of this study was to survey current ASSH members about income changes over time including variables of practice type, location, longevity including changing practices, and types of income streams to educate forthcoming hand surgeons to help them make more informed career decisions.

Methods: An anonymous 25 question, cross-sectional survey was sent to members of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. We received 395 responses from surgeons throughout the United States. Responses were organized by age, gender, geographic location, medical, residency, and fellowship training, income levels based on number of years in practice, and participation in ancillary sources of revenue.

Results: The average starting salary for hand surgeons increased by 195% from the 1970s to the 2020s. Respondents employed in a single-private practice setting had the highest average starting salaries, while those in academic settings had the lowest. With the exception of those beginning practice in 2000-2009, males had higher salaries than their female contemporaries. 67% of providers remained in the same practice type throughout their career. 53% of surgeons surveyed stated they receive revenue from ambulatory surgery center involvement.

Conclusion: Surgeons' earnings change over time when factors such as ancillary income and changing practices occur over the course of a career. The results of our survey data will aid hand surgeons to better understand the economic consequences of their career decisions.

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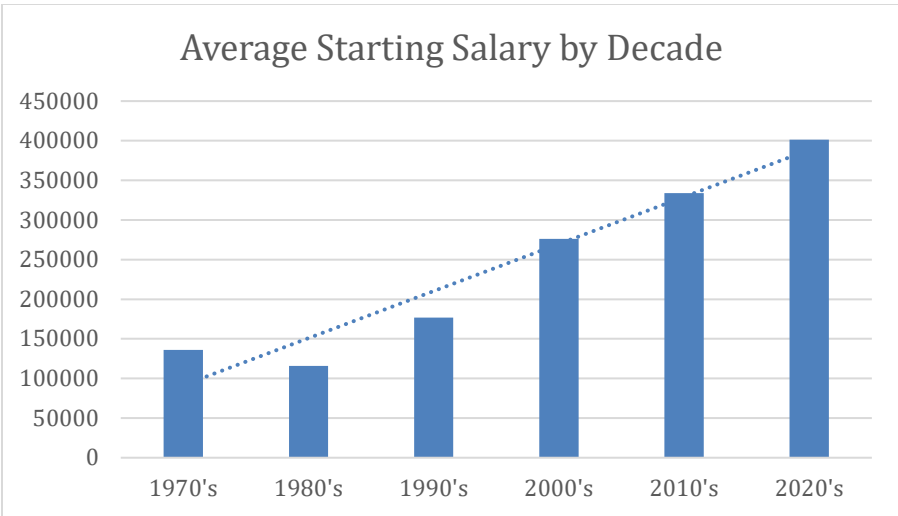


Figure 1 Average Starting Salary by Decade

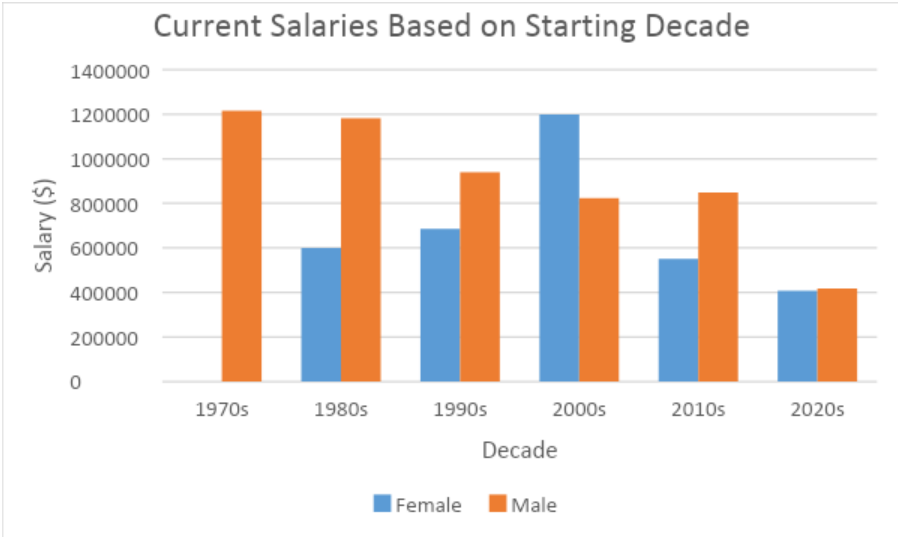


Figure 2 Gender Differences in Current Salaries Based on Starting Decade

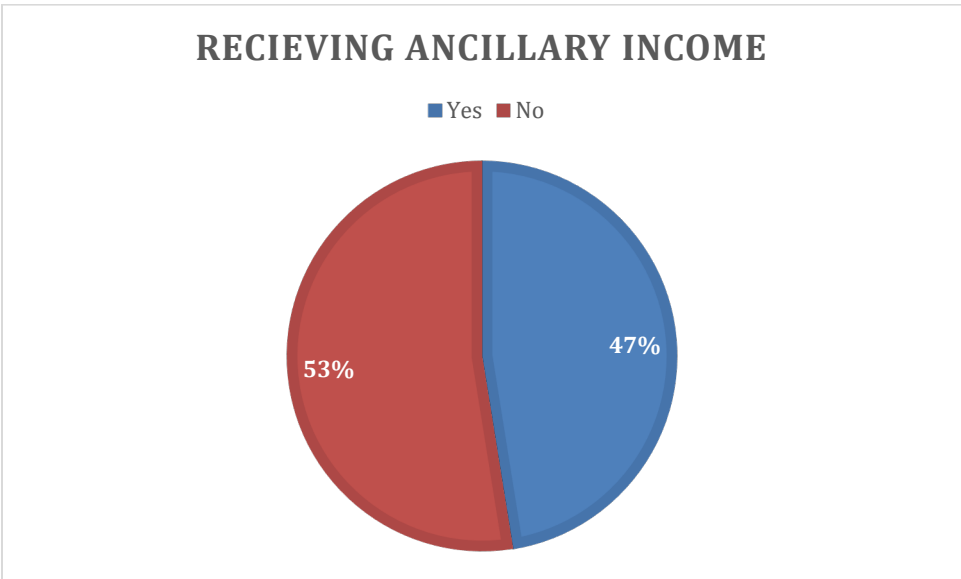


Figure 3A Ancillary Income Involvement

WHEN DID YOU BEGIN TO RECIEVING ANCILLARY INCOME

■ Year 1 ■ Year 2 ■ Year 3 ■ Year 4 ■ Year 5 ■ After Year 5

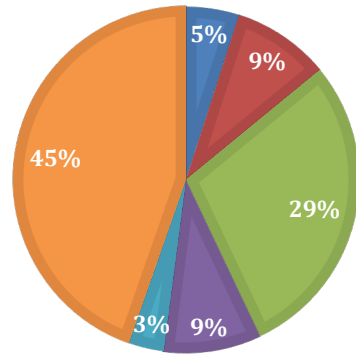


Figure 3B Time to Ancillary Income Involvement

AMBULATORY SURGERY REVENUE INVOLVMENT

■ Not involved in revenue from Ambulatory Surgery
■ Involved in revenue from Ambulatory Surgery

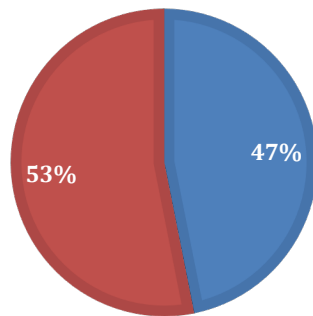


Figure 4A Ambulatory Surgery Center Involvement

WHEN DID YOU BEGIN AMBULATORY SURGERY INVOLVMENT

■ Year 1 ■ Year 2 ■ Year 3 ■ Year 4 ■ Year 5 ■ Later

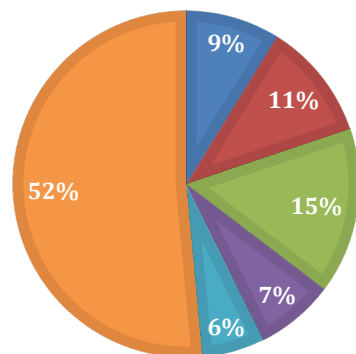


Figure 4B Time to Ambulatory Surgery Center Involvement