



FACT SHEET

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AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METABOLIC & BARIATRIC SURGERY (ASMBS)

OVERVIEW

- Non-profit medical organization established in 1983, ASMBS is the largest society in the world dedicated to metabolic and bariatric surgery
- The vision of ASMBS is to improve public health and well being by lessening the burden of the disease of obesity and related diseases throughout the world

MISSION & PURPOSE

- To advance the art and science of bariatric surgery by continued encouragement of its members to carry out the following:
 - To improve the care and treatment of people with obesity and related diseases
 - To advance the science and understanding of metabolic surgery
 - To foster communication between health professionals on obesity and related conditions
 - To be the recognized authority and resource on metabolic and bariatric surgery
 - To advocate for health care policy that ensures patient access to high quality prevention and treatment of obesity
 - To be a highly valued specialty society that serves the educational and professional needs of our diverse membership

LEADERSHIP

- **President:** Robin Blackstone, MD, Medical Director of *Scottsdale Healthcare Bariatric Center* at Scottsdale Healthcare in Arizona, Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery at the University Of Arizona College Of Medicine
- **Immediate Past President:** Bruce M. Wolfe, MD, Professor of Surgery at *Oregon Health & Science University* in Portland
- **Executive Director:** Georgeann Mallory, RD

ASMBS CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

- ASMBS Center of Excellence designation is awarded to a hospital or institution that performs at least 125 bariatric surgeries per year, has detailed, established procedures for care of bariatric surgery patients and submits results to a national database for review and reporting
 - Surgeons must have performed at least 125 bariatric surgeries and perform at least 50 per year
 - The hospital or institution must have a dedicated multi-disciplinary bariatric team, including surgeons, nurses, medical consultants and report long-term outcomes and submit to an on-site inspection to verify
- Currently, more than 620 hospitals and institutions are designated as Centers of Excellence in the U.S.

MEMBERSHIP

- Approximately 3,850 members; includes general surgeons, allied healthcare professionals practicing in the field of metabolic and bariatric surgery

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE ASMBS

- *Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (SOARD)* (Official Journal of the ASMBS)

For more information about ASMBS, visit www.asmb.org