



You can't improve if you don't measure. The designation of "International Fellow of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (**IFASMBS**) recognizes international surgeons who are quality-conscious and who track and monitor their outcomes. Becoming an International Fellow of the ASMBS demonstrates a strong commitment to quality for your medical colleagues, patients and the public.

Eligibility Requirements

This new designation may be bestowed upon an International member in good standing who presents evidence acceptable to the Society of active participation in a program of periodic, verifiable reporting of bariatric surgery outcomes as approved by the Society. Previously only open to Regular members and at the urging of the International Development committee, the program was opened to the growing number of international members who are engaging or want to engage in the submission of bariatric surgery data.

All International member surgeons are IFASMBS eligible who meet the following:

- Designated as an ICE or COE in the ICE program or other COE program administered by SRC in Brazil, Mexico or India and I utilize the Bariatric Outcomes Longitudinal DatabaseSM (BOLDSM)
- Applicant in the ICE program or other COE program administered by SRC in Brazil, Mexico or India and utilize BOLDSM
- Participant or plan to participate in the American College of Surgeons Bariatric Surgery Center Network Accredited Program (ACS BSCN) and utilize NSQUIP*
- Utilize a bariatric surgery outcomes data reporting program in your home country

How to Apply

If you are already an ASMBS BSCOE or ACS BSCN*, the application process is automatic as participation in either program requires outcomes reporting.

If you are not currently a COE and are interested in becoming an IFASMBS, after submitting your application to ASMBS you will be sent a BOLD Surgeon Portfolio Registration. This will provide you with the information necessary to register and link to the facility and surgical practice. Once you have completed the registration process, you will be sent a BOLD Packet, which describes the remaining steps of the BOLD activation process. Upon verification of data submission, IFASMBS will be designated. IFASMBS surgeons who *do not* participate in the BSCOE program will be required to pay a BOLD participation fee. This fee will be invoiced quarterly and is currently \$250 per IFASMBS per quarter. Currently, BOLD is only available in select locations but will be opened on a country-by-country basis based on demand.

IFASMBS is designated for a period of two years and may be renewed for contingent on the Member's continued participation in an approved outcomes data reporting program and maintenance of eligible member status. The designation may be withdrawn prior to the end of the two-year term in the event the Member's participation in an approved outcomes data reporting program terminates, or in the event the Member is found to have falsified data.

***Requires verification of participation in a program, please include with the application.**

For additional Information

For additional details or further information regarding the **IFASMBS Program**, please contact Barbara Peck, ASMBS Member and IH Services Director at barbara@asmbs.org or 352.331.4900. Questions regarding **BOLD registration** should be directed to SRC Support at 866.790.4772 or srcsupport@surgicalreview.org.