



American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery

FACT SHEET

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AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METABOLIC & BARIATRIC SURGERY (ASMBS)

OVERVIEW

- ASMBS is the largest non-profit medical organization in the world dedicated to metabolic and bariatric surgery; established 1983
- ASMBS Vision: To improve the public health and well being of society by lessening the burden of obesity and obesity-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 obesity-related diseases
 - To advance the science and understanding of metabolic surgery
 - To foster communication between health professionals on obesity and obesity-related conditions
 - To be the recognized authority and resource on metabolic and bariatric surgery
 - To advocate for healthcare 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 the society's diverse membership

LEADERSHIP

- **ASMBS President:** Jaime Ponce, MD, Director of Bariatric Surgery at *Dalton Surgical Group*, Medical Director for the Bariatric Surgery Program at *Hamilton Medical Center* in Dalton, Georgia, Co-Medical Director at *Memorial Hospital* in Chattanooga, Tennessee
- **ASMBS President-Elect:** Ninh T. Nguyen, MD, Chief of the Division of Gastrointestinal Surgery, Director of Bariatric Surgery, and Vice-Chairman, Department of Surgery at the *University of California, Irvine Medical Center*, Orange, California; Professor of Surgery, *University of California, Irvine School of Medicine*
- **ASMBS Immediate Past 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*
- **ASMBS Secretary/Treasurer:** John Morton, MD, Director of Bariatric Surgery and Surgical Quality at *Stanford University Hospital & Clinics*, Associate Professor of Surgery and Section Chief of Minimally Invasive Surgery at *Stanford University School of Medicine*, Co-Director of *Stanford Digestive Health Center* in California
- **ASMBS Executive Director:** Georgeann Mallory, RD

METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY ACCREDITATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- ASMBS and American College of Surgeons (ACS) have unified its respective metabolic and bariatric surgery accreditation programs to create one national accreditation standard and continuous quality improvement program
- Programs are accredited according to outcomes based standards and best practices
- About 740 facilities are currently enrolled in the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBS AQIP) in the United States

MEMBERSHIP

- ASMBS has nearly 4,000 members including general surgeons and integrated 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)

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