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:
  o To improve the care and treatment of people with obesity and obesity-related diseases
  o To advance the science and understanding of metabolic surgery
  o To foster communication between health professionals on obesity and obesity-related conditions
  o To be the recognized authority and resource on metabolic and bariatric surgery
  o To advocate for healthcare policy that ensures patient access to high quality prevention and treatment of obesity
  o 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)