Dear Colleagues:

Who could have imagined that there would be a national meeting where physicians would present evidence that surgery can achieve full remission of diabetes and of asthma? Where we can take solace in the fact that excessive obesity is no longer a sentence of an early death? Where folks would learn that an operation that can be done in less than an hour could provide durable weight loss of over 100 lbs. for as long as 16 years? Where surgeons would show that the technology is so effective that bariatric surgery can be done with only a one percent mortality rate, even though these patients are high risk operative candidates? If you would like to hear more about these miracles, please come. If you would like to learn more about the new bariatric operations, please come. If you would like to compare your approaches to others in this field, please come. And, if you want to meet with your colleagues, if you want to trade hints and secrets, if you need to be with your own for a few days, if you want to learn, and you need to have some fun in these tough times, please come.

Just bring a smile and an eagerness to learn, and I will guarantee that you will have a good time.

See you there.

Walter J. Pories, MD, FACS
President

GENERAL INFORMATION

PURPOSE

Paper presentations of the most current research and invited lectures promote the exchange of information and experiences between those practiced in bariatric surgery and newcomers to the field. The primary goal in this ongoing learning process is continual improvement in the risk-benefit ratio for the patients.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The conference is designed for all clinical and academic surgeons and support staff, including any health professional involved in the care of the morbidly obese patient, who wish to increase their knowledge of the surgical and peri-operative management of morbidly obese patients.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. To prepare physicians and support staff to define, discuss and solve specific problems in the treatment of morbidly obese patients in order to achieve maximum long term safety and effectiveness.

2. Increase the comprehension of the development and use of new techniques to achieve weight loss by surgery in the morbidly obese.

3. Familiarize participants with a broad area of patient care services.

4. Provide participants with the skills to identify and understand the specific needs of bariatric patients and assist in targeting their care in a coordinated medical team effort.
ACCREDITATION

The American Society for Bariatric Surgery (ASBS) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The ASBS designates the continuing medical education activity for up to 30.75 credits in Category 1 of the Physician’s Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. Each physician should claim only those hours he/she spent in the educational activity. Nursing credits (up to 31.75 contact hours) are provided by Taylor College, Los Angeles, California. (May not be accepted for national certification)

EDUCATIONAL DISCLAIMER

The primary purpose of this conference is education. Information presented, as well as publications, technologies, products, and/or services discussed, are intended to inform you about the knowledge, techniques, and experiences of bariatric surgeons who are willing to share such information with colleagues. A diversity of professional opinions exists in bariatric surgery, and the views of the conference’s faculty are offered solely for educational purposes. Faculty’s views neither represent those of the ASBS nor constitute endorsement by the Society. The ASBS declaims any and all liability for damages to any individual attending this conference and for all claims, which may result from the use of information, publications, technologies, products, and/or services of the meeting. Faculty disclosure statements have been requested from the speakers and will be presented in the conference materials.

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Boston is one this country’s most historical and cultural cities. Boston Marriott Copley Place, (headquarters hotel for the ASBS Annual Meeting) and Westin Copley Place are the official hotels of the 20th Annual Meeting. The room block rate for the Marriott Copley Place is $210 for single or double occupancy and Westin Copley Place is $215 for single or double occupancy. The room block rates are good until May 19, 2003 (or the room block rate is full, whichever comes first). After this date the room block rate will no longer be in effect and rooms may no longer be available. Please book early.

For reservations you may call the Marriott Copley Place at 800-228-9290 or the Westin Copley Place at 800-937-8461 or you may fax the reservation form available in this brochure.

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Delta Airlines and World Class Travel are the official carrier and agency for the meeting. Everyone participating in the 20th Annual Meeting of the ASBS, including family members and guests, is eligible for discounts with Delta Airlines. You will receive a 10% discount off the lowest fare and 15% off the full fare if you book your flight 60 days prior to departure. After the 60 day deadline you can still take advantage of a 5% discount off the lowest fare and 10% off full fare. Fares good June 21 - July 1, 2003. To book your flight contact World Class Travel at 800-771-3100, Monday through Friday (9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. EST). If Delta does not serve your city, World Class Travel will recommend an alternate carrier. Please identify yourself as a Bariatric Surgery conference participant.

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COURSE/SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

PRE-POST SESSION COURSES

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

Allied Health Essentials in Surgical Support:
This course provides an overview of the fundamentals of bariatric surgical practice management. It is designed primarily for allied health personnel new to the field but is also a great review for the experienced allied health professional.

Allied Health O.R. Nurses and Techs Course:
This course is designed for OR Nurses and surgical technicians who are responsible for bariatric surgery patients.

Allied Health Advanced Surgical Support Course:
This course builds upon the Essentials of Surgical Support Course and encompasses a broad spectrum of topics related to the bariatric surgical patient. It will focus on some of the more challenging issues encountered by allied health team members. (Prerequisite: ASBS Allied Health Essentials of Surgical Support)

Allied Health Masters’ Course:
This course will provide in-depth exploration of one or more topics of special relevance to bariatric surgery support. A variety of formats may be utilized including guest and member lectureships and panel discussions with workshops. Integral to this course is opportunity for participant questions and experiencing sharing.

Advanced Laparoscopic Suturing Course:
This course is intended to provide instruction in laparoscopic suturing techniques for surgeons performing bariatric surgery. Techniques for extracorporeal and intracorporeal suturing will be demonstrated, with both interrupted and continuous suture. A didactic lecture will provide instruction on techniques to improve laparoscopic suturing skills. This is a hands-on course with the goal of being able to perform a hand sewn two layer closure at the end of the lab.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

Allied Health General Session:
This course covers a variety of topics related to the pre and post-op care of the bariatric surgery patient and although it is designed with the allied health care professional in mind, it serves as an update in management practice for the physician.

Essentials in Bariatric Surgery:
This course provides an overview of the surgical approach to the management of the morbidly obese patient. It is designed primarily for surgeons new to the field but is also a great review for the experienced bariatric surgeon.

Advanced Bariatric Surgery:
This course is a step beyond the basic essentials of bariatric surgery but still encompasses a broad spectrum of topics regarding the surgical techniques and care of the bariatric patient. The course will focus on more challenging issues such as complications, super obese patients and revisional surgeries.

Masters’ Postgraduate Course:
This course is designed primarily for bariatric surgeons to address important areas associated with bariatric surgery. The course incorporates a variety of formats including guest lectureships, panel discussions, and workshops.

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery Cadaver Lab:
This hands-on lab uses cadavers to demonstrate the most commonly used techniques in laparoscopic bariatric surgery and to present the most up to date information.

PLENARY SESSION

THURSDAY - SATURDAY
JUNE 19 - 21

This session incorporates participants’ oral papers with discussion from the floor, invited lectureships, basic science reviews and distinguished guest lectureships covering the wide range of disciplines involved in bariatric surgery.
WELCOME RECEPTION
Wednesday, June 18, 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Join us for the ASBS kick-off reception at the Top of the Hub, 52 stories above Boston. Mix, mingle and enjoy a view of the entire city that is breathtaking and unlike any other.
Guest tickets $35.00 each (No charge for Plenary Session attendees).

ANNUAL RECEPTION AND DINNER DANCE
Friday, June 20, 7:00 P.M. - 12:30 A.M.
The Reception and Dinner Dance will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Copley Place. Enjoy an evening of dining, entertainment, fantastic live music and dancing.
Guest tickets $70.00 each (No charge for Plenary Session attendees).

OPTIONAL EVENTS
Tickets must be purchased separately

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

6th ANNUAL ASBS FOUNDATION EVENT
6:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.
After a 15 minute ride through the winding streets of Boston, guests will disembark at Quincey Market and walk directly into Cheers Pub, the site of this year’s ASBS Foundation Event, to enjoy a night of chatting with colleagues and friends and excellent dining. (See ASBS Foundation insert for ticket information.)

Old Sturbridge Village and Luncheon at the Salem Cross Inn
9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Turn back the clock 150 years and experience the life, work and celebrations of a rural New England community in the 19th century with authentically costumed villagers depicting a living history of the past. Then drive down a quiet country road to enjoy a hearty New England Luncheon at the Salem Cross Inn. Built in 1705, the inn is known for its extensive collection of American antiques and furnishings. (See Tour Program insert for ticket information.)

WHALE WATCHING
7:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
It’s an early morning trip to Gloucester, where you’ll board a vessel for a 4-hour whale watch. Coffee and muffins will be served on route to the whale’s playground. On the way out to Stellwagon Banks, the whale’s feeding ground, a naturalist will explain the fascinating facts about whales. Lunch will also be served on the boat. Once back on shore, you’ll drive north to Rockport, the artist’s colony on picturesque Bearskin Neck where you will have time to browse. (See Tour Program insert for ticket information.)

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

HOMES OF BEACON HILL
9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
Beacon Hill is one of Boston’s most prestigious neighborhoods, with many historic buildings and the private residences of some of the city’s more renowned citizens – past and present. The homes on Beacon Hill were designed by the country’s most renowned architects. The morning begins with a walking tour of the Hill. Special arrangements have been made to visit three private homes whose owners will offer their own perspective of life on the “Hill”. (See Tour Program insert for ticket information.)

LITERARY TOUR OF CONCORD
8:00 A.M. - 12:00 noon
This tour highlights Concord’s importance as the site where some of the most influential American literary figures of the 19th century lived, worked and died. You will visit Walden Pond and walk through the pristine woods to the actual site of Thoreau’s cabin. The tour continues with the Orchard House, the home of Louisa May Alcott, and the house which became the setting for Little Women. The next stop is the Concord Antiquarian Museum, which features rooms from every period of Concord’s history. (See Tour Program insert for ticket information.)
### 20th Annual Meeting Outline

#### Tentative Schedule (Times subject to change)

**Pre & Post Session Courses and Meetings**

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INDUSTRY EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

(Types these workshops are not planned by the ASBS and therefore are not accredited by the ASBS)

There is no charge for Annual Meeting Participants

Tuesday, June 17 - 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

WORKSHOP 1:
Real World Strategies To Enhance Your Bariatric Reimbursement
• Current Events Impacting Your Bariatric Practice.
  Walter Lindstrom, Esq., Obesity Law & Advocacy Center, San Diego, CA
• Effectively Marketing Your Bariatric Program.
  Velma Spriggs, CEO, Weight For Life, Santa Ana, CA
• Success Stories In Negotiating A Multi-disciplinary Program in the Era of Managed Care.
  Tina Napora, CMA, CPC, Coastal Center for Obesity, Orange, CA
• Practical Mistakes I Hear From Patients That Impact Bariatric Approvals.
  Kelley Brown, Esq., Obesity Law & Advocacy Center, San Diego, CA
• Working Cooperatively With Your Payers To Maximize Bariatric Coverage and Reimbursement.
  Christine Ren, MD, NYU School of Medicine, New York, NY

presented by Obesity Law and Advocacy Center

WORKSHOP 2:
Morbid Obesity, Weight Loss Surgery and the Media
Thousands of news stories have been written and broadcast about morbid obesity and weight loss surgery.
Do these stories provide an accurate portrayal? What is your role as a physician in insuring that the media get it right? Are you prepared to talk to the media about morbid obesity and weight loss surgery? This session will explore these issues, as well as provide you with what you need to know to confidently and effectively communicate with the news media. Learn how to shape the interview and the story, get tips for appearing on television, learn the do’s and don’ts of media interviews, and discuss with your colleagues what the media should be reporting about morbid obesity and weight loss surgery.

presented by Ethicon Endo-Surgery

WORKSHOP 3:
Maximizing Safety and Success in the Bariatric Surgery Patient: Nutritional and Behavioral Strategies.
This workshop will focus on specific pre- and post-op strategies for helping bariatric surgery safely and effectively meet their nutritional needs, improve adherence to their post-op diet, and incorporate the behavioral skills necessary to be successful long term.

presented by Novartis Nutrition
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 17  -  5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Special Interest Groups are break out groups designed for specific practitioners and clinicians to network about their unique needs within their disciplines. (No CME credits or Contact Hours are available for these meetings.)

DIETITIAN
This group is designed for those individuals who counsel, interact and oversee the unique dietary needs of the bariatric surgical patient in the clinic or hospital setting. Moderator: Kelly Elliott, RD

SUPPORT GROUP
This group is designed for those individuals who are responsible for coordinating, facilitating or planning to begin a support group. Moderator: Susan Champion

OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF
This group involves a variety of office personnel including insurance billers, coders and authorizers as well as receptionists and patient coordinators.

NURSING
This group is designed for the nursing personnel who are clinically involved in the care of the bariatric surgical patient in the hospital or clinic setting. Moderator: Rebecca Mudgett, RN, CNOR

PSYCHOLOGICAL
This group is designed for psychologists or psychiatrists interacting with the bariatric patient pre- and post-operatively. Moderator: Cathy Reto, PhD

ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPIC SUTURING COURSE

Tuesday, June 17

8:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON (morning course)
1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. (afternoon course)

*** Each course is limited to 14 participants ***
(Up to 4.0 CME credits are available.)

Director: J. Kenneth Champion, MD

OBJECTIVES
Upon completion of this activity participants should be able to:

1. List the appropriate equipment for laparoscopic suturing.
2. Describe set up for laparoscopic suturing.
3. Demonstrate extra-corporeal and intra-corporeal suturing techniques.

PROGRAM
- Principles of laparoscopic suturing and instrumentation.
- Extra-corporeal suturing
- Intra-corporeal suturing
- Continuous suturing and anastomotic techniques.
**OBJECTIVES:**
Upon completion of this activity participants should be able to:
1. Describe the disease of morbid obesity;
2. Identify appropriate bariatric surgical candidates;
3. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of bariatric surgical procedures;
4. Identify postoperative metabolic deficiencies and discuss treatment;
5. Discuss the management of postoperative metabolic complications;
6. Discuss the role of support groups and exercise for bariatric surgery patients;
7. Explain the importance of a multi-disciplinary bariatric program;
8. Interpret insurance and authorization issues;
9. Describe practice planning and marketing strategies.

8:00 A.M.  **The disease of morbid obesity.**
8:25 A.M.  **The surgical treatment of morbid obesity.**
9:15 A.M.  **BREAK**
9:30 A.M.  **Patient education and informed consent.**
10:00 A.M. **Post-op care.**
10:45 A.M. **Nutrition/vitamin therapy.**
11:30 NOON **LUNCH**

**Role of exercise and support group.**

12:30 P.M.  **Patient follow-up.**
1:30 P.M.  **Psychological support.**
2:30 P.M.  **BREAK**
2:45 P.M.  **Insurance and surgical access.**
3:30 P.M.  **Practice planning and marketing.**
4:15 P.M.  **Evaluations and post-test.**
4:30 P.M.  **Adjourn**
ALLIED HEALTH ADVANCED SURGICAL SUPPORT COURSE

Tuesday, June 17

Course Director: Tracy Owens, RN, BSN
(Up to 3.50 Contact Hours are provided by Taylor College.)

OBJECTIVES:
Upon completion of this activity participants should be able to:
1. Identify the phases of post operative psychological and physical recovery for bariatric surgery patients;
2. Describe the adjustments occurring in each phase;
3. Understand the complexity of the drivers of eating behaviors;
4. Describe what preoperative factors may make patients more vulnerable to difficulties during these phases;
5. Understand the role of direct care providers in facilitating referrals when appropriate during these phases.

8:00 A.M. Welcome
Rebecca J. Mudgett, RN, CNOR,
Chair-elect, ASBS Allied Health Sciences Section

8:05 A.M. Understanding the pre- and post-operative psychological phases of the bariatric surgical patient.
Cathy S. Reto, PhD

9:15 A.M. Questions

9:30 A.M. BREAK

9:45 A.M. Billing and coding.
Tina G. Napora, CMA, CPC

11:15 A.M. Questions

11:30 A.M. Adjourn

ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES MASTERS’ COURSE

Tuesday, June 17

Course Director: Katherine Fox, RN, MPH
(Up to 3.50 Contact Hours are provided by Taylor College.)

OBJECTIVES:
Upon completion of this activity participants should be able to:
1. Identify abnormal lab values for post-op gastric bypass patients and describe how to adjust supplements accordingly;
2. Describe commonly seen complications of gastric bypass and adjustable gastric banding surgeries by patient symptoms;
3. Discuss commonly seen malnutrition states or precursors by patient symptoms.

1:00 P.M. Welcome Address
Katherine Fox, RN, MPH

1:05 P.M. Interpreting lab values and altering supplements in post-op gastric bypass patients.
Carolyn C. Johnson, ARNP

2:45 P.M. Identifying complications and malnutrition by symptom presentation.
Carolyn C. Johnson, ARNP

4:10 P.M. Questions

4:25 P.M. Closing Remarks
Katherine Fox, RN, MPH

2:25 P.M. BREAK

4:30 P.M. Adjourn
This course covers a variety of topics related to the pre- and post-op care of the bariatric patient and although it is designed with the allied health professional in mind, it serves as an update in practice management for the physician. (Up to 7.5 Contact Hours are provided by Taylor College.)

**OBJECTIVES:**
Upon completion of this activity participants should be able to:
1. Recognize pre-existing nutritional deficiencies in the bariatric surgical patient;
2. Describe the rationale for the use of the duodenal switch procedure;
3. Discuss psychology’s potential role and relevance in bariatric surgery;
4. Describe the various eating behaviors with the bariatric patient pre- and post-op;
5. Discuss the importance of support groups and the role of competent leaders;
6. Analyze the success of weight loss to compliance of post-op follow up programs.

8:00 A.M.  Welcome Address  
Katherine Fox, RN, MPH

**SESSION ONE**  
Moderator: Craig Wittgrove, BS, Ed.

8:15 A.M.  ASBS Distinguished Guest Speaker  
**Obesity Discrimination.**  
Hon. Bruce M. Selya  
United States Court of Appeals

8:45 A.M.  1. Pre-existing nutritional deficiencies in bariatric surgical patient.  
Jacqueline Jacques, ND

9:00 A.M.  2. Similarities in the incidence of major co-morbidities between super morbid and morbid obesity.  
Robert T. Marema, MD; Cynthia K. Buffington, PhD

Justine E. Clark, PE; Robert T. Marema, MD; Cynthia K. Buffington, PhD

9:30 A.M.  4. Importance of routine diet journals to aide in nutritional counseling for post-op bariatric patients.  
Susan Champion, BS; Mike Williams, MD; JK Champion, MD

9:45 A.M.  Questions and Answers for Panel

10:00 A.M.  BREAK

**SESSION TWO**  
Moderator: Carolyn Johnson, ARNP

10:15 A.M.  5. Rationale for the use of the duodenal switch procedure.  
Gary Anthone, MD

10:30 A.M.  6. Laparoscopic adjustable gastric band (LAP-BAND®) adjustments in the office is feasible: the first 200 cases.  
Giovanni Dugay, NP; Christine Ren, MD

10:45 A.M.  7. Patulous eustachian tubes - an evaluation of two reported cases following gastric bypass.  
Bobbie Lou Price, RN, BSN; Natalie Morace, RN, BSN; Brenda Brown, RHIA; Walter Pories, MD; William Chapman, MD; Kenneth MacDonald, MD

11:00 A.M.  8. Unexpected pregnancy within six months post Roux-en-Y gastric bypass.  
Christine Litson, MS, RD; Gail Rodgers, MS, RD; Richard VanDyken, MD
SESSION FOUR
Moderator: Giovanni Dugat, NP

3:00 P.M. 14. Development of a model for a structured support group for bariatric surgery patients: lessons learned. Joel D. Marcus, PsyD; Gary R. Elkins, PhD

3:15 P.M. 15. The professional patient. Teri Kai Holtzclaw, PhD

3:30 P.M. 16. A potential modality for improving surgical patient follow up: interactive web broadcasting for bariatric support group meetings. Daniel R. Cottam, MD; William Gourash, CRNP; Jeffery Lord, MD; Samer G. Mattar, MD; Phillip R. Schauer, MD

3:45 P.M. 17. Choosing and creating support group lessons that are relevant, informative and fun. Blanche Zanders; Katherine Fox, RN, MPH; S. Ross Fox, MD; Myur S. Srikanth, MD

4:00 P.M. 18. Food addiction and mood: a common etiology? Melodie K. Moorehead, PhD; Cynthia K. Buffington, PhD; Robert T. Marema, MD

4:15 P.M. 19. Does follow up attendance influence the weight loss outcome in laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding (LAGB) patients? Carol Meyer, RN; Amanda Clark, APD; Laurent Layani, MD

4:30 P.M. Questions for Panel

4:50 P.M. Closing Remarks
Katherine Fox, RN, MPH

5:00 P.M. Adjourn
ESSENTIALS IN BARIATRIC SURGERY

Wednesday, June 18

Course Director: Kenneth J. MacDonald, Jr., MD
(Up to 7.25 CME credits are available.)

OBJECTIVES:
Upon completion of this activity participants should be able to:
1. Describe the disease of morbid obesity and the physiologic basis of surgery in its treatment.
2. Describe patient screening and evaluation techniques.
3. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of bariatric surgical procedures.
4. Recognize and describe the management of common complications.
5. Explain the importance of a multi-disciplinary bariatric program.
6. Identify areas of malpractice liability exposure.

SESSION ONE
8:00 A.M. The disease of morbid obesity: epidemiology and comorbidities.
8:50 A.M. Preoperative screening, evaluation and management of comorbidities.
9:15 A.M. Perioperative care: special issues (thromboembolism, pulmonary, beds, positioning on table, retraction, antibiotics, anesthesiology, tracheostomy, general intraoperative concerns).
9:40 A.M. BREAK

SESSION TWO
10:00 A.M. Perioperative complications and management: early and late (leaks, bleeding, internal hernia, stricture, marginal ulcer, wound, pulmonary embolus, general pulmonary and cardiac).
10:30 A.M. Postoperative follow-up and nutrition management (for restrictive and malabsorptive, deficiencies, supplements, polyneuropathy).
11:20 A.M. Panel of morning speakers: questions and discussion.
11:45 P.M. LUNCH (SERVED IN EXHIBIT AREA)

SESSION THREE
1:15 P.M. Role of endoscopic and radiologic evaluation: pre and postop.
1:45 P.M. PROCEDURES: Good and bad, specific technical issues – open and laparoscopic, long-term results, complications (Didactic and Videos).
  • Gastric restrictive procedures: VBG and laparoscopic adjustable banding
  • Roux-en-Y gastric bypass
  • Malabsorptive procedures: BPD, duodenal switch
3:30 P.M. Panel – procedures, techniques
3:50 P.M. BREAK

SESSION FOUR
4:10 P.M. Forming a bariatric program (allied health, support groups, training and credentialing).
4:30 P.M. Professional liability and risk management: surgical access issues.
5:00 P.M. Summary and questions.
5:15 P.M. Adjourn
ADVANCED BARIATRIC SURGERY COURSE

Wednesday, June 18

Course Director: Kenneth G. MacDonald, Jr., MD
(Up to 7.0 CME credits are available.)

Didactic and Videos – emphasis on maximizing good results, avoidance of complications, management of complications.

OBJECTIVES:
Upon completion of this activity participants should be able to:
1. Describe various types of surgical techniques both open and laparoscopic.
2. List four complications associated with gastric bypass and describe their management.
3. List four complications associated with laparoscopic banding and describe their management.
4. List four complications associated with malabsorptive bariatric procedures and describe their management.
5. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of open bariatric surgery vs. laparoscopic bariatric surgery.
6. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of restrictive vs. malabsorptive vs. gastric bypass surgeries.
7. List contraindications to bariatric surgery including age considerations.

SESSION I: SURGICAL TECHNIQUES

8:00 A.M. Vertical banded gastroplasty – open vs. laparoscopic.

8:20 A.M. Gastric bypass.
• Open and laparoscopic
Construction of gastrojejunostomy.
• Hand sewn
• Circular stapler, transesophageal
• Circular stapler, transabdominal
• Linear stapler
Antecolic vs. retrocolic alimentary limb

9:20 A.M. BPD and duodenal switch – open vs. laparoscopic.

9:40 A.M. BREAK

10:00 A.M. Laparoscopic adjustable banding.

SESSION II: COMPLICATIONS

• Leak from gastrojejunostomy
• Postobstruction:atenteroenterostomy, internal hernia
• Bleeding
• Stenosis of gastrojejunostomy

11:00 A.M. Management of complications: Laparoscopic adjustable banding.
• Slippage
• Reflux, esophageal problems
• Infections
• Access port / tubing problems


12:10 P.M. LUNCH

SESSION III: CONTROVERSIES

1:30 P.M. Laparoscopic vs. open.

1:50 P.M. Restrictive vs. malabsorptive vs. gastric bypass.

2:20 P.M. Age limits.
• The older patient
• The adolescent patient

2:50 P.M. Surgical contraindications.

3:10 P.M. BREAK

SESSION IV: CHALLENGING PROBLEMS:
Case presentations (panel).

3:30 P.M. Case presentations.

4:30 P.M. General question and answer session.

5:00 P.M. Adjourn
Masters' Postgraduate Course

Wednesday, June 18
(up to 2.75 CME credits are available)

Course Directors: George S.M. Cowan, Jr., MD and Scott A. Shikora, MD

This David E. Miller Lectureship is aimed at providing insights and skills that will improve each attendee’s knowledge of how to protect his/her personal and business assets from seasoned creditors and also reduce their tax liabilities. The 2003 Distinguished Lecturer is a dynamic, highly skilled attorney with considerable planning and tax experience coupled with a wry wit and sense of humor. He will relate techniques for bariatric surgeons to use in their estate planning in order to place assets out of the reach of creditors. These include, but not exclusively, family limited partnerships, trusts, use of favorable jurisdictions such as Alaska and Delaware as well as offshore location(s) where no treaty exists with the US government. He will also demonstrate how bariatric surgeons can change the way they own their assets so that they may reduce their estate and gift tax liability(-ies). (This lecture does not follow ACCME guidelines, and therefore, is not accredited.)

The Second Part (70 minutes) addresses three current controversial issues in an “I Agree-I Disagree, Point-Counterpoint Arguments format. Three pairs of bariatric surgeons will “face off” on opposite sides of three contemporary bariatric surgical controversies.

Following each of the three arguments, three panelists, who are highly experienced in bariatric surgery and its problems, will discuss the evidence presented as well as their “take” on the subject. (Up to 1.25 CME credits available.)

The Third Part of the course will be a debate addressing the place of stapling-and-cutting-across the stomach versus merely stapling across the stomach to make the proximal gastric pouch.

The speakers for and against the motion will each introduce their points for ten minutes (maximum), followed by three-minute statements (maximum) by course attendees who are highly encouraged and expected to take an active role in the debate. The principal speakers will then have five minutes each (maximum) to sum up their side’s points and counterpoints.

Upon completion, the course attendees will have a great awareness, clarity and perspective concerning the main benefits and limitations of both gastric stapling-with-gastric-transaction versus gastric stapling alone. This information is intended to adequately equip them to make this procedural decision for the good of their patients and bariatric surgical practice.

The audience will be asked to vote for or against the motion; the results will be considered a “straw vote” related to this debate only, and nothing more. (Up to 1.50 CME credits available.)

Finally, the attendees will be asked to suggest topics and formats for the following year’s Masters’ Postgraduate course.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this activity, attendees should be able to:

First Part
1. Recognize the need for covering one’s assets;
2. Understand ways to prevent even seasoned creditors from seizing personal and business assets;
3. Identify certain methods available for reducing estate and gift tax liabilities;
4. Describe the role of an estate planner and how to choose one;
5. Learn the average costs usually associated with asset protection.

Second Part
1. Access the role of the short common limb, i.e., with procedures which produce greater malabsorption than the standard gastric bypass in bariatric surgery practice;
2. Recognize the place of “protective medicine” in bariatric surgery, particularly with regards to risk management;
3. Compare the benefits to the risks of pre-operative weight loss in bariatric patients.

Third Part
1. Differentiate between the benefits and limitations of both gastric stapling-with-gastric-transaction versus gastric stapling alone;
2. Identify the procedure that is most beneficial for their patients and bariatric surgical practice.
1:00 P.M.  Course Directors’ Course Introduction, brief Miller Lecture history and Miller Lecturer introduction.

David E. Miller Lectureship
“Covering Your Assets (Estate Planning).”
William C. Kalmbach, Esq. Shreveport, LA

1:35 P.M.  Questions from Course Attendees

2:00 P.M.  I Agree - I Disagree, Point - Counterpoint Argument I
Point - “A short common limb has little, if any, place in primary bariatric procedures.”
G. Wesley Clark, MD
Private Practice, San Diego, CA

2:10 P.M.  Counterpoint - “I Disagree.”
S. Ross Fox, MD
Surgical Weight Loss Clinic, Tacoma, WA

2:20 P.M.  Panelists Comment
Henry Buchwald, MD, PhD; Scott Shikora, MD; Philip Schauer, MD

2:35 P.M.  I Agree - I Disagree, Point - Counterpoint Argument II
Point - “Bariatric surgery cases all need complete cardio-pulmonary, psychiatric and other work-ups as protective medicine.”
Mathias A.L. Fobi, MD
Center for Surgical Treatment of Obesity, Hawaiian Gardens, CA

2:45 P.M.  Counterpoint - “I Disagree.”
Michael Tarnoff, MD
New England Medical Center, Boston, MA

2:55 P.M.  Panelists Comment
Henry Buchwald, MD, PhD; Scott Shikora, MD; Philip Schauer, MD

3:10 P.M.  Counterpoint Argument III
Point - “Pre-operative weight loss is beneficial for bariatric surgery patients.”
Edward Saltzman, MD
Tufts-New England Medical Center, Boston, MA

3:30 P.M.  Counterpoint - “I Disagree.”
Christine Ren, MD
NYU School of Medicine, New York, NY

3:40 P.M.  Panelists Comment
Henry Buchwald, MD, PhD; Scott Shikora, MD; Philip Schauer, MD

4:05 P.M.  BREAK

4:20 P.M.  DEBATE: This house moves that “Only non-divided gastric partitioning should be performed in primary bariatric surgery.”
FOR: Kenneth B. Jones, Jr., MD, Private Practice, Shreveport, LA
AGAINST: Michel Gagner, MD, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY

OPEN TO ATTENDEES TO SPEAK (maximum 3 minutes each)

4:45 P.M.  Summation Against
Michel Gagner, MD

4:50 P.M.  Summation For
Kenneth B. Jones, Jr., MD

4:55 P.M.  Course Directors’ Summation, including discussion (with group vote and other interaction which may arise) of possible future Masters’ Postgraduate course subjects.

5:00 P.M.  Adjourn
OBJECTIVES:
1. To define, discuss and solve specific problems in the treatment of morbidly obese patients in order to achieve maximum long-term safety and effectiveness.
2. Identify and discuss the development and use of new techniques to achieve weight loss by surgery in the morbidly obese.
3. Identify and distinguish the specific needs of bariatric patients.
4. Discuss Gherlin’s role in regulating appetite and body weight.
5. Explain how controlling genes may affect eating behaviors and treatment outcomes in the morbidly obese.
6. Recognize the frequency and seriousness of the co-morbidities of morbid obesity and how these conditions respond to bariatric surgery,
7. Discuss why the breadth of bariatric surgery is not limited to the control of weight.
8. Describe the underlying molecular biology for the control of various diseases.
9. Discuss the objective of the Swedish Obesity Study.
10. Discuss the implications of the Swedish Obesity Study’s current findings as it relates to bariatric surgery.

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

SESSION ONE
Moderator: John J. Gleysteen, MD

7:45 A.M.  Introduction

8:00 A.M.  1. Improvement of hypothyroidism after laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass.*
Yannis Raftopoulos, MD, PhD; Pavlos Papasavas, MD; Fernando Hayetian, MD; Julie Maurer, PA-C; Patricia Bononi, MD; Philip F. Caushaj, MD; Daniel Gagné, MD

8:15 A.M.  2. Obesity and the effects of weight loss on cardiac structure and function. Keith B. Boone, MD; Michael Krueger, DO; Tienchin Ho, MD; Kelvin D. Higa, MD

8:30 A.M.  3. Nutritional markers following duodenal switch procedure. Robert A. Rabkin, MD; John M. Rabkin, MD

8:45 A.M.  4. Percentage based bypass of the small intestine results in exceptionally low protein malnutrition. Ara Keshishian, MD; Karim Zahriya, MD; Teny Haroutunian, MD; Dawn Keshishian, BSN, CCRN; Michelle Wiggins

9:00 A.M.  BASIC SCIENCE LECTURE
Introduction: John J. Gleysteen, MD
Ghrelin and the regulation of appetite and body weight.
David E. Cummings, MD Veterans Affairs, Puget Sound Health Campus Seattle, WA

9:45 A.M.  BREAK

SESSION TWO
Co-Moderators: Marc Bessler, MD and Patricia S. Choban, MD

10:15 A.M.  5. The short term effects of gastric bypass surgery on serum ghrelin levels.* Daniel R. Cottam, MD; Marta Couce, MD; Barto Burguera, MD; James Esplen, MD; George Eid, MD; Samer G. Mattar, MD, Philip R. Schauer, MD

10:30 A.M.  6. Swedish band vs. LapBand®. A comparison study of 200 patients with up to 24 months follow-up. Jaime Ponce, MD1,2; Rodolfo Sanchez, MD2; Arturo Rodriguez, MD2
10:45 A.M. 7. Comparison between LAP-BAND® and Swedish band in a North American population. S. Ross Fox, MD; Katherine M. Fox, RN, MPH; Myur S. Srikanth, MD

11:00 A.M. 8. Comparison of recovery time after laparoscopic and open RYGB and laparoscopic adjustable banding. Barry Leonard Fisher, MD

11:15 A.M. 9. Laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding does not cause esophageal dysmotility.* Lyn Knoblock, MD; Santiago Horgan, MD; Fernando Elli, MD; Garth Jacobsen, MD; Robert Berger, MD

11:30 A.M. 10. Calcium metabolism in the morbidly obese.* N Hamoui, MD; K Kim; G Anthone, MD; PF Crookes, MD

11:45 A.M. 11. The impact of gastric bypass surgery on health care utilization. John S. Sampalis, PhD; Moishe Lieberman, MD; Nicolas V. Christou, MD, PhD

12:00 noon LUNCH (SERVED IN EXHIBIT HALL)

SESSION THREE
(Concurrent with Video Session)
Moderator: Mervyn Deitel, MD

1:30 P.M. 12. The importance of routine liver biopsy in diagnosing non-alcoholic steato-hepatitis (NASH) in bariatric patients.* Sherene Shalhub, MD; Anna Parsee, BA; Scott A. Gallagher, MD; Chris Wilkomm, BA; Stephen Brantley, MD; Haim Pinkas, MD; Lisa Saff-Koche, MD; Michel Murr, MD

1:45 P.M. 13. Initial BMI has a predictive value of success following LAP-BAND® system surgery: 5-year results on 389 Italian patients. Luigi Angrisani, MD; F Favretti, MD; F. Furbetta, MD; SB Doldi, MD; N Basso, MD; M Lucchese, MD; M Zappa, MD; A Paganni, MD; A Veneziani, MD; M Alkilani, MD; N Di Lorenzo, MD; FD Capizzi, MD; S Lacitignola, MD; P Forestieri, MD; A Iuppa, MD; G Lesti, MD; M Toppino, MD; F Campanile, MD; C Giardiello, MD; L Di Cosmo, MD; N Belvederesi, MD; B Marzano, MD; P Bernante, MD; F Puglisi, MD; V Borrelli, MD; M Lorenzo, MD

2:00 P.M. 14. Adjustable silicone gastric banding adverse events reported to the Food and drug Administration (FDA). S. Lori Brown, PhD, MPH; Marie H. Reid, RN, BSN, Hesha Duggirala, PhD, MPH

2:15 P.M. 15. The influence of surgically induced weight loss on the knee joint.* Subhi Abu-Abide, MD; Nancy Gavert, MD; Nurit Wishnitzer, MPH; Moshe Liebergall, MD; Amir Szold, MD

2:30 P.M. 16. Pharmaceutical savings after gastric bypass surgery.* John S. Monk, MD; Nancy D. Nagib; Wolfgang Stehr, MD

2:45 P.M. BREAK

SESSION FOUR
(Concurrent with Video Session)
Moderator: Donald J. Booth, MD

3:15 P.M. 17. Analysis of the incidence and risk factors for surgical site infections (SSI) in open bariatric surgery? Nicolas V. Christou, MD, PhD; Joyce Jarand; Jean-Loup Sylvestre; Alexander P.H. McLean, MD

3:30 P.M. 18. Prevalence of occult sleep apnea in patients preparing to undergo morbid obesity surgery. Barry S. Greene, MD; Payam P. Katebi, MD; William Y. Marcus, MD
3:45 P.M. 19. A prospective, randomized, double blinded clinical trial of dexmedetomidine in the acute postoperative pain management of bariatric surgical patients.* Alexandra Dresel, MD; Michael Ramsay MD; Mark Cancemi, MD; Joseph Kuhn, MD; Todd McCarty, MD

4:00 P.M. 20. Fat-soluble nutrient deficiency after malabsorptive operations for morbid obesity. Niccole Siegel, RD; Giovanni Dugay, NP; Barrie Wolfe, RD; Christine Ren, MD

4:15 P.M. 21. Narrow gastric pouches along the lesser curvature. Rafael F. Capella, MD; Joseph F. Capella, MD

4:30 P.M. 22. The use of a stabilizing mesh platform and ultrasound guided adjustment of the laparoscopic adjustable band.* LV Katz, MD; JP DeMuro, MD; T Heiniman, RDMS; V Cutrone, RN; J Warman, RN; AC Geiss, MD

4:45 P.M. Adjourn

VIDEO SESSION
(Concurrent with Sessions Three and Four)
Co-Moderators: Eric J. DeMaria, MD and Robert A. Rabkin, MD

1:30 P.M. V1. Management of gastric fat pads during LAP-BAND® placement.* Roy Shen, MD; Christine Ren, MD

1:50 P.M. V2. Use of DaVinci surgical system in robot assisted laparoscopic gastric bypass for morbid obesity. Ashutosh Kaul, MD; Edward Yatco, MD; Amina Khan, MD; Thomas Sullivan, BS; Thomas Cerabona, MD; John A. Savino, MD

2:10 P.M. V3. Pushing the limit: technical aspects of laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass in massively obese patients.* David S. Tichansky, MD; Adolfo Z. Fernandez, MD; Eric J. DeMaria, MD

2:30 P.M. V4. Handsutured laparoscopic duodenal switch. Aniceto Baltasar, MD; Rafael Bou, MD; Marcelo Bengochea, MD; Nieves Pérez, MD

2:50 P.M. BREAK

3:20 P.M. V5. Computer-mediated flexible circular stapling for laparoscopic gastric bypass and duodenal switch. Gianmattia del Genio, MD; Michel Gagner, MD; Federico Cuenca, MD; Anne Waage, MD

3:40 P.M. V6. Laparoscopic gastric bypass. Intraoperative complications during the creation of the Roux limb. Alex Gandsas, MD; Tonya Carter, RN; Gina Adrales, MD; Rod McKinley, MD; Adrian Park, MD

4:00 P.M. V7. Laparoscopic closure of mesenteric and Roux limb hernias. Daniel M. Herron, MD; Don Selzer, MD

4:20 P.M. V8. Laparoscopic conversion of vertical banded gastroplasty to Roux-en-Y gastric bypass.* Daniel R. Cottam, MD; Samer G. Mattar, MD; Philip R. Schauer, MD

4:40 P.M. V9. Laparoscopic revision of a gastrogastric fistula after a laparoscopic gastric bypass.* Aldolfo Z. Fernandez, Jr., MD; David Tichansky, MD; Corrigan L. McBride, MD; Eric J. DeMaria, MD
SESSION FIVE
Moderator: Philip R. Schauer, MD

7:30 A.M.  ASBS Distinguished Guest Speaker
Introduction: John G. Kral, MD, PhD
Eating behavior and treatment outcome may be controlled by genes.
Fritz Horber, MD, Klinik Hirslanden, Zurich, Switzerland

8:00 A.M.  23. Results of laparoscopic bariatric surgery in patients with cirrhosis.*
Ramsey Dallal, MD; Andrew Watson, MD; Jeffrey Lord, MD; Daniel R. Cottam, MD; Samer G. Mattar, MD; George Eid, MD; Giselle Hamad, MD; Philip R. Schauer, MD

Sherman C. Smith, MD; Charles B. Edwards, MD; Gerald N. Goodman, MD; Chad Halverson, MD; Steven C. Hamper, MD

Janet D. Latner, PhD; Scott wetzler, PhD; Elliott Goodman, MD

8:45 A.M.  26. Laparoscopic gastric banding in morbidly obese adolescents.
Kevin Dolan, MD; George Fielding, MD

9:00 A.M.  27. Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass in adolescents.
Jill E. Endres, MD; Alan C. Wittgrove, MD

Philippe Mognol, MD; S Vignes; JP Marmuse

9:30 A.M.  BREAK

SESSION SIX
Moderator: Ronald H. Clements, MD

10:00 A.M.  EDWARD E. MASON FOUNDERS LECTURE
Introduction: Walter J. Pories, MD
Jarl Torgerson, MD, PhD
Sahlgrensk University Hospital, Gothenburn, Sweden

11:00 A.M.  29. Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. What learning curve?
Michael L. Schwartz, MD, PhD; Raymond L. Drew, MD

Michael Budd, MD; John Anderson, MD; Neal Fleming, MD; Hung Ho, MD; Jonathon Yahr, MD; Melinda Stevens, BS; Bruce M. Wolfe, MD; Ninh T. Nguyen, MD

11:30 A.M.  LUNCH (SERVED IN EXHIBIT HALL)

SESSION SEVEN
Moderator: Barry L. Fisher, MD

1:00 P.M.  31. Two day length of stay (LOS) following open Roux-en-Y gastric bypass: is it feasible, safe and reasonable?
Thomas A. Stellato, MD; Peter T. Hallowell, MD; Cathleen Crouse, RN; Margaret Schuster, RN

1:15 P.M.  32. Bariatric surgery: shedding the
monetary weight of prescription costs in the managed care arena. Chad E. Potteiger, DO; Nicholas A. Inverso, MD; Christopher Still, DO; Mary Jane Reed, MD; Anthony Petrick, MD; William Strodel, III, MD

1:30 P.M. 33. Evidence supporting routine polysomnography prior to bariatric surgery.* Terence O’Keeffe, MD; Emma Patterson, MD

1:45 P.M. 34. Effects of bariatric surgery in older patients. Harvey J. Sugerman, MD; Eric DeMaria, MD; John Kellum, MD; Luke Wolfe, MS; Elizabeth Sugerman, BSN; Jill Meador, BSN

2:00 P.M. 35. Neither BMI nor access technique influences hospital length of stay when multimodal preemptive analgesia is used. Joseph Kamelgard, MD; Maxim Pekarev, BS

2:15 P.M. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS Introduction: Kenneth B. Jones, MD Are we really bariatric surgeons? Walter J. Pories, MD, President, ASBS

3:15 P.M. BREAK

3:45 P.M. ASBS Business Meeting

5:00 P.M. Adjourn

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

SESSION EIGHT
Co-Moderators: Mathias Fobi, MD and Clark G. Warden, MD

8:00 A.M. 36. Gastrectomy alone as surgical treatment for morbid and super-morbid obesity.* Gary Anthone, MD; Reginald Lord, MD; Gideon Almogy, MD; Peter Crookes, MD

10:30 A.M. 38. Reduction in comorbidities after LASGB. Arno Frigg, MD; Ralph Peterli, MD; Thomas Peters, MD; Christoph Ackermann, MD; Peter Tondelli, MD

10:45 A.M. 39. Effectiveness of vitamin D supplementation after gastric bypass. Mary F. DiGiorgi, BA; Amna Daud, MD, MPH; Marc Bessler, MD

11:00 A.M. 40. Pars flaccida versus perigastric pathways for the placement of the LAP-BAND® system. Paul O’Brien, MD; John Dixon, MD

11:15 A.M. 41. More anastomotic strictures after circular (#21) than after linear stapling in Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGBP). Sven Gustavsson, MD, PhD; Magnus Sundbom, MD

11:30 A.M. 42. Prevention of anastomotic leaks using a vapor-heated fibrin sealant: an analysis of 738 gastric bypass patients. James A. Sapala, MD; Michael H. Wood, MD; Michael P. Schuhknecht, DO

11:45 A.M. BREAK

12:15 A.M. ANNOUNCEMENTS

SESSION NINE
Moderator: Bruce Schirmer, MD

2:30 P.M. 43. Proximal gastric banding after failed gastric restrictive operations. Eliezer Avinoah, MD; Leonid Landsberg, MD; Solly Mizrahi, MD

3:00 P.M. 44. Is routine cholecystectomy required
during laparoscopic gastric bypass? Leonardo Villegas, MD; Benjamin Schneider, MD; Craig Chang, MD; Daniel Scott, MD; Thomas Sims, BS; Lois Hill, RN; David Provost, MD; Daniel Jones, MD

11:00 A.M. 45. Outcome of children born after BPD. Picard Marceau, MD, PhD; FS Hould, MD; S Lebel, MD; S Marceau, MD; S Biron, MD, MSc

11:15 A.M. 46. Clinical hepatic impairment after the duodenal switch. Aniceto Baltasar, MD; Carlos Serra, MD; Rafael Bou, MD; Marcelo Bengochea, MD; Nieves Perez, MD

11:30 A.M. 47. The implantable gastric stimulator (IGS®) for weight loss. Are two leads better than one? Scott A. Shikora, MD; Michael A. Tarnoff, MD

11:45 A.M. 48. Computed tomography findings and patterns in patients with biliopancreatic and enteric limb obstructions following distal gastric bypass. Myur S. Srikanth, MD; Thomas Keskey, MD; S. Ross Fox, MD; Katherine M. Fox, RN, MPH

12:00 noon Adjourn

* Indicates those abstracts to be considered for the Resident/Trainee Award

**POSTER SESSION**

P1. Routine preop EGD for gastric bypass: are clinical features predictive of findings? Bola Asiyanbola, MD; John A. Bonadies, MD; Randolph B. Reinhold, MD

P2. Comparison of various deep venous thrombosis prophylaxis regimens used in a single institution: outcomes and complications. Aviv Ben-Meir, MD; Helmut Schreiber, MD; Julie Weicheck, RN; Indukumar Sonpal, MD; Linda Patterson, MD

P3. Characteristics and early outcomes of gastric bypass versus LAP-BAND® for morbid obesity. Mary F. DiGiorgi, BA; Amna Daud, MD, MPH; Marc Bessler, MD

P4. Weight loss after BPD. S Biron, MD, MSc; FS Hould, MD; S Lebel, MD; S Marceau, MD; P Marceau, MD, PhD

P5. Total remission of psoriasis after a laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass: case report and review of the literature. Oscar E. Brasesco, MD; Amir Mehran, MD; Mark Liberman, MD; Samuel Szomstein, MD; Natan Zundel, MD; Raul J. Rosenthal, MD

P6. Smoking as predictor of weight loss in bariatric surgery. Joseph F. Capella, MD; Rafael F. Capella, MD

P7. Comparison of buttressed versus non-buttressed gastric staple line during Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. Manuel E. Castro-Arreola, MD, PhD; Bruce J. Applebaum, MD

P8. Prophylactic vena cava filter placement in the morbidly obese. A case report of caval thrombosis. Ajay K. Chopra, MD; Piotr Gorecki, MD; Marcus D'Ayala, MD; Leslie Wise, MD

P9. Long term improvement of gastrointestinal symptoms after laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass for morbid obesity. Ronald H. Clements, MD; Teresa D. Leath, RN; Anthony Bondora, MPH; Quintin H. Gonzalez, MD

P10. Laparoscopic conversion of failed vertical banded gastroplasty to Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. RM Dallal, MD; JL, Lord, MD; AR Watson, MD; S Mattar, MD; DR Cottam, MD; GM Eid, MD; G Hamad, MD; S Ikramuddin, MD; PR Schauer, MD
Laparoscopic approach decreases hernia, stomal stenosis and overall complication rates in gastric bypass. J. Chris Eagon, MD; Donna Marin, RN

Repair of ventral hernias in morbidly obese patients undergoing laparoscopic gastric bypass should not be deferred. George M. Eid, MD; Samer G. Mattar, MD; Giselle Hamad, MD; Sayeed Ikramuddin, MD; Philip R. Schauer, MD

Symptomatic biliary disease in patients after open 120cm Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. Imtiaz A. Munshi, MD; John Fessenden, MD; Mike Murphy, MD; Jeko Madjarov, MD; Bernadette Piepul, MD; Nicholas Coe, MD

Failed weight loss after bilio-pancreatic diversion following previous laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding. George A. Fielding, MD

Reconstructive body contouring after bariatric surgery: surgical technique and management. S. Ross Fox, MD; Ki Hyun Oh, MD; Myur S. Srikanth, MD; Katherine M. Fox, RN, MPH

Laparoscopic gastric bypass in the “massive superobese”. Karen E. Gibbs, MD; Nicole White, MD; Stefanie Vaimakis, MD; Julio Teixeira, MD

Effects of Roux-en-Y gastric bypass on calcium homeostasis in post-menopausal women. Rodrigo Gonzalez, MD; Nana Gletsu, PhD; Edward Lin, DO; Bruce J. Ramshaw, MD; C. Daniel Smith, MD

Persistent vitamin deficiencies in obese gastric bypass patients given prophylactic multivitamin supplementation. Sattar Hadi, MD; Douglas C. Heimburger, MD; Teresa Leath, RN; Anthony W. Bondora, MD; Ronald H. Clements, MD

The role of routine upper GI series following Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. Andrew Hawthorne, MD; Joseph Kuhn, MD; Todd McCarty, MD

Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass in the super morbidly obese patient - a series of 25 patients. Dan Jaffurs, MD; Lael Forbes, MD; Thad Boss, MD; Nan Walsh, CNP; Steve Simon, MD

Use of a surgical robot in laparoscopic gastric bypass: first 60 cases. Ashutosh Kaul, MD; Amina Khan, MD; Edward Yatco, MD; Thomas Sullivan, BS

Inflammatory markers in morbidly obese individuals: C-reactive protein (CRP), but not IL-6 or STNF-11 is independently correlated to BMI in morbid obesity. Lalita Khaodhiar, MD; Pei-Ra Ling, MD; George L. Blackburn, MD; Bruce Bistrian, MD

Internal hernia (IH) after retrocolic, retrogastric Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGBP). Julie Kim, MD; Scott Shikora MD

Gastrojeunoileal disruptions following gastric bypass: lessons learned. John R. Kirkpatrick, MD; Frederick C. Finelli, MD; Lisa M. Boyle, MD; James Cook, MD

Why malabsorption cannot be added to gastric restriction and vice versa. Nicola Scopinaro, MD

Clinical significance of central obesity in laparoscopic bariatric surgery. Wei-Jei Lee, MD; Ming-Te Huang, MD; Weu Wang, MD; Tai-Chi Chen, MD; Po-Li Wei, MD

Results of an aggressive protocol for deep venous thrombosis (DVT) prophylaxis in gastric bypass surgery. Carlos A. Barba, MD; Carolyn Burke Martindale, APRN, ACNP; Manuel Lorenzo, MD

P29. Ruptured appendicitis after laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass: pitfalls in diagnosing a surgical abdomen in the morbidly obese patients. Amir Mehran, MD; Samuel Szomstein, MD; Mark Liberman, MD; Ravindra Mailapur, MD; Raul Rosenthal, MD

P30. Aberrant sleep habits in morbidly obese surgical candidates. Marlene Monteiro, PhD; Adriana C. Seragine; Vanessa Matsuoka; Alice R. Silva; Rubens Reimao; Joel Faintuch; Arthur B. Garrido, Jr.

P31. Psychosocial profile of family members of bariatric patients in a public hospital. Marlene Monteiro, PhD; Luciana T. Almeida; Joel Faintuch; Juliana C. D’Albuquerque; Alice R. Silva; Rita R. Motoooka; Arthur B. Garrido Jr.

P32. A simplified laparoscopic approach with a new adjustable gastric band: is a pouch necessary? Hany Aly Nowara, MD

P33. Giant retroperitoneal tumor imitating abdominal obesity. Ralph Peterli, MD; Fabio Gallacchi, MD; Thomas Peters, MD; Christoph Ackermann, MD; Peter Tondelli, MD

P34. Laparoscopic revision of biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch: benefits of making the gastric sleeve smaller. Tomasz Rogula, MD; Michel Gagner, MD

P35. Experience with 218 consecutive laparoscopic antecolic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass procedures. Raul Rosenthal, MD; Amir Mehran, MD; Oscar Brasesco, MD; Ravindra Mailapur, MD; Mark Liberman, MD; Nathan Zundel, MD; Samuel Szomstein, MD

P36. Independent confirmation of excellent short and medium term results in the mini-gastric bypass. Robert Rutledge, MD

P37. Brazilian multicenter study of the new intragastric balloon: final results. Jose Afonso Sallet, MD; Carlos Eduardo Pizani, MD; Keila Kamoto, MD; Paulo Clemente Sallet, MD; Joao Caetano Marchesini, MD; Dyker Dos Santos Paiva, MD

P38. Case report: successful thrombolysis of a submassive pulmonary embolism after bariatric surgery. Richard H. Savel, MD; Richard Lazzaro, MD; Jerzy Macura, MD; Ravi Pulipati, MD; Richard Lazzaro, MD; Jerzy Macura, MD; Herbert Lehman, MD

P39. Improvement of glaucoma following gastric bypass. Benjamin E. Schneider, MD; David A. Provost, MD; Leonardo Villegas, MD; Daniel B. Jones, MD

P40. Is gastric bypass associated with more complications in patients weighing greater than 500 pounds? Jeffery Schuhaiber, MD; Joseph M. Vitello, MD

P41. Factors effecting conversion of laparoscopic to open Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. Michael L. Schwartz, MD, PhD; Raymond L. Drew, MD

P42. Retrocolic herniation following laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass - potential prevention. J. Ryland Scott, MD; Anna Miller, MD; Michael Miller, MD; Avi Ben-Meir, MD; Courtney Holbrook, MD; Bruce Schirmer, MD

P43. Establishment of a laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass program. Is there a need for prior “open” experience? Jorge L. Sosa, MD; Hector Pombo, MD; Hector Pallavicini, MD; Cynthia Pascual, RN, BSN

P44. A programmatic approach (PA) is needed to optimize length of stay (LOS) in open Roux-en-Y gastric bypass. Thomas A. Stellato, MD; Peter T. Hallowell, MD; Cathleen Crouse, RN; Margaret Shuster, RN; Ann Robinson
P45. **The A2B-adrenergic receptor deletion/insertion polymorphism in morbid obesity.** Gerasimos P. Sykiotis, MD; Eftihia Polyzogopoulou, MD; Neoklis A. Georgopoulos, MD; Georgia Trakada, MD; Kostas Spyropoulos, MD; Fotios Kalfarentzos, MD; Athanasios G. Papavassiliou, MD; Apostolos G. Vagenakis, MD; Christodoulos Flordellis, MD

P46. **Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y versus mini-gastric bypass for morbid obesity: a randomized trial.** Wei Wang, MD; Wei-Jei Lee, MD; Tai-Chi Chen, MD; Po-Li Wei, MD; Ming-Te Huang, MD

P47. **Laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding: outpatient procedure versus overnight stay, a randomized study.** Daria K. Wasowicz MD; Brigitte Bliemer, MD; Ferenc A. Boom, MD; Nic M. de Zwaan, MD; Bert van Ramshorst, MD

P48. **Histological hepatic findings in morbidly obese patients in correlation to their metabolic situation.** Anna Maria Wolf, MD; Bernd Busch, MD; Ulrike Beisiegel, MD

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**LAPAROSCOPIC BARIATRIC SURGERY CADAVER LAB**

(Up to 4.0 CME credits are available)

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**COURSE OVERVIEW**

Laparoscopic access has changed surgery in general. Over the past several years the numbers of bariatric surgery cases performed through minimally invasive techniques has increased dramatically. The course is designed to provide an overview of the laparoscopic surgical approach to the management of morbid obesity. This is a hands on lab using fresh cadavers to demonstrate the commonly used techniques in laparoscopic bariatric surgery.

**EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

1. Identify the advantages, disadvantages and contraindications to laparoscopic bariatric surgery.
2. List the differences among the different laparoscopic operations.
3. Identify the main pitfalls in laparoscopic bariatric surgery and discuss treatment options available.
4. Identify the differences in instrumentation available; including visualization, stapling options, robotics and “graspers”.
5. Realize laparoscopic bariatric surgery is a change in access from the classical operations but the principles of bariatric surgery remain unchanged.
6. Practice the basic steps of laparoscopic bariatric surgery in a cadaver lab.

**TARGET AUDIENCE**

Surgeons familiar with the fundamentals of bariatric surgery and experienced in advanced, minimally invasive techniques. The Cadaver Lab may not be taken without the ASBS Essentials in Bariatric Surgery Course offered June 18, 2003 unless the participant has previously taken this course.
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Make checks payable in US Funds to ASBS Foundation: _____ Check enclosed
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**TICKETS WILL BE IN YOUR ASBS MEETING PACKET.**
**YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR TICKETS TO GET INTO ALL EVENTS.**
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR BARIATRIC SURGERY
TOUR PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Name: 
Address: 
City: __________ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime telephone: ( ) Hotel in Boston: _______

Email Address: ______________________

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<th>Day / Date</th>
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<td>Thursday, June 19, 2003</td>
<td>Old Sturbridge Village</td>
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Total Dollars: __________

TOUR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Forms of Payment Accepted: Payment may be made by personal check, traveler's check, VISA or MasterCard. International attendees must pay with checks written on an account maintained in a U.S. Bank.

Pre-Registration Deadline: To guarantee a space, reservations must be received by May 29, 2003. All registrations received after this date will be on a space available basis.

Tour Cancellation: The Best of Boston Ltd. reserves the right to cancel any tour if the minimum of 25 participants pre-registration is not met.

Refunds: All requests for refunds/cancellations must be made prior to May 29, 2003. Refunds for any canceled tour will be mailed to registrants and there will be a $5.00 cancellation fee per tour.

On-Site Registration: If space is available, tickets may be purchased at the BEST OF BOSTON tour desk located at the Conference Registration area. A $3.00 surcharge will be added to each ticket purchased on site.

*All tours depart from the Marriott Copley Place.

Send or Fax Registration Form by May 29, 2003 to:
THE BEST OF BOSTON LTD. 391 TOTTEN POND ROAD, WALTHAM, MA 02154.
FAX #: 781-487-0197.

For Questions: call: 781-487-0500 or e-mail: burt@bestboston.com
For Mastercard or Visa, please complete the following section. Completed registration form may be faxed to 781-487-0197 or sent to the above address.

Please charge to my credit card: _____ MasterCard _____ VISA .

Number: ___________________________ Expiration date: ____________

Signature: __________________________