



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 surgeons who are quality-conscious and who track and monitor their outcomes. Becoming a Fellow of the ASMBS demonstrates a strong commitment to quality for your medical colleagues, patients and the public.

Eligibility Requirements

The FASMBS designation may be bestowed upon a Regular Member of the ASMBS in good standing who presents evidence acceptable to the Society of active participation in a program of periodic, verifiable reporting of bariatric surgery outcomes data as approved by the Society.

All Regular member surgeons are FASMBS eligible who meet the following:

- Designated as an ASMBS Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence (BSCOE) and utilize Bariatric Outcomes Longitudinal DatabaseSM (BOLDSM)
- An applicant in the ASMBS BSCOE program and utilize BOLDSM
- Participant in the American College of Surgeons Bariatric Surgery Center Network Accredited Program (ACS BSCN) and utilize NSQUIP*
- Participate in BOLD as a non-COE - BOLD participation by smaller non-COE centers offers the potential to change COE requirements by demonstrating good outcomes with lower surgery volumes

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 a FASMBS, after submitting your application to ASMBS you will then be sent a FASMBS 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, FASMBS will be designated. FASMBS 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 FASMBS per quarter.

FASMBS is designated for a period of two years and may be renewed for additional two-year terms 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 The designation may be withdrawn prior to the end of the two-year term in the event the Member's participation in an approved outcomes data reporting program terminates, or in the event the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.

For additional Information

For additional details or further information regarding the **FASMBS 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.

**verification of active participation is required*