



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 metabolic and bariatric surgery by continually improving the quality and safety of care and treatment of people with obesity and related diseases by:
 - Advancing the science and understanding of metabolic surgery
 - Fostering communication between health professionals on obesity and obesity-related conditions
 - Being a recognized authority and resource on metabolic and bariatric surgery
 - Advocating for policy that ensures patient access to high quality prevention and treatment of obesity
 - Being a highly valued specialty society that serves the educational and professional needs of the society's diverse membership

LEADERSHIP

- **ASMBS President:** Ninh T. Nguyen, MD, Chief of the Division of Gastrointestinal Surgery, Vice-Chair, Department of Surgery at the *UC Irvine School of Medicine*
- **ASMBS President-Elect:** John Morton, MD, Director of Bariatric Surgery at *Stanford University Hospital & Clinics*, Chief of Bariatric Surgery at *Stanford University Medical Center*
- **ASMBS Immediate-Past 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
- **ASMBS Secretary/Treasurer:** Raul Rosenthal, MD, Chairman of the Department of General Surgery at *Cleveland Clinic Florida*
- **ASMBS Executive Director:** Georgeann Mallory, RD

MEMBERSHIP

- ASMBS has nearly 4,000 members including general surgeons and integrated healthcare professionals practicing in the field of metabolic and bariatric surgery

OFFICIAL SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL

- *Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (SOARD)*

WEBSITE: www.asmb.org