

## Overview

- ◆ The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) is the largest non-profit medical organization in the nation dedicated to metabolic and bariatric surgery; founded in 1983
- ◆ The vision of the Society is to improve the public health and well-being by lessening the burden of the disease 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:
  - Improving the care and treatment of people suffering from obesity
  - Advancing the science and understanding of metabolic and bariatric surgery
  - Fostering communication between health professionals on obesity and obesity-related diseases
  - Being the recognized authority and resource on metabolic and bariatric surgery
  - Advocating for health care policy that ensures patient access to high quality prevention and treatment of obesity
  - Serving the educational and professional needs of the society's diverse membership

## 2019-2020 LEADERSHIP

- **President:** Matthew Hutter, MD, FASMBS, Assistant Professor in Surgery at Harvard Medical School and Surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital
- **President-Elect:** Shanu N. Kothari, MD, FASMBS, Fellowship Director of MIS/Bariatric Surgery Gundersen Health System
- **Immediate-Past President:** Eric DeMaria, MD, FASMBS, Division of General/Bariatric Surgery Department of Surgery Brody School of Medicine
- **Secretary/Treasurer:** Teresa LaMasters, MD FACS FASMBS DABOM, Medical Director, UnityPoint Clinic Weight Loss
- **ASMBS Executive Director:** Georjeann Mallory, RD

## MEMBERSHIP

- ASMBS has over 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)*

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