



OVERVIEW

The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery ([ASMBS](http://www.asmb.org)) is the largest non-profit medical organization in the nation dedicated to metabolic and bariatric surgery. Founded in 1983, the ASMBS seeks to improve the public health and well-being by lessening the burden of the disease of obesity and obesity-related diseases throughout the world. The ASMBS has more than 4,000 members including surgeons and integrated healthcare professionals practicing in the field of metabolic and bariatric surgery.

ASMBS MISSION

The mission of the ASMBS is 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 policies that ensure patient access to high quality prevention and treatment of obesity
- Serving the educational and professional needs of the society's diverse membership

ASMBS LEADERSHIP – 2019-2021

- **ASMBS President:** Matthew Hutter, MD, FASMBS, Assistant Professor in Surgery at Harvard Medical School and Surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital
- **ASMBS President-Elect:** Shanu N. Kothari, MD, FASMBS, *Fellowship Director of MIS/Bariatric Surgery Gundersen Health System* in Wisconsin
- **ASMBS Immediate-Past President:** Eric DeMaria, MD, FASMBS, Professor and Chief, Division of General and Bariatric Surgery, Dept. of Surgery, Brody School of Medicine, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
- **ASMBS Secretary/Treasurer:** Teresa LaMasters, MD, FASMBS, DABOM, Medical Director of the UnityPoint Clinic Weight Loss Specialists in West Des Moines, Iowa

- **ASMBS Integrated Health (IH) President:** Lisa West-Smith, PhD, LISW-S, Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neuroscience and Dept. of Surgery at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Ohio
- **ASMBS IH President-Elect:** Nathaniel Sann, MSN, CRNP, FNP-BC, Nurse Practitioner for Advanced Surgical Partners of Virginia
- **ASMBS IH Secretary:** Nina Crowley, PhD, RD LD, Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Program Coordinator, Medical University of South Carolina

- **ASMBS Executive Director:** Georgeann Mallory, RD

SOCIAL MEDIA AND PUBLICATIONS

- **Website** – www.asmb.org **Twitter** -- @ASMBS
- **[Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases \(SOARD\)](#)** is the official journal of the ASMBS.