

FACT SHEET -- AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY (ASMBS)

Overview

- American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS), founded in 1983, is the largest non-profit medical organization in the nation dedicated to metabolic and bariatric surgery.
- Its vision 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.
- ASMBS has nearly 4,000 members including general and bariatric surgeons and integrated healthcare professionals caring of patients with obesity.

ASMBS MISSION

- To advance the art and science of metabolic and bariatric surgery by:
 - Improving the care and treatment of people with the disease of obesity
 - Advancing the science and understanding of metabolic and bariatric surgery
 - Fostering communication between health professionals on obesity
 - Being the recognized authority and resource on metabolic and bariatric surgery
 - Promoting healthcare policy that enables access to obesity evidence-based obesity treatments.
 - Delivering top-tier education and professional support to the society's diverse membership

LEADERSHIP

- **ASMBS President:** Marina S. Kurian, MD, FACS, FASMBS, DABOM; Medical Director, Dept. of Surgery, Bariatric Division at New York University (NYU) Langone Medical Center, NY, NY
 - **ASMBS President-Elect:** Ann Rogers, MD, FASMBS, DABS-FPMBS, Director, Penn State Health Surgical Weight Loss Programs; Professor of Surgery at Penn State College of Medicine; Vice Chair for Leadership and Professional Development, Dept. of Surgery at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center.
 - **ASMBS Secretary-Treasurer:** Richard Peterson, MD, MPH, FACS, FASMBS, DABS-FPMBS; Professor and Chief of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery at UT Health San Antonio, TX
 - **ASMBS Immediate-Past President:** Teresa LaMasters, MD, FACS, FASMBS, DABOM, DABS-FPMBS; Medical Director Bariatric Surgery - UnityPoint Clinic Weight Loss Specialists West Des Moines; Clinical Associate Professor of Surgery - University of Iowa
 - **ASMBS Executive Director:** Diane Enos, EdD, MPH, RDN, CAE, FAND
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