



Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

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## **A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER**

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the second annual conference of the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons, organized in conjunction with the Ontario Bariatric Network, the Centre for Minimal Access Surgery and McMaster University.

This year's information-packed program and thematic focus on controlling obesity communicate clearly the association's strong commitment to education and to excellence in bariatric care. Like other health care specialists, bariatric physicians and surgeons and the field's allied professionals rely on associations to keep them informed about new developments and to stimulate discussion about evolving issues. Conference attendees are sure to find these requirements fully met as they explore innovations in bariatric care, examine ways of best managing obesity and engage in a frank exchange on the controversies that can surround bariatric surgery.

I always feel that our province is made a better place when it plays host to dedicated professionals who have gathered with the aim of honing skills and building expertise. This second annual conference is such an occasion, and I commend all delegates on their pursuit of greater knowledge.

Please accept my sincere best wishes for a highly productive conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathleen Wynne'.

**Kathleen Wynne**  
**Premier**