



BARIATRIC CARE: INNOVATIONS, CONTROVERSIES & BEST PRACTICES

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The CANADIAN ASSOCIATION of
BARIATRIC PHYSICIANS and SURGEONS



Welcome Message from the Conference Co-Chair

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons (CABPS) and our partners, the Ontario Bariatric Network (OBN), the Centre for Minimal Access Surgery (CMAS), and McMaster University, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the second annual CABPS Conference – Bariatric Care: Innovations, Controversies and Best Practices.

Last year, we considered the need for a national obesity strategy. Sessions this year are focused on what we, as individual practitioners (both bariatricians and allied health professionals) can do to assist our patients, and will lead to an increased understanding of the current state of medical and surgical interventions for obese patients, as well as a thorough discussion of the management of obesity. The Conference will feature a series of debates on topics in obesity treatment and an overview of best practices.

Learning is, of course, the main reason we gather at the conference; that does not mean that we are not providing networking opportunities, however. This year, in addition to daily breakfasts and nutrition breaks, we are presenting the President's Banquet on Friday – an evening of simple elegance and sophistication at our makeshift Supper Club, followed by a chance to showcase your talents for your friends and colleagues. Networking in such an environment should be both productive and enjoyable, and we look forward to having you join us.

On behalf of all the Conference Organizing Committee, I extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who have helped in making this Conference a great success: our speakers, presenters, session chairs and you, our participants. We hope you enjoy your time here.

Sincerely,

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF BARIATRIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

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Conference Co-Chair