



# METABOLIC BENEFITS OF BARIATRIC SURGERY AND MEDICINE

CABPS Annual Meeting in Conjunction with IFSO NAC and DS CONSENSUS

4th Annual Obesity Conference

2nd International Consensus Conference on Duodenal Switch



L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE des MEDECINS et CHIRURGIENS BARIATRIQUES  
The CANADIAN ASSOCIATION of BARIATRIC PHYSICIANS and SURGEONS



## Welcome Message from the President

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the fourth annual Conference of the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons (CABPS), presented as part of Canadian Obesity Weekend, a CABPS initiative to draw attention to obesity and its prevention and management. This year's Conference partners are the International Consensus Conference on Duodenal Switch (ICCDs) and IFSO North American Chapter (IFSO NAC), and it is endorsed by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS). Through the use of thought-provoking topics, live surgeries, and dynamic and engaging speakers, this Conference, like its predecessors, is designed to hold your attention and stimulate your mind.

Our Conference theme is the **Metabolic Benefits of Bariatric Surgery and Medicine**, and it offers something for everyone – both bariatricians and those in the allied health community. The opening plenary sessions address a common problem – weight regain after surgery – from a multidisciplinary perspective, and subsequent sessions explore more fully new techniques, new addresses to old concerns, and approaches to evolving issues.

We are launching Canadian Obesity Weekend with a Pre-Conference workshop on Duodenal Switch hosted by ICCDS 2017. Featuring a faculty of renowned Canadian and international experts and making extensive use of live surgeries and edited videos, the workshop provides valuable content on outcomes, results and the management of side effects and complications of DS surgery.

The Conference proper offers four plenaries and two Keynote talks, supplemented by thought-provoking concurrent presentations, accepted papers, panels/mini-symposia and a surgical video session. There are also streams for mental health and nutrition professionals. You will have opportunities to engage with many of our presenters, renew acquaintances and meet new colleagues during the President's Cocktail Reception on Friday evening, and to network during nutrition breaks. Please take full advantage of the knowledge and skill of our faculty to enhance your own awareness and that of your patients and their supporters.

As always, this Conference would not have been possible without the concerted efforts and hard work of a dedicated group of volunteer professionals. I would particularly like to offer my heart-felt appreciation to our speakers, presenters and session chairs, who are unstinting in their desire to share their experiences, research, knowledge, ideas and perceptions with you. I also express my deepest gratitude to my colleagues on the CABPS Board of Directors and the Conference Organizing Committee. Finally, I would be remiss if I did not thank our partners and sponsors for their kind and constructive support – it is valued and appreciated.

Finally, on behalf of the Board of Directors and everyone involved with this Conference, I would like to thank you for participating. You are the reason we are here, and we hope you find this Conference an enriching experience, and gain everything you need to remain at the leading edge of bariatrics in Canada.

Sincerely,

**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF BARIATRIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS**

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President