



## 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) and the Centre for Minimal Access Surgery (CMAS), I would like to extend a warm welcome to the first CABPS Conference.

We are all aware of the urgent need to bring together all those who play a part in the prevention and treatment of these distressing conditions – to share information, ideas and learning experiences, and to form an effective coalition against the obesity epidemic; with this Conference, we hope you will join us in beginning this process.

Effective prevention and treatment of obesity clearly calls for a multi-disciplinary approach, and this is the cornerstone of the Conference. With a wide variety of topics in bariatric medicine and surgery, and allied and mental health, you will be able to benefit from the expertise and thinking of leading Canadian and international professionals in the field of obesity.

While appreciating the learning opportunities offered by the Conference, please do not neglect the chance to network with your colleagues at our daily breakfasts, nutrition breaks and Friday's Wine & Cheese Reception. Networking is an excellent way to make new friends and connections and catch up with old ones.

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

Sincerely,

**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF BARIATRIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurent Biertho".

Laurent Biertho, MD  
Conference Co-Chair

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