Membership in the
Canadian Association
of Bariatric Physicians
and Surgeons

Mission Statement
The Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons represents Canadian specialists interested in the treatment of obesity and severe obesity for the purposes of professional development and coordination and promotion of common goals.

Objectives
The objectives of the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons are:

- To bring together the Canadian Physicians and Surgeons with a special interest in Bariatric Medicine and Surgery in order to maintain and improve the standards of Bariatric care in Canada
- To support both primary and continuing educational programs in Bariatric Medicine and Surgery
- To advance knowledge in the field of Bariatric Medicine and Surgery
- To facilitate and promote research in the field of Bariatric Medicine and Surgery
- To develop policies and new ideas in the areas of clinical care, education, and research in Bariatric Medicine and Surgery
- To represent the views of the Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
- To facilitate communication between the public, the medical community and the ministries of health at the provincial and federal level so as to promote awareness of the health risks of obesity and severe or morbid obesity, the financial and health burden to the individual and to society, and the efficacy of medical and surgical treatment options.
- To establish a collaborative effort in the treatment of morbid obesity
- To be the official voice for bariatric care in Canada
- To provide a forum of current advances in the field of bariatrics

Benefits of Membership in the CABPS
- To engage bariatric physicians across Canada in a collaborative effort for the treatment of morbid obesity
- An official voice for bariatric care in Canada
- Access to members only area of CABPS website
- Special Members’ reduced rate to attend CABPS Annual Meeting
- Invitations to other sponsored events
- CABPS e-newsletter

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Active Member
A person who:
(a) Is a medical practitioner and holds a valid certificate in medicine or surgery with a certificate in good standing from:
• The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; or
• Le Collège des Médecins du Québec; or
• The American Board of Medicine or Surgery; or
• The equivalent thereof acceptable to the Board of Directors, such equivalency must include significant training in general surgery and eligibility for, or possession of, a surgical diploma from some other jurisdiction;
• and has some special interest and training in the treatment of obesity and severe obesity;
(b) Holds a valid license in good standing to practice medicine in Canada;
May apply for active membership in this Association. Active Members shall pay all dues and assessments.

Associate Member
A person who:
Is a post-graduate trainee, currently enrolled in a training program related to the treatment of obesity and severe obesity (e.g. residents and fellows).
• Medical Doctors (Anesthesiologists, Gastroenterologists, Emergency Medicine, Critical Care, Others)
• Medical Students in Canadian Medical Schools;
   a) Accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME);
   b) The Department Chair or General Surgery Program Director must sign the application; and
   c) The Department Chair or General Surgery Program Director must submit an accompanying letter verifying that the applicant is a student in good standing in the medical school at the time of application.
   d) Is a retired medical practitioner who has held a valid certificate in general medicine or surgery and has been an active member for at least 5 years.

Affiliate Members
Any person belonging to the following classification may be admitted as an Affiliate Member following approval by the CABPS Board of Directors:
• Non-Medical Doctors – Masters Degree Scientists and PhDs Scientists
• Office/Business Managers
• Allied Health Professionals (Physician Assistants, Registered Nurse First Assistants, Registered Nurses, Dietitians, Kinesiologists, Psychologists, Massage Therapists, and Others)
• Technicians (Medical Radiation Technologist, Certified Surgical Technologist [CST]; Certified Surgical Technologists/Certified First Assistants and Others)

Privacy Statement
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