



## MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE CHAIR

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons (CABPS), Conference Committee. To start with, we hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

Let us face it, the entirety of 2020 and the first part of 2021 have, for lack of a better word, sucked! We have all carried heavy burdens and witnessed and even experienced unexpected suffering. We all dream of a return to normalcy when we can once again meet in-person with colleagues and friends. While we wait for this time, I am thrilled to invite you all to meet virtually by attending **Canadian Obesity Weekend**, CABPS' annual conference.

Building on the amazing success of our recent webinar series, this virtual conference will focus on a diversity of areas related to obesity including the newest surgical techniques, weight bias, patient advocacy, the neuroscience of obesity – and many other fantastic topics. We will have in attendance high-profile international and Canadian speakers who will provide keynote state-of-the-art lectures and edge-of-your-seat debates.

CABPS' approach to bariatric medicine is holistic and multidisciplinary. Whether you are in a community-based practice or in a tertiary centre, CABPS supports and celebrates your commitment to caring for those living with obesity. Accordingly, this Conference is designed to educate and involve **ALL MEMBERS** from the multidisciplinary team.

Our Conference Committee has put together a truly amazing agenda. And while we can't meet in person, COVID won't stop us from being together virtually - to learn from each other and support each other as we have in the past.

Can't wait to see you all soon!

Sincerely,

**CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF BARIATRIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS**

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