

CANADIAN OBESITY WEEKEND

JOINT CABPS AND IFSO NORTH AMERICAN CHAPTER CONFERENCE



L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE
DES MÉDECINS ET CHIRURGIENS BARIATRIQUES
The CANADIAN ASSOCIATION of
BARIATRIC PHYSICIANS and SURGEONS



IFSO
North American Chapter



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons (CABPS) and IFSO North American Chapter, I am delighted to invite you to attend **Canadian Obesity Weekend**, our exciting **virtual** annual conference, scheduled for **May 5-7, 2022**.

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to impact all of us over the last several years. In the interest of everyone's safety it was decided that we would continue this year, for the last time with a virtual conference with the hope that next year we can all be together in person for our annual conference. Despite the challenges, CABPS has had an outstanding year rich in many interesting educational events in a variety of disciplines. Our webinars and M & M Rounds are presented in both English and French and have attracted many new and old participants. We have also become stronger, bigger and continue to grow. We remain committed to our important mandate to be a National Leader in education and advocacy and for those living with obesity. This Conference will provide a virtual platform to enhance knowledge and explore emerging trends in the state-of-the-art treatment of obesity.

The two and a half-day Conference will begin on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 3 pm EST till 8:30 pm EST with two symposia related to liver disease and obesity as well as disparities in obesity care in special interest groups. This will be followed by two days of exciting sessions including the evolution of care for those living with obesity during the COVID-19 pandemic, same day bariatric surgery, as well as an IFSO North American Chapter session on medical and surgical approaches to obesity. We welcome several esteemed international speakers this year at our conference. Please review the full conference program to see the engaging agenda we have planned for you.

This year, CABPS will be honouring **Dr. Arya Sharma** with its Distinguished Service Award, and it is my hope that you will join me in acknowledging and congratulating him for his outstanding contribution to the care of people living with obesity and to this discipline.

We look forward to your participation in what promises to be a very exciting and fulfilling educational event. Please save the date and hope to see you virtually on May 5-7, 2022.

With warm regards,

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF BARIATRIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

Stephen A. Glazer, MD, FRCPC, FCCP
President

/mh