



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons (CABPS), I am delighted to invite you to attend **Canadian Obesity Weekend**, our exciting **virtual** annual conference, scheduled for **June 3-5, 2021**.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has been a challenge for everyone to endure. Not only has CABPS continued to withstand this challenge, but we have also become stronger, bigger and continue to grow. We remain committed to our important mandate to be a national leader in education for all those dedicated to the care of 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 three-day Conference will begin on Thursday, June 3, 2021 from 6-8 pm ET with two outstanding international leaders in obesity. This will be followed by two days of exciting sessions including future approaches to weight management-surgery vs medications, cancer and obesity, smoking and bariatric surgery and the neuroscience of cognition and reward related to obesity, to name a few. The year in review remains a very popular session, highlighting what's new in all the disciplines of obesity management. We will also have a specialized session dedicated to the struggles and lessons learned in bariatric medicine in the new world of COVID-19 from the surgical, medical, nutritional, psychological, technological and hospital administrative perspective. This is a session not to be missed. Take some time to view the full Conference program to see the engaging agenda we have planned for you.

This year, CABPS will be honouring **Dr. Nicolas Christou** 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 June 3-5, 2021.

With warm regards,

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF BARIATRIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen A. Glazer".

Stephen A. Glazer, MD, FRCPC, FCCP
President

/mh