

METABOLIC BENEFITS OF BARIATRIC SURGERY AND MEDICINE

CABPS Annual Meeting in Conjunction with IFSO NAC and DS CONSENSUS

4th Annual Obesity Conference







Welcome Message from the Conference Co-Chairs

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons (CABPS) and our partners, the International Consensus Conference on Duodenal Switch (ICCDS) and IFSO North American Chapter (IFSO NAC), we are very pleased to welcome you to the 2017 edition of the CABPS Conference – **Metabolic Benefits of Bariatric Surgery and Medicine**.

This year, in addition to our Conference, we will be presenting a Pre-Conference Workshop on Duodenal Switch (DS); this represents the first time we have been privileged to host this event, endorsed by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS), in conjunction with our Conference.

The Pre-Conference workshop features a faculty of well-known international and Canadian speakers addressing a variety of DS-related issues. It will include live surgeries, edited video presentations (featuring tips and tricks to help you manage DS surgeries and deal with follow-ups), and a session for allied health practitioners on nutrition for DS. There will be sessions in which you can engage speakers and colleagues in discussion on a variety of topics and, overall, will provide you with insight on DS, including outcomes and results and the management of side effects and complications. We are very excited to be able to offer this to you.

As always, the Conference itself provides solid information of value to both bariatricians and those in the allied health professions. This year, we will feature streams of particular relevance to nutrition and mental health practitioners, and individual discussions on a variety of topics touching several areas of healthcare. Our opening plenary on Friday will explore managing post-operative weight regain and our Saturday opening plenary will discuss new therapies. On Friday evening, we are offering a completely social session – our President's Cocktail Reception – where you will have an opportunity to engage some of our presenters while building and enhancing your contacts and friendships with others in the field in a relaxed setting. We also hope you will take some time to visit the poster presenters and exhibitors as well as take advantage of the nutrition breaks to network. We believe these opportunities are a valuable complement to the more structured learning of the Conference sessions.

On behalf of all the members of the Conference Organizing Committee, we extend our deepest thanks to all those who have contributed to making the fourth Annual Conference another rousing success: our speakers, presenters, session chairs, sponsors and, of course, you, our participants. We hope you find the Conference and Pre-Conference Workshop to be enriching and profitable experiences; we are certain you will have at least one (and probably more than one) take-away you can use in your practice for the benefit of your patients.

Sincerely,

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF BARIATRIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

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