



ASMBS

American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery

FACT SHEET

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AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METABOLIC & BARIATRIC SURGERY (ASMBS)

OVERVIEW

- Non-profit medical organization established in 1983
- Largest society in the world dedicated exclusively to metabolic and bariatric surgery

MISSION

- Advance the art and science of bariatric surgery by continued encouragement of its members to:
 - Pursue investigations in both the clinic and the laboratory
 - Interchange ideas, information and experience pertaining to bariatric surgery
 - Promote guidelines for ethical patient selection and care
 - Develop educational programs for physicians, paramedical persons, and lay people
 - Promote outcomes studies and quality assurance

LEADERSHIP

- President: Scott A. Shikora, MD, Professor of Surgery at Tufts University School of Medicine and Chief of General Surgery, Bariatric Surgery and Minimally Invasive Surgery at Tufts Medical Center in Boston
- Immediate Past President: Kelvin D. Higa, MD, Clinical Professor of Surgery, UCSF and Director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery at Fresno Heart and Surgical Hospital
- Executive Director: Georgeann Mallory, RD

ASMBS CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

- The ASMBS/Surgical Review Corporation (SRC) Center of Excellence is a designation awarded to a hospital or institution that performs at least 125 bariatric surgeries per year
- Surgeons must have performed at least 125 bariatric surgeries and perform at least 50 per year
- The hospital or institution must have a dedicated multi-disciplinary bariatric team that includes, surgeons, nurses, medical consultants, and report long-term outcomes and submit to an on-site inspection to verify the information
- Currently, 601 surgeons from 347 hospitals and institutions are designated as Centers of Excellence in the U.S.

MEMBERSHIP

- Approximately 3,060 members; includes general surgeons, allied health care professionals practicing in the field of bariatric surgery

PUBLICATIONS/INTERNET

- *Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (SOARD)* (Official Journal of the ASMBS)
- “*Surgery for Severe Obesity: What Patients Should Know*” Booklet
- The Bariatric Surgery Program Library DVD
- For more information about ASMBS, visit www.asmb.org