

Dear CABPS selection committee,

I would like to give a presentation at the upcoming CABPS meeting in Niagara Falls titled:

A Review of the Economics of Bariatric Surgery

(from the perspective of a primary care physician)

In this presentation, I argue that bariatric surgery pays for itself very quickly. In fact, I believe that it is the economic benefits, even more than the health benefits that should be propelling the expansion of bariatric surgery programs.

In May, 2016 I gave a similar presentation in Quebec City at an IFSO sponsored symposium on the Duodenal Switch. That symposium was chaired by Dr. Michel Gagner and it was very well received.

I am a primary care physician and I have been committed to bariatric surgery for more than twenty years. In 2002, Dr. Tom Lavin and myself co-founded the bariatric surgical center at Surgical Specialists of Louisiana. That center now employs nine full time bariatric surgeons. I moved to Ottawa ten years ago and I continue to care for a large number of bariatric surgical patients.

I have given previous presentations at CABPS conferences as well as at a number of other IFSO and SAGES meetings.

Sincerely,

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