





## **MESSAGE FROM THE 2022 CONFERENCE CHAIR**

## Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons (CABPS) Conference Committee. To start with, we hope this letter finds you and your families well and safe.

We are getting closer to a return to normalcy, when we can once again meet as colleagues and friends. But for this year's Conference, the CABPS Executive felt it would be best to proceed with a virtual conference. On the bright side, last year's virtual conference was a smash hit and I'm very excited to share this year's amazing line up of talks.

This year, the theme of our Conference is "Bariatric Surgery/Medicine: Beyond Weight Loss" and we will be focusing on all the other amazing ways we can help our patients above and beyond the traditional scale. Building on the amazing success of our recent series of Webinars, this virtual conference will focus on diverse areas related to obesity including the newest surgical techniques, the evolution of virtual care and the inaugural **David Lau Lectureship** – among many other fantastic topics. We will have in attendance high-profile speakers who will undoubtedly give us riveting lectures.

CABPS' approach to Bariatric medicine is holistic and multidisciplinary. Whether you are in a community-based practice or in a tertiary centre, CABPS' supports and celebrates your commitment to caring for those living with obesity. And, therefore, this Conference is designed to educate and involve **ALL MEMBERS** from the multidisciplinary team.

Our Conference committee has put together a truly amazing agenda. And while we can't yet be together in person, COVID won't stop us from being together virtually, to learn from each other and support each other as we have in the past.

Can't wait to see you all on May 5-7, 2022!

Sincerely,

## CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF BARIATRIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

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