

Welcome Message from the Conference Co-Chairs

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Bariatric Physicians and Surgeons (CABPS) and our partner, the International Consensus Conference on Duodenal Switch (ICCDS), we are very pleased to welcome you to the 2018 edition of the CABPS Conference, held as part of Canadian Obesity Week. Our Conference is all encompassing and is designed to reach all the disciplines interested in the treatment of obesity.

The DS Conference offers a faculty of renowned international and Canadian speakers will provide valuable insight into a variety of DS-related issues such as revisions and complications, and SADI. We also feature eight live surgeries, edited video presentations (featuring tips and tricks to help you manage DS surgeries and deal with follow-ups), and a moderated panel on physiology and outcomes. This workshop is highly interactive, with several opportunities for you to engage speakers and colleagues in discussion on a wide range of topics to further enhance your knowledge and skill. We are very excited to be able to offer this to you once again.

The Family Doctors and Contrave Symposium provides delegates with a comprehensive review the topic of obesity, and, among other subjects, it explores the psychological factors contributing to obesity along with both medical and surgical interventions. The Contrave Symposium looks at the treatment of obesity with Contrave (bupropion/naltrexone); this new drug has been found through clinical trials to be effective with overweight patients with one or more comorbidities and with obese patients. This pharmacological approach can be an important part of a family doctor's treatment of obesity.

The Conference itself offers five plenaries and one Keynote talk, with stimulating concurrent presentations, accepted papers, panels/mini-symposia and a surgical video session. We are also presenting streams for mental health and nutrition professionals, as they are important partners if pre- and post-surgical/medical care. The President's Reception on Friday evening allows you to engage many of our presenters, and solidify your network by connecting with acquaintances both new and old. You can also use the nutrition breaks throughout the Conference to visit with our poster presenters, connect with our faculty and avail yourself of their knowledge and skill to enhance your own awareness and your effectiveness with your patients and their supporters. These opportunities are a valuable adjunct to the more structured learning of the Conference sessions.

All of us on the Conference Organizing Committee extend our deepest appreciation to everyone who has contributed to making the fifth Annual Conference a great success: our speakers, presenters, session chairs, sponsors and, of course, you, our participants. We hope you find the Conference itself enriching to your practice; we are certain you will have at least one (and probably more than one) take-away you can use for the benefit of your patients.

Sincerely,

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF BARIATRIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

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