

OBESITY SUMMIT 2024

CONNECTICUT STATE CHAPTER AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METABOLIC AND BARIATRIC SURGERY



**January 18-19, 2024
Foxwoods Resort, Mashantucket, CT**

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WELCOME

On behalf of the board of directors of the ASMBS Connecticut Chapter, we are excited to welcome you to the Obesity Summit 2024!

The conference is being held in the Premier Ballroom of the Fox Tower at Foxwoods Resort.

We are proud to host the Premier Obesity Care meeting in Connecticut. The conference focuses on Comprehensive Care for patients with Obesity. Presentations will be delivered by healthcare professionals involved in all aspects of care, including prominent bariatric surgeons, specialists in obesity medicine, primary care, dietitians, behavioral health, exercise physiology, and members of our support teams.

Our audience includes physicians, surgeons, nurses, bariatric coordinators, advanced practice providers, primary care providers, medical students, resident physicians, integrated health professionals and administrative team members.

There has been much growth, innovation and change in the treatment options available to all those providing care to patients with obesity. Comprehensive and well-designed treatment plans will lead to success for patients looking to improve their health. The content of the conference promises to be valuable to all those involved in this care.

We look forward to two days of robust discussion, education, and engagement!



OBESITY SUMMIT 2024

Thursday	January 18, 2024 - Day 1
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Check-In - Registration
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception - Exhibitor Room
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Industry Sponsored Dinner - Intuitive & Baxter - Co-Sponsors
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Obesity: Blame it on the Brain. Supporting the need for Pharmacologic and Surgical Treatments, Keynote Speaker - Dr. Christopher Still
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Evening Reception - Dessert & Coffee

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday	January 19, 2024 - Day 2 - Morning Session	Speaker
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Sponsored Breakfast - Novo Nordisk	
8:00 a.m. - 8:05 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Dr. Saber Ghiassi, CT Chapter ASMBS President
8:05 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Loss of Control Eating in Bariatric Surgery Patients	Dr. Carlos Grilo
8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	The National Landscape of Pediatric Bariatric Surgery	Dr. James Healy
8:50 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.	Optimizing Pediatric Outcomes with Surgery & Medication	Dr. Matthew Hornick
9:10 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Access & Advocacy for Pediatric Bariatric Surgery	Dr. Cornelia Griggs
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	The Role of the Exercise Professional in Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery	Janet Huehls, MS, ACSM-CEP, CHWC
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Session Break	Exhibition Room
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Debate: Inpatient vs Outpatient Bariatric Surgery Moderator: Dr. Neil Floch	Dr. Darren Tishler & Dr. Nikhilesh Sekhar
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Obesity Medications: Current & Future State	Dr. Ania Jastreboff

OBESITY SUMMIT 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (CONTINUED)

Friday	January 19, 2024 - Day 2 - Continued	Speaker
11:30 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.	The Role of Primary Care in the Treatment of Obesity	Dr. Andrew Wong
11:55 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	President's Message	Dr. Saber Ghiassi
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Sponsored Lunch: Standard Bariatrics-Teleflex	Exhibition Room
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Future of Bariatric Surgery	Dr. Filippo Filicori
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Quality Programs - MBSAQIP	Dr. John Morton
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Debate: Is BMI a Good Measure of Obesity?	Dr. Pavlos Papasavas & Dr. Devika Umashanker
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Case Review & Presentation: Selection of Cases for Discussion with Panel of Surgical Clinical Reviewers Moderator: Connie Santana	Joel Amoakohene Lee Ann Jimmie Tegan Duque Jennifer Bellamo
3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Session Break	Exhibition Room
3:30 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.	ASMBS: Updates & News for 2024	Dr. Richard Peterson
3:50 p.m. - 4:55 p.m.	Panel Discussion: Teaching vs. Practical Treatment of Patients with Obesity	Jessica Nargi, RDN, CDN Cassandra Vigue, RDN,CDN Alyssa Adler, MS, RD
4:55 p.m.	Closing Remarks	Dr. Saber Ghiassi

A link will be sent via email for survey completion to receive **8** CEU/CME credits

The Planning Committee for Obesity Summit 2024:

Dr. Pavlos Papasavas, Program Director
 Dr. Saber Ghiassi, CT Chapter ASMBS President
 Dr. Darren Tishler, CT Chapter ASMBS Past President
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SPEAKERS & PANELISTS



Alyssa Adler, MS RD
Teaching
vs. Practical
Treatment Panel



Filippo Filicori, MD
The Future
of Bariatric



**Joel
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Case Review &
Presentation



Neil Floch, MD
Inpatient/
Outpatient
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**Jennifer
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**Ania Jastreboff,
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**Lee Ann Jimmie,
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**Matthew
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**Christopher
Still, MD**
Keynote
Speaker: Blame
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**Richard
Peterson, MD**
ASMBS Updates
& News



**Darren Tishler, MD,
FACS, FASMBS**
Inpatient/
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Primary Care in
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