



Friday, July 17, 2026

Time	Session Topic	Speaker
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Registration / Visit Exhibitors / Breakfast	
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Opening Remarks	Lawrence Tabone, MD VBS President
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Intersection of Bariatric Surgery and Transplantation	Arnold D. Salzberg, MD, FACS, FASMBS Associate Professor of Surgery Chief, Bariatric and Transplant Surgery Director, Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Director, Carilion Weight Loss Center
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Pediatric Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery: Evidence, Outcomes and On-Going Challenges	Marc P. Michalsky, MD, MBA, FACS, FASMBS, FAAP Professor of Clinical Surgery and Pediatrics The Ohio State University, College of Medicine Surgical Director, Center for Healthy Weight & Nutrition Nationwide Children’s Hospital
11:15 AM to 11:45 AM	Emerging Pharmacotherapies in Obesity Management: What’s New and What’s Next	Catherine Varney, DO, FAAFP, FOMA Associate Professor Obesity Medicine Director University of Virginia
11:45 – 12:00 PM	Q & A Session	
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Buffet Lunch with Exhibitors	

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Management of Choledocholithiasis in Patients with a History of Gastric Bypass	Cullen Carter, MD, FACS, FASMBS University of Virginia Health Systems Charlottesville, VA
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Management of Hernia in the Bariatric Patient - Should we Push the Boundaries	Andrew R. Luhrs, MD, FACS FASMBS DABS-FPMBS Associate Professor School of Brown University Director, Center for Medical and Surgical Weight Loss Brown University Health Associate Program
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Nutrition Considerations to Optimize Follow-through and Longevity of the Long-term Bariatric Surgery Patient	Tiffany Mihaliak, RD WVU Medicine Metabolic and Weight Loss Surgery
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Break	
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Psychological Factors of GLP-1 Use: Potential Implications for the Bariatric Surgery Patient	Kaila Kutz, PsyD Assistant Professor and Clinical Psychologist (Psy.D.) West Virginia University School of Medicine
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	How I Do SADI	Adolfo “Fuzz” Fernandez, MD, FACS Professor, Department of General Surgery Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Director, Bariatric Surgery Program
4:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Current Topics, Priorities, and Perspectives on Innovations in Procedural Weight Loss	Matthew Brengman, MD, MSHA, FACS Advanced Surgical Partners of Virginia - Richmond
4:30 – 4:45 PM	Q & A Session	
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Reception and Casino Night	

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Time	Session Topic	Speaker
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration / Visit Exhibitors / Breakfast	
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Bariatric Surgery: Operating in the Digital Age Panel (non-CME)	
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Opening Remarks	Lawrence Tabone, MD VBS President
10:15 - 10:45 AM	Redefining Behavioral Health Clearance: From Gatekeeping to Guiding Better Outcomes	Kati Duncan, Psy.D. Licensed Clinical Psychologist Assessment & Therapy Associates
10:45 – 11:15 AM	Building and Sustaining a Bariatric Surgery Program in a Rural Community Setting	Zaheer Faizi, MD Director of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Sentara – Bariatric Surgery
11:15 AM – 11:45 AM	Magnetic Sphincter Augmentation in Bariatric Surgery	Leena Khaitan, MD, MPH, FACS, FASMBS Professor of Surgery University Hospitals, Cleveland Medical Center
11:45 – 12:00 PM	Q & A Session	
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Weight Stigma	Jennifer Salluzzo, MD, FACS Associate Professor Director, Foregut / Bariatric / Advanced GI / MIS Fellowship VCU Health
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	How to Move the Needle and Expand Bariatric Surgery Utilization	Guilherme M. Campos, MD, PhD, FACS, FASMBS Paul J. Nutter Professor of Surgery Chair, Division of Bariatric and GI Surgery VCU Health
2:00 PM – 2:20 PM	Break	
2:20PM – 2:50 PM	Metabolic Endoscopy	Shailendra Singh MD FASGE Director of Advanced Endoscopy Director of Bariatric Endoscopy Associate Professor of Medicine West Virginia University
2:50 PM – 3:20 PM	Obesity and GERD: Beyond Acid	Guilherme S. Mazzini, MD PhD Assistant Professor of Surgery Division of Bariatric and GI Surgery VCU Health System
3:20 – 3:30 PM	Q & A Session	

3:30 – 4:00 PM	Business Meeting	
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Keynote Speaker A.I. in Surgery	James Jung, MD, PhD, FACS, FRCSC Duke University Assistant Professor of Surgery Assistant Professor in Biostatistics & Bioinformatics
8:00 – 11:00 PM	VBS After Dark	