



2025 Annual Meeting

August 1 & 2, 2025 | Boar's Head Resort | Charlottesville, VA

Friday, August 1

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Registration Opens

Pavilion Prefunction

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Visit Exhibitors

Pavilion 3

Pavilion 1 & 2

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Welcome

Jennifer Salluzzo, MD, FACS, FASMBS

President, Virginia Bariatric Society

10:15 am – 10:45 am

The Role of Obesity and Hyperglycemia in Cardiovascular Disease

David L. Guarraia, MD, MS, FACC, Dipl ABOM

UVA - Preventive Cardiology

10:45 am – 11:15 am

Eating Disorders after Surgery

Nicole Hegberg, PhD

Central Virginia VA Healthcare System

11:15 am – 11:45 am

Clinical Guidelines on Prevention, Diagnosis and Treatment of Thiamin Deficiency and Wernicke's after Metabolic Bariatric Surgery

Nathaniel Sann, MSN, FNP-BC, FASMBS-IH

Advanced Surgical Partners of Virginia

11:45 am – 12:45 pm

Buffet Lunch with Exhibitors or

Pavilion 3

11:45 am – 12:45 pm

Lunch & Learn (non-CME, optional)

GT Metabolics

Executive Boardroom (max 25 attendees)

Pavilion 1 & 2

12:45 pm – 1:15 pm

Georgia Bariatrics Learning Lab: Intersystem Quality Improvement Collaboration

Elizabeth M. Hechenbleikner, MD, FACS, FASMBS
Associate Professor of Surgery
Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Director, Emory University Hospital Midtown
Division of General and GI Surgery, Emory University School of Medicine

1:15 pm - 1:45 pm

Integration of Weight loss Medication into Surgical Practice

Shaina Eckhouse, MD, FACS
Duke Health

1:45 pm – 2:15 pm

Navigating Gastroparesis: From Diagnosis to Targeted Therapies

Guilherme Campos, MD, PhD, FACS, FASMBS
Paul J. Nutter Professor of Surgery
Chairman, Division of Bariatric & Gastrointestinal Surgery
Co-Director of the Advanced GI/MIS, Bariatric and Foregut Fellowship
Virginia Commonwealth University

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Ventral Hernias and Bariatric Surgery

Andrew Duffy, MD
Associate Professor of Surgery
Associate Surgical Chief, Digestive Health
Medical Director, Yale New Haven Health System Hernia Program
Interim General Surgery Residency Program Director, Surgery
Yale School of Medicine

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Visit Exhibitors

Pavilion 3

Pavilion 1 & 2

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Achieving Bariatric Success with a Twelve-Week Intensive Program

Mayada Issa, MD | *Carilion*
Cornelius Duhon, RD | *Carilion*
Michael Gallant | *Carilion*

3:30 pm -4:15 pm

Building a Sustainable Bariatric Program in a Shifting Market

Karol H. Clark, MSN, RN
Weight Loss Practice Builder

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm

Q & A Session

4:30 pm – 4:35 pm

Wrap Up

Jennifer Salluzzo, MD, FACS, FASMBS
President, Virginia Bariatric Society

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Welcome Reception | Casino Night

Join us for a family-friendly Casino Night Welcome Reception—open to all attendees, including kids—where you can bet with funny money and enjoy an evening of fun and games!

Hearth, Arbor, Patio Rooms

Saturday, August 2

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Registration

Pavilion Prefunction

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Breakfast with Exhibitors

Pavilion 3

Pavilion 1 & 2

10:00 am – 10:15 am

Welcome Remarks

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Beyond the Scale: Efficacy of Anti-Obesity Medications vs. Metabolic Surgery

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10:45 am – 11:30 am

Lipedema: Challenges and Solutions

Susan Wolver, MD | *VCU Health*
Susan Campbell, OT | *VCU Health*
Hilary Rivas, PT | *VCU Health*
Rachelle Crescenzi, PhD | *UVA Health*

11:30 am – 11:45 am

Reducing Opioid Prescriptions in Bariatric Surgery Through Multimodal Pain Strategies: A Quality Improvement Initiative

Anjali Gresens, MD
Sentara Health

11:45 am – 12:45 pm

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Update in Magnetic Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery

Michel Gagner, MD

Westmount Square Surgical Center

1:15 pm - 1:45 pm

Reflux

Guilherme da Silva Mazzini, MD

VCU

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

Expert Panel Session: Surgery Face-Off! Which Procedure Is Best?

Moderator: Timothy Snow, DO | *Sentara*

Panel:

Michael Barker, MD | *Richmond VA Medical Center*

Ryan Fairley, DO | *VCU Health*

Anjali Gresens, MD | *Sentara*

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Pavilion 3

3: pm – 3:45 pm

Augmenting Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery with Surgical Data Science: A Primer and Overview

Thomas H. Shin, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor of Surgery | University of Virginia

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

3D Modeling in the Evaluation of Bariatric Surgery Anatomy

Michael Barker, MD

Section Chief, Bariatric Surgery; Director, Operating Room

Central VA Healthcare System

4:00 – 4:15 pm

Incorporating a Virtual Weightloss Program into a Surgical Practice

Greg Schroeder, MD

Sentara

4:00 pm – 4:45 pm

Business Meeting

Board Meeting/Elections

In-Depth Treasury Report

Access to Care – Anti-Obesity Meds – Dr. Varney

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Reception

Pavilion Prefunction

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Keynote Speaker

Childbearing and Bariatric Surgery

Dana Telem, MD, MPH

University of Michigan

Pavilion 1 & 2

8:30 pm

VBS After Dark – Karaoke Party!

Cottages 1 & 2

Target Audience *This conference is intended for medical professionals specializing in bariatric and metabolic care. Surgeons and Integrated Health Professionals will benefit from this educational activity.*