



American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery

April 16, 2010

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to invite you back to Las Vegas for the 27th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery to be held at the brand new ARIA Hotel at CityCenter, June 21-26, 2010. You will hear about the latest advances designed to improve public health by lessening the burden of obesity and related diseases at the largest meeting of metabolic and bariatric surgery professionals in the world. It will also be an excellent opportunity to learn and network with a world-class faculty.

The 27th Annual Meeting is designed to address the educational needs of our diverse membership. As expected, there will be a variety of post-graduate courses, industry-sponsored symposia, workshops, video, and poster presentations. You will learn new strategies aimed at improving patient safety and improving patient outcomes. We have three full days of courses under the direction of Dr. Ninh Nguyen with a wide range of educational opportunities with an emphasis on emerging technologies and patient safety. Dr. Marc Bessler and the Program Committee have designed a strong Plenary Session with concurrent tracts including both video sessions and bariatric medicine specialty tract for perioperative care.

As you can see, there will be a lot offered at the 27th Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. Review the schedule of educational programs, courses, and presentations and download it to your PDA, Smartphone, or Iphone to stay on track. There will be opportunities for interaction, collaboration and conversation during breaks, lunch, and the exhibit hall. Fabulous social events such as the Welcome reception, "ASMBS AfterDark" await you in Las Vegas.

See you there.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Baker, MD, FACS". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John W. Baker, MD
President, American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery