About the ASMBS Foundation

The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) Foundation is a non-profit organization developed to raise funds for conducting research and education, increasing public and scientific awareness and understanding, and improving access to quality care and treatment of obesity and morbid obesity.

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Raise Funds that directly support critical research and education on obesity, morbid obesity, and metabolic and bariatric surgery.

Increase Scientific and Public Awareness and Understanding of obesity as a disease and that treatment of obesity and morbid obesity can prevent, improve or resolve many metabolic diseases including type 2 diabetes and other diseases including cancer.

Improve Access to Quality Care and Treatment for Americans with obesity and morbid obesity by eliminating policy, societal, economic and medical barriers that deny people appropriate treatment and support.

The ASMBS Foundation shares the vision of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) to improve the public health and well-being by lessening the burden of the disease of obesity and related diseases throughout the world.

The ASMBS Foundation was established through the efforts of the ASBS Executive Council in 1997 spearheaded by Dr. Ross Fox. The ASMS Executive Council and Dr. Fox had the vision to recognize the need to provide fundraising through charitable gifts, public and private donations to support obesity awareness, understanding and research to advance bariatric surgery and care of the morbidly obese population. As the Foundation’s first President, Dr. Fox obtained a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation designation.

The ASMBS Foundation, through its fundraising, professional and public awareness initiatives and advocacy, seeks to lessen the health and economic consequences of obesity and support other individuals, groups and organizations in reversing the cycle of obesity and related diseases and ensuring those in most need of treatment and support have access to it.
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Funds raised through the Walk from Obesity help to support the mission of the ASMBS Foundation and funds research, education, increasing public and scientific awareness, and improving access to quality care and treatment of obesity.

Getting involved in the Walk from Obesity is a great way to take a step in the fight against obesity. Support the Walk from Obesity today by:

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To learn more about the Walk from Obesity and/or to get involved, please visit www.walkfromobesity.com.

Operation M.O.R.E. is a campaign created by the ASMBS Foundation. The Operation M.O.R.E. campaign has contributed startup funds for educational programs, awarded research grants and supported advocacy initiatives regarding the obesity epidemic. The goal of Operation M.O.R.E. is to raise $5 million within the first five years and $10 million within 10 years to ensure the needs of the ASMBS and its members.

Through Operation M.O.R.E., the ASMBS Foundation has been able to award over 25 research grants and help to solve the obesity epidemic by sponsoring scientific research in the areas of bariatric surgical procedures and improvement of post surgical outcomes.

Funds obtained from the Operation M.O.R.E. campaign support educational programs such as the ASMBS Certified Bariatric Nursing (CBN) program, the nutrition guidelines project, online CME programs and numerous educational courses for the ASMBS.

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