



American Society for  
Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery

Dear Members:

We wanted to send a quick reminder about our upcoming ASMBS state chapter meeting in Kohler on November 4<sup>th</sup>. **A tentative schedule is included below.** We currently have 13 attendees, primarily bariatric surgeons. We would love to have additional allied health attendees if this was possible. Our chapter hasn't had a meeting in several years, and given all of the changes that have occurred in our field since that time, this is a good opportunity to learn about other programs in the state and issues related to bariatric surgery.

For example, the ASMBS has recently added a feature to their MBSAQIP program that allows groups to form collaboratives. Programs that are participating in the collaborative receive de-identified Semi-Annual Reports that include outcomes from all members in the collaborative. This presents an opportunity for us to collaborate on quality improvement initiatives. I will be speaking about this during the meeting.

Dr. Kindel and Dr. Grover are going to provide an update on our attempt to change the law in Wisconsin to improve care for Medicaid patients. We currently have strong bipartisan support for our effort and hope to see legislation enacted in the fall.

Dr. Gould is going to provide an update on national ASMBS quality initiative and Dr. Kindel is going to discuss adolescent bariatric surgery (preoperative, operative and postoperative considerations that are unique to this population).

Finally, although the exact format is not yet decided, we are going to have some case discussions about clinical scenarios that we encounter with our bariatric patients and will be engaging participants to discuss how they might manage these scenarios. The meeting is fairly short this year (3 hours), but we will certainly get feedback on what folks are interested in for subsequent years.

I want to thank Brandon Grover and Tammy Kindel for their efforts as co-leads for the meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone in November. **Please RSVP if interested in attending at <http://asmbswi1.rsvpify.com/>**

Best regards,  
Luke Funk

### WI ASMBS State Chapter Meeting Agenda

- 1:00 – 1:45 Welcome, chapter update, advocacy, and collaborative talk: Dr. Funk
- 1:45 – 2:00 WI Medicaid update: Drs. Kindel and Grover
- 2:00 – 2:30 Quality Initiatives: Dr. Gould
- 2:30 – 2:45 Break
- 2:45 – 3:15 Adolescent Bariatric Surgery: Dr. Kindel
- 3:15 – 3:45 Challenging cases
- 3:45 – 4:00 Wrap up, discuss future meetings, etc. (In consideration: Partner with Midwest Bariatric Summit vs. meet at the Wisconsin Surgical Society vs. meet at Obesity Week)

Save the date or don't wait... register now

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