



LOUISIANA 2025 ANNUAL OBESITY CONFERENCE

AUGUST 8-9, 2025 #LA25AOC

LOEWS NEW ORLEANS HOTEL

2025 Conference Agenda

Friday, August 8, 2025

8:45am

Registration and Exhibits Open

- Poster Viewing | 9:00am-2:00pm
- Poster Judging | 2:00pm-4:00pm (*presenters should be present*)

9:05am-9:15am

President's Welcome

- Catherine Hudson, MD - LOS President
- Shauna Levy, MD - LA-ASMBS President

9:15am-9:45am

Lifestyle Modifications: Best Practices & Public Trends

Jacob Mey, PhD, RD

9:45am-10:15am

Managing Disordered Eating

Lindsey Poe, PsyD

10:15am-11:00am

OBESITY PHARMACOLOGY

Medications for Obesity Treatment in Adults

Drake Bellanger, MD

GLP-1 Agonist Use in Children and Adolescents

Melissa Holland, DO, FAAP

11:00am-11:30am

BREAK

11:30am-12:00pm

Micronutrient Deficiencies & the Gut Microbiome

Catherine Champagne, PhD, RDN, LDN

12:00pm-12:30pm

Genetic Testing and When to Treat with Setmelanotide

Katie Queen, MD



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12:30pm-1:00pm

Controlling the Chaos: Managing Weight Issues with PCOS and Menopause

Kelly Brewster, WHNP

1:00pm-2:15pm

LUNCH

2:15pm-3:15pm

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- To Treat or To Refer: That is the Question
- Adding obesity to your practice: ABOM vs select patients (Peds Toolkit)
- How to refer your patient for obesity care (waiting too long for bariatric surgery)

Monica Haynes, MD, Brad Meek, MD, Shauna Levy, MD, & Amanda Staiano, PhD

3:15pm-4:00pm

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Path to ABOM Certification

Katie Queen, MD, Tiffany Ardoin, MD, Shauna Levy, MD, Donna Ryan, MD, Vance Albaugh, MD

4:00pm-5:00pm

Networking Event



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Saturday, August 9, 2025

7:00am

Registration and Exhibits Open

7:15am

Breakfast and Legislative Update on the Obesity Report *with Senator Duplessis*

8:05am-8:15am

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8:15am-9:00am

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

More Tears are Shed Over Answered Prayers

Donna Ryan, MD

9:00am-9:45am

New Obesity Definition

John Kirwan, PhD

Panelists: Drs. Donna Ryan and Philip Schauer

9:45am-10:15am

BREAK

10:15am-11:00am

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Bariatric Surgery Pipeline: Robotics and Endoluminal Therapies

Erik Wilson, MD

11:00am-11:45am

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Endoscopic Bariatric Therapies - Targeting the Small Bowel and Pancreas in the Age of GLP-1 agonists

Wasif Abidi, MD, PhD

11:45am

Group Picture

12:00pm-1:15pm

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LA-ASMBS & LOS Breakouts

1:15pm-3:00pm

BREAKOUT ROOM ONE: LA-ASMBS

1:15pm-2:00pm

Magnetic Anastomosis Procedure

Erik Wilson, MD

2:00pm-2:30pm

My Favorite Things - Favorite Surgical

Instruments or techniques that make a difference in the OR

2:30pm-3:00pm

Case Studies

BREAKOUT ROOM TWO: LOS

1:15pm-2:30pm

Subspecialty Indications for GLP1s

CVD and HF *with Keith Ferdinand, MD*

Nephrological Indications for GLP-1 Receptor Agonists *with Farshid Yazdi, MD*

GLP1 Receptor Agonists and Metabolic-dysfunction-associated Steatotic Liver Disease (MASLD) *with Mariana Zapata, MD*

GLP-Zzz: Can Incretins Help Us Sleep Better *with Prachi Singh, PhD*

2:30pm-3:00pm

Clinical Application through Cases | Adult and Peds

Speakers: Drs. Vance Albaugh, Katie Queen, and Amanda Fontenot

3:00pm-3:20pm

LOS and LA-ASMBS Business Meetings

3:20pm-3:50pm

BREAK

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3:50pm-4:35pm

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Advocacy, Access, Stigma, Coverage Ted Kyle, RPh, MBA

4:35pm-5:15pm

Case Presentations

5:15pm

Closing Remarks

Registration Information

2025 LOS & LA-ASMBS Members - No Fee

A membership benefit!

Non-Member Registration Fees

- **Physician/Surgeon** - \$125.00
- **Non-Physician** - \$75.00
- **Industry** - \$300.00

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