



LOUISIANA 2025 ANNUAL OBESITY CONFERENCE

AUGUST 8-9, 2025 #LA25AOC

LOEWS NEW ORLEANS HOTEL

2025 Conference Agenda

Friday, August 8, 2025

invited speakers not all confirmed yet

8:45am

Registration and Exhibits Open

- Hang Posters | 9:00am
- 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

Jacob Mey, PhD

9:45am-10:15am

Eating Disorders

Lindsey Poe, PhD

10:15am-11:00am

Obesity Pharmacology (Adult and Peds)

Drake Bellinger, MD & Melissa Holland, MD

11:00am-11:30am

BREAK

11:30am-12:00pm

Vitamin Deficiencies and the Microbiome

Catherine Champagne, PhD

12:00pm-12:30pm

Genetic Testing and When to Treat with Setmelanotide (Peds)

12:30pm-1:00pm

PCOS and Menopause

Sarah Yockey, MD

1:00pm-2:00pm

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2:00pm–2:45pm

Prior Authorizations and Appeals: How to Get Meds Covered

Grace Thacker, PharmD, MBA

2:45pm–3:30pm

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, MD

3:30pm–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

Saturday, August 9, 2025

7:00am

Registration and Exhibits Open

7:15am

Breakfast and Legislative Update on the Obesity Report

Senator Duplessis

8:05am–8:15am

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

More Tears are Shed Over Answered Prayers

Donna Ryan, MD

9:00am–9:45am

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The Bariatric Surgery Pipeline

Erik Wilson, MD



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Lancet Part 1: New Obesity Definition

John Kirwin, MD

Panelists: Drs. Donna Ryan, Eric Ravussin, and Philip Schauer

11:00am-12:00pm

Lancet Part 2: Clinical Application through Cases | Adult and Peds

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

11:55am

Group Picture

12:00pm-1:00pm

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Breakouts

1:00pm-2:45pm

LA-ASMBS Breakout | Room One

Magnetic Anastomosis Procedure

Erik Wilson, MD

1:00pm-2:45pm

LOS Breakout | Room Two

Subspecialty Indications for GLP1s

- Cardiology | CVD and HF (Keith Ferdinand, MD)
- Nephrology | CKD (Farshid Yazdi, MD)
- Hepatology | MASLD (Mariana Zapata, MD)
- Sleep Medicine | OSA (Prachi Singh, PhD)

What a Clinical Pharmacist Adds to Practice

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LOS and LA-ASMBS Business Meetings

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Advocacy, Access, Stigma, Coverage

Ted Kyle, RPh, MD

4:30pm-5:00pm

Case Presentations

5:00pm

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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