



Dear Esteemed International Guest:

On behalf of the Executive Council of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS), we are pleased to invite you to attend the 40th ASMBS Annual Meeting that is being held in San Diego, California, at the San Diego Convention Center on June 9-13, 2024.

We look forward to hosting this pre-eminent meeting focused on obesity and the MBS Butterfly Effect: A Patient's Journey Through Transformation. The [agenda](#) features scientific and educational presentations focusing on the latest information and resources in obesity to support international surgeons, clinicians, physicians, scientists, policymakers, and others looking to advance their knowledge and skills in the prevention, treatment, causes, and health consequences of obesity.

Individuals from certain countries need to secure a B-1 temporary travel visa to participate in this meeting. The application process typically involves contacting the US Embassy or Consulate in their country. Attendees can find comprehensive guidance on how to apply for a visa by visiting the US Department of State Business Visa Center's webpage at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/business.html>.

It's advisable for those applying for a travel visa to start the application process well in advance. The State Department suggests initiating this at least three months prior to the meeting. Due to potential delays in arranging visa interviews caused by appointment backlogs at some consulates, it's recommended to contact the consulate early to inquire about the current waiting period for an interview. Contact the appropriate Consular section at the Embassy or Consulate at <http://www.usembassy.gov/> for answers to questions about procedures for scheduling interview appointments, required fees, and more.

In addition to obtaining travel visas, all foreign attendees are fully responsible for the costs of meeting registration, travel, lodging, and related expenses associated with attending this meeting.

We look forward to seeing you in San Diego, California!

Sincerely,

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