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About the Conference

The VCU Departments of Surgery and Internal Medicine present *Mastering Modern Obesity Management: From Medications to Surgery,* a cutting-edge educational experience designed specifically for primary care practitioners, nurses, dietitians, and all allied health professionals involved in weight management.

This conference offers essential insights into the latest pharmacological therapies to support your patients' weight-related health goals, while underscoring the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to care. Explore the evidence behind various treatment options, including endoscopic and surgical interventions, and learn how to collaborate effectively across specialties to optimize outcomes.

Whether you're looking to enhance your prescribing skills or understand when and how to refer for surgical consultations, this program will support you in gaining the knowledge, skills and attitudes to deliver comprehensive, personalized obesity care. CE credit is available.



Speakers



Guilherme M. Campos, MD, PhD, FACS, FASMBS Speaker and Activity Director

Paul J. Nutter Professor of Surgery Chair, Division of Bariatric and Gastrointestinal Surgery, VCU Health Director, Bariatric Surgery Program Co-Director, Advanced GI/MIS, Bariatric and Foregut Fellowship



Susan Wolver, MD, FACP, FOMA Speaker and Activity Director

Associate Professor, General Internal Medicine Diplomate, American Board of Obesity Medicine Medical Director, VCU Medical Weight Loss Program



Edmond "Trey" Wickham, MD, MPH Speaker and Activity Director

Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics
David F. Gardner Professor in Endocrinology
Interim Chief, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
Co-Director, Healthy Lifestyles Center Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU
Program Director, Endocrinology & Obesity Medicine Fellowships



Jennifer Salluzzo, MD, FACS, FASMBS *Speaker*

Director, Advanced GI/MIS, Bariatric and Foregut Fellowship, VCU Health Associate Professor, Bariatric and GI Surgery



Arun Sanyal, MD Speaker

Director, Stravitz-Sanyal Institute for Liver Disease and Metabolic Health Chief, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, VCU Health Professor, Internal Medicine

Speakers (continued)



Stéphanie Mayer, MD, MHSc *Speaker*

Associate Professor, Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism, Central Virginia VA Health Care System



Jamy Ard, MD Speaker

Co-Director, Wake Forest Baptist Health Weight Management Center Associate Dean, Wake Forest University School of Medicine Professor, Epidemiology and Prevention & Bariatric and Weight Management



Leila Islam, PhD, LCP Speaker

Clinical Psychologist, VCU Health Medical Weight Loss Program Associate Professor, Psychiatry Director, Clinical Health Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship



Stephanie Joyce, PA-C, RD *Speaker*

Physician Assistant, Children's Hospital of Richmond Healthy Lifestyles Center

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Welcome and Opening Remarks

Activity Directors:

- Guilherme M. Campos, MD, PhD, FACS, FASMBS
- Susan Wolver, MD, FACP, FOMA
- Edmond "Trey" Wickham III, MD, MPH

9:15 - 9:50 AM

Q&A from 9:40 - 9:50 AM

Lecture 1 – Understanding the Obesity Epidemic: Etiology and Clinical Implications (with Q&A)

Stéphanie Mayer, MD, MHSc

9:50 - 10:25 AM

O&A from 10:15 - 10:25 AM

Lecture 2 - Understanding and Overcoming Weight Bias and Stigma (with Q&A)

Jennifer Salluzzo, MD, FACS, FASMBS

10:25 - 11 AM

Q&A from 10:50 - 11 AM

Lecture 3 – Impact of Obesity on Health (with Q&A)

Arun Sanyal, MD

11 - 11:20 AM

COFFEE BREAK

11:20 - 11:55 AM

Q&A from 11:45 -11:55 AM

Lecture 4 – Psychological Aspects of Obesity and Weight Management (with Q&A)

Leila Islam, PhD, LCP

11:55 AM - 12:30 PM

Q&A from 12:20 -12:30 PM

Lecture 5 – Delivering Evidence-Based Dietary Interventions (with Q&A)

Stephanie Joyce, PA-C, RD

12:30 - 1:10 PM Q&A from 1 -1:10 PM	Lecture 6 – Pharmacological Advances in Obesity Treatment (with Q&A) Jamy Ard, MD			
1:10 - 1:45 PM	LUNCH			
1:45 - 2:20 PM Q&A from 2:10 - 2:20 PM	Lecture 7 – Current Perspectives on Surgical and Endoscopic Management of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (with Q&A) Guilherme M. Campos, MD, PhD, FACS, FASMBS			
2:20 - 2:55 PM Q&A from 2:45 - 2:55 PM	Lecture 8 - Pediatric and Adolescent Obesity (with Q&A) Edmond "Trey" Wickham, MD, MPH			
2:55 - 3:30 PM Q&A from 3:20 - 3:30 PM	Lecture 9 – Integrating Obesity Medicine into Your Practice (with Q&A) Susan Wolver, MD, FACP, FOMA			
3:30 - 3:45 PM	COFFEE BREAK			
3:45 - 4:20 PM	Case-Based Discussions - Managing Complex Obesity Cases Panel			
4:20 - 4:25 PM	Closing Remarks and Next Steps Activity Directors: • Guilherme M. Campos, MD, PhD, FACS, FASMBS • Susan Wolver, MD, FACP, FOMA • Edmond "Trey" Wickham III, MD, MPH			

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