

**POSITION STATEMENT ON SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY AS A
BARIATRIC PROCEDURE**

The ASMBS position statement on the Sleeve Gastrectomy as a bariatric procedure was endorsed by the Executive Council June 17, 2007. Therefore, its conclusions were based on data prior to that date. At that time, there were only 15 published reports in peer-reviewed journals involving only 775 patients. Additionally, most of these studies had very short follow up.

There are now 35 published studies involving over 2400 patients and having longer follow up. Based on the now more robust literature, the Executive Council has removed the outdated statement and charged the Clinical Issues Committee to review the current literature and revise the position statement.

We will send an announcement upon completion and posting of the revised document.