



The Obesity Society Fact Sheet

- ★ The Obesity Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) scientific and educational organization dedicated to expanding research, prevention, and treatment of obesity and reduction in stigma and discrimination affecting persons with obesity. See www.obesity.org for more information.
- ★ The society has approximately 2,500 members. About 50% are PhDs, 32% MDs and 14% RDs. Physician specialties include endocrinology, internal medicine, psychology, psychiatry, pediatrics bariatric surgery and family practice. Members work in universities, hospitals, individual or group practice, medical school, government, and other fields.
- ★ The society publishes the preeminent peer-reviewed journal, *Obesity*. The 2008 impact factor for the journal is 2.762. The journal is published and marketed by Nature Publishing Group. Editorial is managed through our in-house Managing Editor's office under the guidance of the Editor in Chief and the Publications Board.
- ★ The society conducts the most comprehensive annual scientific meeting on obesity in North America, attracting about 2,000 registrants each year. The meeting follows a track-based format, including Cell and Molecular Biology, Integrative Biology, Clinical Studies, Population Studies and Clinical-Professional Practice. Members participate in several sections or interest groups, including Clinical Management, Pediatrics, Bariatric Surgery, Prader-Willi Syndrome, Epidemiology and Diversity Promotion, Obesity and Cancer, Health Services Research, and Latin American Affairs.
- ★ The society conducts several educational programs for general use as well as CME credit for the annual scientific meeting. Other meetings include those offered by a subgroup of The Obesity Society, the Centers for Obesity Research and Education (CORE). Other educational offerings include the Live Learning Center (LLC), where recorded sessions from all our annual meetings are available for viewing.
- ★ The society engages in advocacy efforts in support of promoting greater research on obesity, against discrimination of persons with obesity and reimbursement for treatment of obesity. In 2008, the society held forums at the Democratic and Republican National Conventions.
- ★ The society's Awards program recognizes significant achievements in the obesity field each year. The society also established a successful New Investigator Research Grant program, providing recipients, through a competitive process, with grants of twenty-five thousand dollars each. Another program also provides travel grants to abstract submitters on a competitive basis each year.
- ★ For further information, call (301) 563-6526, fax (301) 563-6595, or visit www.obesity.org.