

Bio for Christine Lovato MD, FACS, DABOM, DABS-FPMBS, FASMBS

Dr. Lovato received her medical degree from The University of New Mexico School of Medicine in her hometown of Albuquerque, NM. She completed her surgical training at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Phoenix, AZ and went on to complete a fellowship in Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery at Alta Bates Hospital and Medical Center in Oakland, CA. Prior to coming to Phoenix she was a private practice Bariatric Surgeon in Tucson, AZ for three years.

She is board certified in both general surgery and obesity medicine and has completed her training and certification in robotic surgery as well as obtaining the American Board of Surgery Focused Practice Designation in Bariatric Surgery. She is Assistant Clinical Professor for the University of Arizona - Phoenix College of Medicine and serves as the site director for Bariatric Surgery for the University of Arizona Phoenix College of Medicine and the Creighton University School of Medicine Family Medicine Program. She is the section chief for Bariatric Surgery at Banner University Medical Center Phoenix and serves on the Medical Executive Council.

Her interests include advancement of obesity care through advocacy, advancement of knowledge of the physiology of obesity for improved treatment options both from a physiological and societal standpoint as well as quality improvement in Bariatric Surgery.

She is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as well as serving on the board as secretary for the AZ Chapter of the American College Surgeons (ACS). In addition, she is a member of the American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS), a member of The Arizona Medical Association (ArMA), The American Medical Association (AMA), The Obesity Society (TOS) and The Obesity Advocacy Coalition (OAC). She serves as a member of the Health Policy and Advocacy committee as well as the Intimate Partner Violence Taskforce for the ACS. She is the star for advocacy in the state of AZ for the local chapter of ASMBS as well as chair of the communications committee for the ASMBS.