

# Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases

## Overview

*Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (SOARD)*, The Official Journal of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS), is an international journal devoted to the publication of peer-reviewed manuscripts of the highest quality with objective data regarding techniques for the treatment of severe obesity. Articles document the effects of surgically induced weight loss on obesity physiological, psychiatric and social co-morbidities. The Editorial Board includes internationally prominent individuals who are devoted to the optimal treatment of the severely obese and include internists, psychiatrists, surgeons, and nutritional experts. Manuscripts are blindly reviewed without the reviewers knowledge of the authors, institution or country of origin.

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## Global

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Global Print Circulation  
328

Avg. Global Monthly Visits  
12,524

Avg. Global Monthly Unique Visitors  
9,455

Avg. Global Monthly Page Views  
23,633

Avg. Global eTOC Distribution  
6,237

## Affiliation

The Official Journal of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS)

## Audience

Bariatric Surgeons, general surgeons, obesity surgery and general surgery residents and fellows, nutritionists, psychiatrists.

## Editor-in-Chief

Raul J. Rosenthal, MD, FACS, FASMBS

## Issuance

12 times per year

## Print Closings

VOLUME/ISSUE	PUBLICATION DATE	SPACE CLOSING	RUN OF BOOK ARTWORK DUE	PREPRINTED SUPPLIED PIECES DUE
21/1	January 2025	12/04/2024	12/09/2024	12/16/2024
21/2	February 2025	01/03/2025	01/08/2025	01/15/2025
21/3	March 2025	01/23/2025	01/28/2025	02/04/2025
21/4	April 2025	02/24/2025	02/27/2025	03/06/2025
21/5	May 2025	03/20/2025	03/25/2025	04/01/2025
21/6	June 2025	04/23/2025	04/28/2025	05/05/2025
21/7	July 2025	05/21/2025	05/27/2025	06/03/2025
21/8	August 2025	07/08/2025	07/11/2025	07/18/2025
21/9	September 2025	08/05/2025	08/08/2025	08/15/2025
21/10	October 2025	08/29/2025	09/04/2025	09/11/2025
21/11	November 2025	10/08/2025	10/13/2025	10/20/2025
21/12	December 2025	11/04/2025	11/07/2025	11/14/2025

## Cancellations:

No cancellations will be accepted after closing date. Covers and preferred positions are non-cancellable. Dates subject to change.

## Rates

FREQUENCY	FULL PAGE (BLACK & WHITE)	1/2 PAGE (BLACK & WHITE)	1/4 PAGE (BLACK & WHITE)
1X	\$1,125	\$620	\$445
3X	\$1,010	\$560	\$395
6X	\$900	\$505	\$340
12X	\$840	\$505	\$340

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Cover Tips  
\$3,400

Outserts  
\$ 4,600

## Premium Positions

Cover 4: 50% B/W Page rate Cover 2: 35% B/W Page rate Cover 3: 25% B/W Page rate Opposite TOC: 25% B/W Page rate  
First Right Hand Page: 25% B/W Page rate Other Preferred Positions: 10% B/W Page rate

## Earned Rates

Rates are based on the total units earned during a twelve-month period. Space purchased by a parent company and its subsidiaries is combined to determine earned rate.

For information about our Agency discount (including those for in-house agencies), please contact your Sales Representative.

## Inserts

Furnished inserts are billed at the black and white rate times the number of insert pages.

**Two-page insert (one leaf):** Two-times earned frequency rate.

**Four-page or larger insert:** Black & White earned frequency rate.

## Composition

All production charges are net and non-commissionable

PRINTING	FULL PAGE	HALF PAGE	QUARTER PAGE
Black & White only	\$150	\$125	\$95

## Acceptance of Advertising

The Publisher, Editor, and Association reserve the right to reject any advertising for any reason. Advertiser shall indemnify and hold harmless the Publisher, Editor, and the owner of the journal from and against any loss, expense, claim, or liability resulting from their advertisement. Advertiser warrants that its advertisements comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. New copy must be submitted by ad space closing date.

\*State and local taxes may apply.

## Classified / back of book print closings

VOLUME/ISSUE	PUBLICATION DATE	CLASSIFIED SPACE CLOSING & RUN OF BOOK ARTWORK DUE
21/1	January 2025	11/26/2024
21/2	February 2025	12/26/2024
21/3	March 2025	01/16/2025
21/4	April 2025	02/18/2025
21/5	May 2025	03/14/2025
21/6	June 2025	04/15/2025
21/7	July 2025	05/15/2025
21/8	August 2025	07/01/2025
21/9	September 2025	07/30/2025
21/10	October 2025	08/25/2025
21/11	November 2025	09/30/2025
21/12	December 2025	10/29/2025

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## Classified / back of book print advertising

### Rates

FREQUENCY	FULL PAGE (BLACK & WHITE)	1/2 PAGE (BLACK & WHITE)	1/4 PAGE (BLACK & WHITE)
1X	\$970	\$535	\$385
3X	\$875	\$485	\$340
6X	\$780	\$435	\$295
12X	\$730	\$435	\$295

### 4 COLOR

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### Confidential Email Inbox

Cost: \$40.

### Agency Discount

For information about our Agency discount (including those for in-house agencies), please contact your Sales Representative.

## Cancellations:

Must be received in writing on or before the announced closing date.

## Run of Book Print Ads

### Sizing

**Trim:** 8" x 10-3/4"

Keep live matter 1/4" from all trim edges.

**Binding:** perfect; Jogs to head

**Printing Process:** Litho Web

**Halftone Screen:** **Cover:** 150 line screen **Text:** 150 line screen

AD SIZE	NON-BLEED	BLEED
Trim	8" x 10-3/4"	-
Full Page	7-1/2" x 10-1/4"	8-1/4" x 11"
Spread	15" x 10"	16-1/4" x 11"
1/2 Horizontal	7" x 5"	8-1/4" x 5-5/8"
1/2 Vertical	3-1/2" X 10"	4-1/4" X 11"
1/4 Page	3-1/2" X 5"	

## Specifications

### File Format

**PDF or PDF/X-1a compliant files, saved as PDF version 1.4.**

Transparencies within the supplied PDF(s) will be warned. **The transparent elements contained in your file(s) must be converted within the native layout application or flattened in Acrobat using the High Resolution Flattener Presets to avoid overprint issues.**

Saving your PDF to Acrobat 5 (PDF 1.4) compatibility will ensure transparent elements are flattened. *If the ad contains spot colors that are not converted to process colors (CMYK) before flattening, overprint and/or trap issues may occur.*

The following layout applications yield the optimum results for creating a print-compliant PDF and are expected to follow all requirements listed in this document:

- InDesign version 2 or higher (CC preferred)
- QuarkXPress version 6.5 or higher

Additional costs may apply if problems are encountered.

*NOTE: When using Adobe Illustrator it is preferred to have all fonts converted to outline/paths, and files submitted as EPS files.*

### Images

All high-resolution images and fonts must be included. TIFF & EPS files must conform to the following minimum resolution specifications:

- Grayscale and Color images: 300 dpi
- Combination Grayscale and Color images: 500-900 dpi
- Line art (Bitmap) images: 900-1200 dpi

Higher image resolutions are acceptable as they exceed the minimum requirements, but in some cases unnecessary resolution will be discarded to achieve smaller file sizes.

### Fonts

Use of OpenType and/or PostScript Type 1 fonts is encouraged. Include fonts for any embedded graphics. DO NOT use Type 3 or Multiple Master fonts. Avoid using Macintosh menu-stylized fonts, Macintosh "city" fonts (Chicago, Geneva, etc.) and Microsoft Outlook fonts (Tahoma, Impact, etc.).

## Page Layout

Regardless of the file format supplied, all ads must conform to the following specifications:

- Pages must be built to the final trim size. Any content that prints to the trim line must be extended an additional 1/8" (0.125") minimum bleed allowance beyond the trim on all sides.
- Any essential images or text ("live matter") should be positioned at least 1/4" (0.25") from trim edges.
- Supply as single page files only.
- Right Reading, Portrait Mode, 100% size, No Rotation.
- All fonts and graphics must be either embedded or included with the files and conform to the format type listed above. Images must also conform to the specifications above for minimum image resolution.
- All color ads should be supplied as composite files.
- Reverse type should be no less than 6pt. Fine lettering (thin lines, serifs) should be restricted to one color.
- Embedded images should not be scaled, cropped/masked or rotated within the page layout application but instead should be manipulated in a proper image editing program (ex. Photoshop) and then imported into the page layout program at proper size and position.
- DO NOT nest EPS files within EPS files.
- All lines and line art images should be of a minimum 1/3 pt thickness (1/2 pt for reverses) at final size to reproduce effectively on press.
- Special effects (ex. gradient, transparency, shadow, 3D effect) will be converted to raster object due to file compatibility.
- If needed, crop marks and SWOP color bars should be positioned 1/2" (0.50") outside trim (cannot appear within bleed area).

## Color Space

All color images and files are to be supplied as CMYK with a Total Area Coverage (TAC) not to exceed 300% for the darkest area of an image. Files supplied as RGB will be automatically converted to CMYK.

## Spot Colors

Spot colors are to be identified using the standard Pantone naming convention and not a custom color such as "Dark Blue." PMS colors will be converted to process unless otherwise specified. When using both art and layout programs be sure spot color naming is consistent in all applications (ex. Do not define both PMS 201CV and PMS 201CVC).

*NOTE: Any non-intended spot colors will be converted to CMYK.*

## Trapping and Screening

Overprints and knockouts should be defined. Files are NOT to be trapped or prescreened. Our Prepress service provider will use industry recognized trapping software to auto-trap your files for optimum performance and reproduction on press and will apply the appropriate screening. Note that these trap settings may force small text and fine graphics to overprint to hold registration on press.

## Proofs

If submitting a proof for color match on press, please send a SWOP-certified contract color proof (with SWOP proofing bar or GATF proof comparator), produced from the final submitted file and imaged at 100% scale. Revised proofs must be supplied whenever a text or design change is made. For a list of current SWOP-approved proofs visit <https://idealliance.org/systems-certification/certified-hard-copy-proofing-systems/>. Desktop inkjet printer proofs do not meet SWOP specifications. Elsevier cannot guarantee color match unless acceptable proof is provided. If a contract proof is not supplied Elsevier will run to standard ink densities and dot gains.

### Delivery

Submit PDF ad files to Elsevier ad portal at [www.ads4els.com](http://www.ads4els.com)

### Conformance to Specs

Variances from the above specifications may not yield results that conform to Elsevier quality control standards.

## Supplied Print Ad Pieces

- All pieces must be submitted to Publisher for approval of stock, design and other mechanical specifications
- All pieces subject to editorial approval
- Copy of piece must accompany insertion order
- Failure to meet specifications & packaging guidelines may result in additional charges and/or delays with insertion.

### Deadlines

**Close Date for Booking:** See space closing dates

**Delivery Date:** See preprinted supplied pieces dates

### Specifications

#### Inserts

- **Size - 2 page:** 8-1/4" x 11"
- **Size - 4 page:** 16-1/2" x 11", furnish folded to 8-1/4" x 11"
- **Trimming:** 1/8" trimmed off top, bottom, gutter and face. Keep all live matter 1/4" from all trim edges. Note that a 1/2" safety must also be applied to both sides of the gutter/spine.
- **Insert Stock Weight:** For 2 page 80# text preferred; 4 to 8 pages – 60# text minimum; 80# text maximum. Inserts that do not meet these minimum/maximum weights must be sent to the publisher two weeks prior to advertising close date for evaluation and print compatibility.

### Quantity

Contact Ad Sales Services.

For conference copy distribution, contact Ad Sales Services

### Packing

- Packed in cartons one up, folded if four pages, flat if two pages.
- If sending for more than one issue, pack separately for each issue and clearly indicate journal title, issue date (month/year), product and quantity.
- Pieces should NOT be delivered shrink-wrapped.
- For conference copy distribution, contact Ad Sales Services

## Shipping

- All shipments must be clearly marked with journal title, issue date (month/year), product & quantity.
- If shipping pieces for more than one issue date, pack pieces for each issue separately and clearly delineate quantity for each.

## SHIPPING ADDRESS

### Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases

Sheridan Press  
450 Fame Avenue  
Hanover, PA 17331-1585  
United States  
Attn: Elsevier Team

## Disposition of Reproduction Material

All digital ad files will be held for twelve months only unless otherwise notified. Left over inserts will be held until the issue mails. After issue mailing is completed any unused inserts for that issue will be destroyed unless otherwise indicated on the insertion order. Excess inserts held in storage beyond completion of insertion date will be subject to storage charges.

## For Contracts, Insertion Orders & Production Materials

Send new print ad files and submit pickup ads to [www.ads4els.com](http://www.ads4els.com).

## Digital Specs

### Website

POSITIONS	AD	SIZE (PIXELS)	EXPANDABLE (PIXELS)	EXPANDABLE DIRECTION
Top	Leaderboard	728 x 90	728 x 315	Down
Top	Mobile Leaderboard	300 x 50 or 320 x 50	NA	NA
Side	MPU	300 x 250	600 x 250	Left
Side	Skyscraper	160 x 600 or 300 x 600	320 x 600	Left
On page load	Prestitial*	300 x 250 or 480 x 640	NA	NA

FORMATS	jpeg, png, gif, HTML5†, 3rd party tags
TRACKING PIXELS	Yes
MAX FILE SIZE	200 KB
MAX ANIMATION (TIME/LOOPS)	15 seconds/ 3 loops
PRESTITIAL FREQUENCY	1 impression/6hrs/user

\*Supply iFRAME tags for scrolling elements in ad; HTML5 must be provided as a 3rd party tag for prestitial banners.

†Excluding personally identifiable information (PII).



### eTOC Email

POSITION	AD	SIZE (PIXELS)
Top	Leaderboard	728 x 90
Middle	MPU	300 x 250

FORMATS	jpeg, png, gif, (static image only)
TRACKING PIXELS	No
MAX FILE SIZE	200 KB

MPU banners, positions 1, 2, 3, are stacked vertically  
Animation and expandable banners unavailable

### AIP Email

POSITION	AD	SIZE (PIXELS)
Top	Leaderboard	728 x 90
Side	Skyscraper	160 x 600
Middle	MPU	300 x 250

FORMATS	jpeg, png, gif, (static image only)
TRACKING PIXELS	No
MAX FILE SIZE	200 KB

Animation and expandable banners unavailable

Contact your sales representative for all digital advertising rates and opportunities.

## Rates

PLACEMENT	RATE	COMMENTS
Banner (CPM)	125	
eTOC Leaderboard	2100	
eTOC Large Rectangle	1890	
eTOC AIP	3500	
Prestitial	2500	

Digital rates vary by country, please contact the relevant contact person for rates outside of the US.

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**10. Advertising & Reprints** Client is solely responsible for ensuring proposed advertising copy is received at Elsevier in electronic form (or such other form as specified by Elsevier) and within the relevant deadline set by Elsevier (the "Closing Date"). Where copy is received late or not at all, although Elsevier will endeavour to do so Elsevier may not be able to arrange for such copy to be published on the agreed date or for the agreed period. Payment for the campaign will however be required in full. When change of copy is not received before the Closing Date, copy run in previous issue may be inserted. Client shall retain a complete copy of all materials delivered to Elsevier. Elsevier shall take reasonable care but shall not be liable for accidental loss or damage thereto. Client is solely responsible for any legal liability arising out of or relating to any Client advertisement or other content (the "Advertising Content"). Client represents and warrants that (i) Client holds the necessary rights to permit the use of the Advertising Content by Elsevier for the purposes of this TC; (ii) the use, reproduction, distribution, or transmission of the Advertising Content will not violate any civil or criminal laws, rules or regulations or industry codes or any rights of any third parties including, but not limited to, infringement or misappropriation of any copyright, patent, trademark, trade secret, music, image, or other proprietary or property right, false advertising, unfair competition, defamation, invasion of privacy or rights of celebrity, violation of any anti-discrimination law or regulation, or any other right of any person or entity; (iii) Advertising Content complies with any applicable laws, rules, industry codes, regulations and generally prevailing custom and practice. Client agrees to indemnify Elsevier and to hold Elsevier harmless from any and all liability, loss, damages, claims, or causes of action, including reasonable legal fees and expenses incurred by Elsevier, arising out of or related to the Advertising Content or Client's breach or alleged breach of any of the foregoing representations and warranties. Elsevier reserves the right to reject any advertising and/or promotions that are not consistent with Elsevier's standards. In addition, Elsevier shall have the right, at any time, to remove any of Client's advertising and/or terminate this TC if Elsevier determines, in its sole discretion, that the Advertising Content or any portion or publishing thereof (i) violate Elsevier's then applicable advertising policy; (ii) violate any law, rule or regulation or industry code or if Elsevier is directed to do so by any law enforcement agency, court or government agency; (i) are the subject of a claim asserted by an entity with respect to its trademarks, trade names, service marks or other proprietary rights or (4) are otherwise objectionable to Elsevier. In such event, Elsevier may either (i) publish alternative Advertising Content in consultation with the Client or (ii) refund to Client a pro rata portion of the fee which Client has paid to Elsevier for display of the Advertising Content (if Client has paid Elsevier a flat fee). Elsevier will not be liable for the timely appearance or accuracy of any advertisement supplied by the Client. Elsevier may terminate this TC at any time in the event of a breach of this TC by Client. Orders must specify a definite schedule of insertions, issues and sizes of space for a specific advertiser. Two or more advertisers are not permitted to use space under the same order. No advertising orders will be accepted for periods longer than one year. Where an order for a series of advertisements has been given a discounted rate for volume by Elsevier, and the Client does not order the quoted volume, Elsevier shall be entitled to re-calculate the price for the actual volume at the end of the applicable year at a reduced discount and the Client shall pay any additional amount found owing. If the Client orders in excess of the quoted volume, Elsevier shall return to the Client any amount overpaid by the Client. Orders specifying positions are accepted subject to the right of Elsevier to determine actual positions. If Elsevier considers it necessary to modify the space or alter the date or position of insertion or make any other alteration, the Client will have the right to cancel the order for that advertisement, if the alterations requested are unacceptable, unless such changes are due to an event of force majeure. Elsevier can only supply reprints of published material and shall be entitled to reject any order for reprints of material that has not been published.

**11. Audit** Client shall allow Publisher's authorized representative at any reasonable time to have access to Client's premises (or to arrange for Publisher's authorized representatives to have access to other relevant premises) for the purpose of inspecting Client's facilities, books and records to verify Client's compliance with the TC.

**12. Compliance with laws** Client shall at all times during the term strictly comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, codes, regulations, standards and judicial and administrative orders (jointly "Applicable Laws" or "Laws") relevant to its duties, obligations and performance under this Agreement, including, without limitation, the RELX Suppliers Code of Conduct at Suppliers Code of Conduct and Applicable Laws related to bribery, including, without limitation any such Laws that are enforced internationally (such as the United States Foreign Corrupt Practice Act and the UK Bribery Act) and those enforced in the country where business is being conducted and/or the Client's place of business or residency. Client and its officers, directors, employees and agents shall engage only in legitimate business and ethical practices in commercial operations and in relation to its dealings with any employee or official of a government agency or any other government owned, operated or controlled entity (including, without limitation, state run universities, hospitals and libraries), or political parties or candidates (jointly "Government Official"). Neither the Client nor any of its officers, directors, employees or agents shall pay, offer, give, promise or authorize the payment, directly or indirectly, of any monies or anything of value to any commercial contact or Government Official for the purpose or intent to induce such person to use his/her authority to help the Client, Elsevier, and/or any affiliate of Elsevier for personal gain or for that of Elsevier or Elsevier's affiliates (any such act, a "Prohibited Payment"). A Prohibited Payment does not include a payment of reasonable and bona fide expenditures, such as travel or lodging expenses, which are directly related to the promotion, demonstration or explanation of Products or Services or the execution or performance of a contract provided that such payments are permissible under the Applicable Laws. The Client further agrees that he/she will not accept any payment or other benefit in money or in kind from any person as an inducement or reward for any act or forbearance or in connection with any matter or business transacted by or on behalf of Elsevier.

**13. Cancellations & Returns** If the Client cancels an order either fully or partially, a cancellation fee may be charged. All cancellations must be made in writing. This fee will be calculated to cover any external or internal costs which have been incurred or committed up to and including the date of cancellation. No new external costs will be incurred or committed/contracted from the date of receipt of written notice of cancellation by Elsevier. Orders for advertisements must be cancelled in writing prior to the relevant ad space closing date, but in the event that any cancellations are made after such date, Elsevier shall be entitled to charge the full cost of the advertisement. Any returns of the products shall be subject to the relevant Elsevier company's return policy applicable to the product at the time of the return. Details of such policies will be provided to the Client upon request. Reprints cannot be returned once these have been printed.

**14. General** The formation, existence, construction, performance, validity and all aspects of the TC shall be governed by the law of the corporate domicile of the Elsevier company which is providing the Products or Services. The parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of that same corporate domicile. The Client shall not be entitled to assign the TC or any part of it without the prior written consent of Elsevier. Elsevier may assign the TC or any part of it to any person, firm or company. If any provision of the TC is found by any court, tribunal or administrative body of competent jurisdiction to be wholly or partly illegal, invalid, void, voidable, unenforceable or unreasonable it shall to the extent of such illegality, invalidity, voidness, voidability, unenforceability or unreasonableness be deemed severable and the remaining provisions of the TC and the remainder of such provision shall continue in full force and effect. Failure or delay by Elsevier in enforcing or partially enforcing any provision (or prosecuting any breach) of the TC will not be construed as a waiver of any of its rights under the TC.

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Monthly average web metrics based on the period of July 2023 to June 2024