



**Surgical Weight Reduction
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Patient Information for OHSU Employees *OHSU Bariatric Surgery*

Program Information: The OHSU Surgical Weight Reduction Program has been performing bariatric surgery since 1995. We perform over 200 cases per year and provide all aspects of bariatric surgery including laparoscopic gastric band, open and laparoscopic Roux-en-Y, gastric sleeve and revisional gastric procedures. Our program has a strong commitment to quality and service excellence. After an extensive review by the American College of Surgeons, we have been officially designated as an ACS Bariatric Level 1A Surgery Center. This means we are a certified Medicare center for bariatric surgery. We are also designated as a Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield Center of Excellence for Bariatric Surgery.

Bariatric Surgery Team:

Clifford Deveney, MD – Surgeon Robert O'Rourke, MD - Surgeon Bruce Wolfe, MD - Surgeon
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Contact Information for Patients:

Education Session, Scheduling and Insurance: 503-494-4373 or toll free: 1-800-222-OHSU ext 4373
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Location: Our clinics and education classes are now located at the new OHSU Center for Health & Healing with specialized bariatric amenities to ensure patient comfort and safety.

Program Requirements: Our program has some basic requirements that we ask of each patient: 1) attend the free educational session 2) meet with the Nurse Practitioner, 3) meet with a dietitian, 4) have a psychological evaluation and 5) meet with the surgeon.

Insurance Requirements: Effective January 2007 bariatric surgery will be a covered benefit for all patients covered under the OHSU plan with Aetna Insurance Company. The plan will cover the open or laparoscopic Roux-en-Y gastric bypass or the Lab Band placement for the treatment of morbid obesity, only when the criteria listed below are met.

- 1) **BMI \geq 35mg/k²** with a diagnosis of diabetes; or **BMI 40mg/k²** with any co-morbid condition; or **BMI $>$ 50mg/k²** with or without co-morbid conditions.
- 2) A pre-surgical work-up is completed that includes dietary counseling and education; medical evaluation; psychological evaluation. All pre-surgical and post-surgical care must be provided at OHSU or another Center of Excellence.

Confidentiality: We recognize that protecting patient confidentiality is of the utmost importance, especially for our employee/patients. If patients have confidentiality concerns, we ask that they please contact us to discuss these further. We can also arrange for the patient to speak directly with one of the surgeons, our manager, or the Bariatric Coordinator prior to any scheduling.

What is the first step? The first step for an interested person is to attend the free educational session presented by our surgeons and staff. These sessions are offered at least twice a month. Once the decision to proceed is made, we ask that the patient fax or mail in the information/medical history packet. Our administrative staff will contact you once a completed packet is received.

Thank you for your interest in our program. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please call our office at 503-494-4373 or toll free at 1-800-222-OHSU ext 4373.