

Bariatric Surgery Program

overview

- A unique, holistic approach that emphasizes health and lifestyle changes in conjunction with surgery
- Offer laparoscopic adjustable band and laparoscopic gastric bypass
- An in-house, multidisciplinary team that collaborates on each case
- A thorough, pre-surgical consultation is performed with each patient
- Patient rooms and furniture designed specifically for the needs of the bariatric patient
- State-of-the-art minimally invasive surgical suites ("Endosuites")
- The only local hospital offering life-long, post-operative follow-up care for each patient
- Support services and education, including local and regional support groups
- Nutrition and psychological consultations and an exercise class designed specifically for bariatric patients.
- The program is a bariatric surgery "Center of Excellence" as designated by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery.

patient criteria

Your patient may be a good candidate for bariatric surgery if he or she meets the following criteria. Our team carefully evaluates each patient to ensure he or she is an appropriate surgical risk for obesity surgery.

- Is more than 100 lbs. overweight
- Has a BMI greater than 40, or 35-40 with a co-morbidity
- Has or is at risk for serious obesity-related health problems, such as hypertension, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, sleep apnea, depression or musculoskeletal issues
- Has failed at other attempts to lose weight, such as supervised nutrition/lifestyle modification programs, or prescription diet medications

Bariatric Surgery Team

James R. Wallace, MD, PhD
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Matthew I. Goldblatt, MD, FACS
Medical College of Wisconsin Surgeon

Nedra Ohm, BSN, RN, CBN
Nurse Coordinator/Certified Bariatric Nurse

Catherine English, MSN, APNP
Nurse Practitioner

Brad Grunert, PhD and Mark Rusch, PhD
Medical College of Wisconsin Psychologists

Kate Pollock, RD, CD
Registered Dietitian

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Other physicians and bariatric experts participate in each patient's care as needed:

Lois Connolly, MD
Medical College of Wisconsin Anesthesiologist

Renee McCarthy, Rph
Pharmacist

Rose Franco, MD
Medical College of Wisconsin Pulmonologist

Kia Saeian, MD
Medical College of Wisconsin Gastroenterologist

Samer Gawrieh, MD
Medical College of Wisconsin Hepatologist

Chris Truskowski, PT
Physical Therapist

we work with you

Our physicians and staff work closely with referring physicians to coordinate pre-operative evaluation and follow-up care. The bariatric surgery team provides an initial evaluation report after the patient's first visit and subsequent progress reports.

contact us

To refer a patient to the Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin Bariatric Surgery Program, get more information or speak with one of our physicians, please call 414-805-4700 or 877-804-4700. To learn more about our program or physicians, you may also visit froedtert.com/bariatric.