Bariatric Quality Report

Procedures Performed

The total number, variety, and complexity of bariatric procedures performed by surgeons in our program have progressively increased in recent years. Dedicated surgeons, cutting-edge surgical techniques, a committed multidisciplinary program and staff, and patient-centered care pathways allow our Bariatric Surgery Team to safely and effectively fight obesity and associated diseases.

Weight loss

In general, laparoscopic gastric bypass is associated with the greatest weight loss in the year after surgery. The average gastric bypass patient has lost significant weight (and has become healthier in the process) by 1 year after surgery. The actual amount of weight loss depends on the patient’s weight at time of surgery – with heavier patients generally losing more.
Average Length of Stay (LOS)

Compared to 143 other AAMC teaching hospitals and bariatric surgery programs, the Bariatric Surgery Program at Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin’s length of stay (LOS) index is 0.83. The LOS Index compares our patients actual LOS to what their LOS is expected to be (based on a variety of factors such as patient complexity). If the hospital’s actual LOS is the same as their expected LOS, the LOS Index is 1.0. A LOS index less than 1.0 is good. In an indirect way, this means that our rate of surgical complications that could result in a prolonged hospitalization is low. Our actual average length of stay following bariatric surgery is 1.94 days, with many patients going home the day after their surgery.