



Dear Referring Provider,

Bariatric Surgery is an amazing life-changing experience for most patients. We understand, in order for people to experience long-term, successful obesity management, it is imperative that they work closely with their primary care practitioners, as well as their bariatric surgery team.

For that reason, we require that patients have the endorsement of their PCP and any specialists involved in their care before embarking upon their weight loss surgery. It is our intention to work closely together pre- and post-operatively to provide long-term follow up, education and support as a cornerstone to your patient's success.

We offer a multi-disciplinary, comprehensive pre- and postoperative program, which includes extensive patient education along with medical, psychological, eating behavior, nutrition, and fitness evaluation and consultation.

Some patients may need a longer preoperative program, which we customize to their particular circumstance engaging our medical weight management team. At times, we have some capacity limitations for extensive (greater than 9 months) pre-surgery medical weight-management, and appreciate any support provided to your patient prior to referring for consideration of bariatric surgery.

We encourage prospective patients to take the first step of inquiry about bariatric surgery on their own as best they can to promote and support a sense of personal empowerment. The first step for patients is to watch the online Bariatric Seminar located on our website, [sobariatrics.com](http://sobariatrics.com).

When your patient is ready to begin their bariatric surgery journey, please fax the Referral Form and additional documentation to 541-245-4808. Your referral is the first step toward evaluation for bariatric surgery with our program.

It would be our pleasure to share with you, your colleagues and office staff some valuable information about bariatric surgery, the risks and benefits as well as details about the procedures we perform, the components of our comprehensive program and what is involved in long term follow up and care of a post op bariatric surgery patient. Please feel free to contact us at 541-930-7819 to schedule a meeting with one of our surgeons and bariatric nurse practitioners. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Southern Oregon Bariatric Center

Oregon Surgical Specialists