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Division of General & Laparoendoscopic Surgery*

BARIATRIC SURGERY AGREEMENT

INITIAL EVALUATION:

Patients meeting program criteria will be seen for an initial evaluation with one of the listed Physicians for an introduction to the surgical weight loss (SWL) program, risks vs. benefits, procedures, patient's medical and surgical history, a limited physical exam, and review of the patient's weight loss, diet and exercise history.

NUTRITIONAL COUNSELING:

Nutritional counseling is **MANDATORY** for all surgical weight loss patients. There is minimum requirement of 2 visits prior to surgery and 2 visits after surgery. Patients may go to the licensed registered dietician of their choice with an early initial visit, and a second visit upon completion of their pre-surgical workup.

PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION:

Patients are required to attend a minimum of one psychiatric evaluation with a licensed psychologist/psychiatrist. Additional sessions may be useful as the individual adjusts to the major life changes that accompany weight loss surgery.

INSURANCE/FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

The initial evaluation/consultation and subsequent appointments will be billed to the patient's insurance (unless self-pay). The patient is responsible for the required co-payment(s) at the time of each visit. All co-payments, co-insurance and any non-covered service(s) shall be the financial responsibility of the patient.

Please contact the financial/insurance coordinator in the clinic for any questions, problems or concerns related to insurance or self-pay quotes.

Post-Operatively: All clinic visits for the first 90 days AFTER surgery are packaged with the surgical procedure and are not billed. You will NOT be responsible for any co-payments during period.

INSURANCE APPROVAL:

There is NO guarantee, implicit or explicit that gastric bypass surgery will be approved by your insurance company. All patients need to be proactive. Patients need to communicate with their insurance company concerning specific policy and coverage information for gastric bypass. The gastric bypass procedure code

(CPT) 43846 for open (conventional incision), 43644 if laparoscopic, and 43848 Revision. The laparoscopic adjustable gastric band, "lap band", CPT code is 43770.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES:

Administrative fees will be charged for the completion of Disability Forms, FMLA, Insurance Forms, Credit Card Forms or Employment Forms. The Administrative fee is due after the completion of these forms. The fee is \$25 for the completion of any forms. All forms will take approximately 14 days for completion. This is not covered by insurances, and it is the patient's responsibility.

POST OPERATIVE FOLLOW UP SCHEDULE:

Post-operative visits are critical in the success of your surgical weight loss program. As part of the Bariatric Agreement, the patient also agrees to follow up the recommended program Post-Op Instructions, (diet, exercise, counseling, ECT), post-op visit schedules, including pre-clinic lab work.

Post Op Visit Schedule

2 weeks after surgery

4 weeks after surgery

3 months after surgery

6 months after surgery

9 months after surgery

12 months after surgery

Annually for minimum of 5 years

"Pre-clinic" labs will be requested for each visit starting one-month post op.

(Labs will be done within 1-2 weeks of post-op clinic visit.)

SURGERY DATE:

Appointments to discuss the surgery date will not be made until the pre surgical work up is completed and all documents/reports have been received and in the medical record. Final determination for surgery will be made only AFTER these documents/reports have been reviewed and discussed with you by the surgeon.

NOTE:

Many Medical costs are tax deductible. Please visit the following website for specifics:

<http://irs.gov/taxtopics/tx502.htm>

I have read and discussed the above with a representative of UT Medicine San Antonio.

Patient Signature:

_____ Date: _____

UT Medicine San Antonio Rep Signature:

_____ Date: _____