



Baptist Hospital Bariatric Center

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**Experience & Passion
Hope & Health**

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It Takes Experience To Achieve Excellence

That's one of the reasons Baptist Hospital Bariatric Center is the best choice for weight loss surgery.

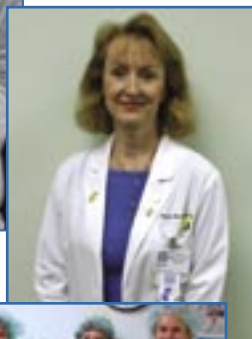
As the area's first and most comprehensive surgical weight loss program, Baptist Bariatric Center offers the expertise of surgeons who have performed more than 2,000 gastric bypass surgeries. They are backed by a full complement of medical specialists skilled in the care of bariatric patients. The center's staff excels in meeting the needs of people suffering from clinical obesity. Services are delivered with sensitivity, professionalism and concern for the comfort and dignity of each patient.

"I have always wanted to be more physically active and carrying an extra 130 pounds made that truly impossible. Running and finishing the Disney World 1/2 Marathon was a dream come true!"

Jean Hummell
Weight Loss: 125 lbs



J. David Nye, M.D.
Medical Director,
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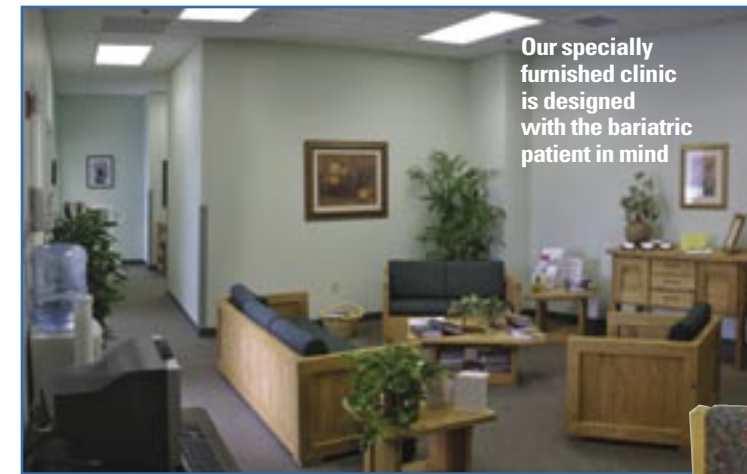


Bonnie Nece, MSN, ARNP
Bariatric Coordinator,
Nurse Practitioner



Bariatric Nurse Support Team

Bariatric OR Support Team



Our specially furnished clinic is designed with the bariatric patient in mind

You'll Like the Way Baptist Cares For You

From our private, specially furnished ground-floor clinic to our customized surgical wing, Baptist Bariatric Center was created to best serve people who have undergone, or are about to undergo, weight loss surgery. After seeing firsthand how the procedure improves quality of life for their patients, our staff is passionate about bariatric care



"I cannot even tell you how happy I am. I weigh less now than I did in high school."

Stephanie Davis
Weight Loss: 115 lbs



From appropriately sized chairs and scales to the Bariatric Suite entrance, every thoughtful detail of our Bariatric Center reflects our commitment to the comfort of the Bariatric patient.

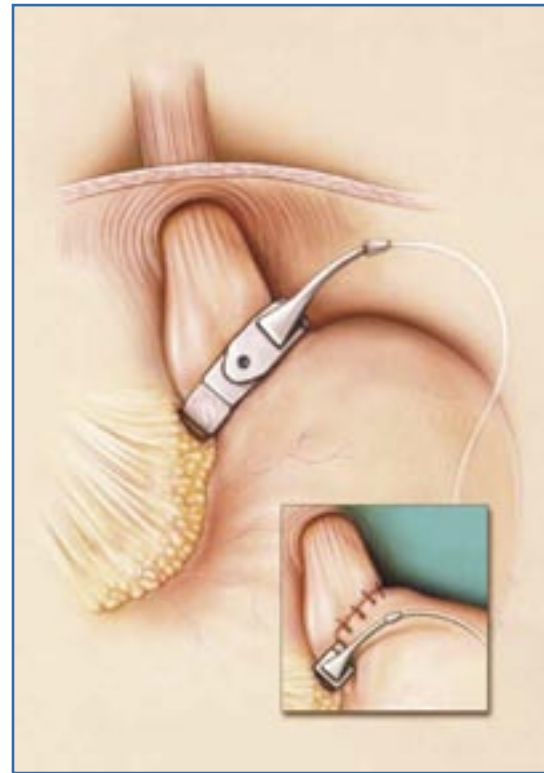


Thinking About Weight Loss Surgery?

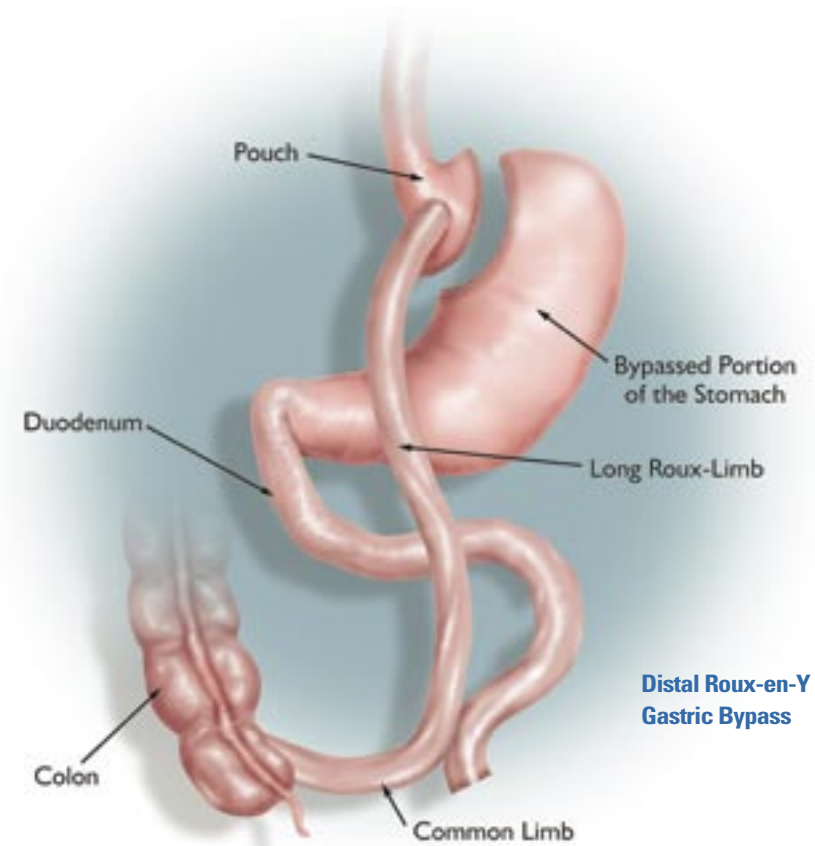
If you are considering bariatric surgery, you already know that clinical obesity is a debilitating medical condition that resists treatment. You also may know that weight loss surgery is a life-changing procedure that carries serious risks as well as great rewards. Make sure that you cannot achieve necessary weight loss through other means before you commit to bariatric surgery. Learn as much as you can about its benefits, its possible complications, and what to expect in the days, weeks, months and years following a bariatric procedure. The physicians and staff at Baptist Bariatric Center are ready to provide you with detailed information about bariatric surgery and answer any questions you may have about it. Our monthly bariatric support group allows you to meet with, and learn from, people who already have had the surgery.

"Having this surgery has improved my life in ways I cannot describe in words. I was diabetic, hypertensive, and just generally unhealthy. Now, I am no longer any of those."

Kevin Lewis
Weight Loss: 180 lbs



Gastric Banding



Distal Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass

Weight loss surgery is major surgery

It involves weeks of recovery and lifelong dietary changes, psychological adjustments and lifestyle modifications. The Baptist Bariatric Center provides you with services and support to help you succeed in your post-operative life. Prior to your surgery, you will meet with a psychologist specializing in weight-related issues to ensure that bariatric surgery is right for you. You also will undergo a nutritional evaluation with a registered dietician specializing in the nutritional needs of bariatric patients. To prepare you for your surgery, you must attend one of the center's weekly pre-operative education classes, which are conducted by our dietician and bariatric nurse liaison. You will learn specifics about the surgery, the recovery process and the nutritional requirements that follow a bariatric procedure.

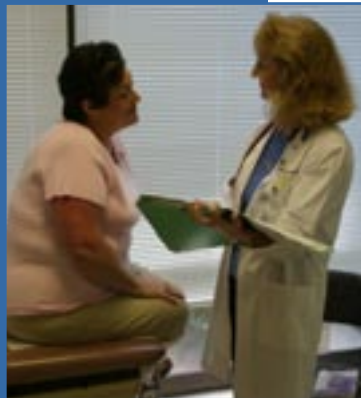
"Life is wonderful. I can now do the things I love to do like ride the motorcycle with my husband. I am free at last."

Cynthia Holobaugh
Weight Loss: 142 lbs





A pre-op class informs patients of what to expect from the surgery



Patients meet with staff regularly to check on progress and to get questions answered



The Bariatric Center staff assists patients throughout the entire surgical weight loss journey

Comprehensive Care

The Baptist Bariatric Center brings together a range of services to support and assist people undergoing weight loss surgery. The goal is to help patients improve both their health and their quality of life.

The bariatric nurse liaison – who underwent the surgery herself – follows each patient through the entire process, from pre-operative counseling to post-operative support, counseling and follow-up. As your personal nurse, this liaison plays an essential role in ensuring your successful recovery and adjustment.

Licensed psychologists – specializing in weight-related issues – will meet with you to ensure that bariatric surgery is right for you.

A registered and licensed dietitian – specializing in the nutritional needs of bariatric patients – will meet with you and provide a nutritional evaluation.

A bariatric nurse practitioner – a registered nurse with advanced training and certification – works with your surgeon to provide you with comprehensive follow-up care, monitoring your physical condition and psychological adjustment during the first five years following your surgery.

Exercise specialists – provide a medically supervised exercise program especially for bariatric patients with equipment designed for the morbidly obese.

Components of the Baptist Bariatric Center include:

- Experienced surgeons specializing in gastric bypass procedures
- Full complement of medical specialists experienced in bariatric care
- Five-year medical follow-up
- Clinical staff especially sensitive to the needs of bariatric patients
- A Pre-operative Education and Nutrition Class that provides information about the surgery, dietary considerations and the recovery process
- Non-Surgical Weight Loss Program
- Medically Supervised Exercise Program
- Designated Bariatric Surgical Wing that features specialized equipment and instruments, including scales, beds, chairs and apparel designed with our patients in mind
- Separate Bariatric Clinic located on the ground floor of Baptist Medical Tower 3 for patient convenience and privacy.
- A clothes exchange closet that allows patients to borrow clothes as their weight rapidly changes
- Bariatric Nurse Liaison
- Bariatric Nurse Practitioner, Licensed Family Practice Nurse Practitioner, member of the American Society of Bariatric Surgery
- Registered and Licensed Dietitian. Member of the American Dietetic Association and Weight Management Dietetic Practice Group
- Pre-surgical nutrition evaluations
- One-on-one post-operative consultation and follow-up with Registered Dietician
- Psychological services including pre-operative screenings and post-operative counseling
- Monthly Bariatric Support Group with guest speakers specializing in topics of interest to weight-loss patients
- Sleep Study Lab
- Monthly “Meet the Doctor” meetings providing information about morbid obesity, bariatric surgery, and the Baptist Bariatric Center

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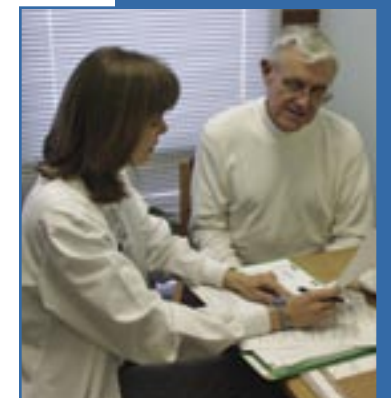
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The Clothes Exchange Closet allows patients to borrow clothes



Bariatric Support Group meets once a month



A Registered Dietitian counsels patients about proper nutrition