

LAPAROSCOPIC SURGERY FOR MORBID OBESITY

AT

LUTHERAN MEDICAL CENTER

PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN

Our mutual patient, _____, is seeking surgical intervention for the disease of morbid obesity. A multidisciplinary team approach is imperative in evaluating this patient prior to surgery. The primary care physician can assist us by evaluating the patient for obesity-related co-morbidities, and providing us with the surgical clearance from your standpoint. We require further evaluations from a cardiologist, pulmonologist, gastroenterologist, psychologist and nutritionist.

We recommend having these tests done for your surgical evaluation:

CBC/CMP

T3, T4, TSH

Hepatitis B & C screen

Liver functions

Folic Acid

Iron

Ferritin

Lipid panel

TIBC

Vitamin B12

Vitamin A

Vitamin D 25 OH

PTH level

Urine U/A, urine C&S

Our program provides pre-operative education and teaching, as well as monthly group support meetings where nutrition, behavior modification, benefits of exercise and emotional support are offered at regular intervals. A committed team approach will benefit our patient to have the utmost weight loss and successful weight management.

Our Bariatric team looks forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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