

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SURGEON

Are you board certified?

What other certifications or professional memberships do you have?

Do you perform the majority of your procedures open or laparoscopically?

What types of bariatric surgery procedures have you performed?

How many of each bariatric procedure have you performed?

What is your mortality rate? Is it greater or less than the national average?

What complications of surgery do you come across most often? Is your rate of complications greater or less than the national averages?

Which bariatric procedure is best for me? Why? What are the risks involved?

How long will I be in surgery?

What is the length of my anticipated hospital stay?

How long will it be before I can return to presurgery levels of activity?

How will my eating habits change?

Do you have information about bariatric surgery costs and payment options?

Can you provide me with the name of an insurance expert who can assist me in qualifying for surgery?

What is the typical excess weight loss and improvement of associated health conditions for your other patients?

Do you have patients who are willing to share their experiences, both positive and negative?

What information can you give me to help family and friends better understand this surgery?

What do you expect from me if I decide to choose a surgical solution?

Does your program have established guidelines in patient selection?



Does your program offer evaluation and treatment for co-morbid conditions, such as type 2 diabetes and sleep apnea?

Is there a dedicated facility and staff for my care? If yes, does this include a dedicated nursing staff and nurse practitioners?

Does the program offer support services for psychological needs?

Does the program offer registered dietitians?

Are the radiologists and anesthesiologists in the program board certified?

Will you work with my primary care physicians to ensure total wellness?

Will you work with me to get insurance approval?

If I am denied by my insurance company, do you offer any financing options?

Does the program offer support groups following surgery?

Can I have reconstructive surgery here after my weight loss? If not, can you recommend a surgeon?

Do you offer accommodations and travel assistance for out-of-town patients?

Does the program offer translation services for non-English-speaking patients?