

What Will Happen Now?

Patient Flow Sheet

Getting Started:

- You made an inquiry about the surgery to Dr. Jones' office. You are registered for Dr. Jones' next informational seminar

Seminar:

- Attend Dr. Jones' informational seminar
- Provide insurance and contact information
- After the seminar, if you wish to pursue weight loss surgery, sign the appointment list and Dr. Jones' office will call you for an appointment.

Your Appointment

- Dr. Jones' office will call you to schedule your first appointment. ***Please be sure your checklist and Patient Information forms are completed.*** Bring all appropriate documents with you to your appointment.

Insurance:

- After your appointment with Dr. Jones, we will provide your insurance company with the necessary information to determine if they will cover this operation for you.
- Confirmation of coverage may take 4-6 weeks. We will contact you if additional information is needed.
- Please be aware that ***all co-pays must be paid in full two weeks prior to your scheduled surgery date.*** If you will be a ***self-pay, the full amount must be paid by two weeks prior to your surgery date.*** ****This includes both the surgeon and the hospital fees.***

**For LAP-Bands the first 3 months following surgery are included in the Lap-Band price. (Usually 2 adjustments are done during this time)

Your Office Visit:

- Please note that the charge for your office visit is **\$270.00**. If you have insurance, all deductibles and co-pays will be expected. If you are self-pay, payment in full is expected.
- Dr. Jones will do a thorough exam, explain the risks and benefits of the operation and answer any questions you may have.

Lab Work/Tests:

- Dr. Jones will determine what tests are necessary for you and, if a consult with a specialist is needed, the necessary appointments will be scheduled.

Setting a Date

- Once all of the reports are received and reviewed, a surgery date will be determined and your operation will be scheduled.

PAT visit/Education Class:

- When your operation is scheduled, we will also schedule a date and time for you to go for your Pre-Admission Testing (PAT) visit. After your PAT visit you will attend a 3-hour Bariatric education class.

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Pre-op Diet:

- Also about 2 weeks before surgery, you may meet with Dr. Jones' nurse and receive instruction regarding your pre-surgery diet. It is very important that you follow this diet as instructed.

Support Group:

- If you haven't already done so, please make plans to attend a support group meeting before your surgery if at all possible. It will be very helpful for you to talk with others who have had weight loss surgery before your operation.

The Big Day:

- Your surgery is performed. You will be well prepared and know what to expect because you attended the pre-op education class. You can expect to be in the hospital 2-3 days with Gastric Bypass and Sleeve Gastrectomy, 23 hours or less with the LAP-BAND.

Follow-up:

- You will be scheduled for an appointment with Dr. Jones upon discharge from the hospital. Attending all follow-up appointments is very important to your health and well-being. You will be scheduled for a check up every year. It is very important that he see you and follow how well you are doing.

Support:

- Please make plans to attend support group meetings monthly. Continued support is very important to your weight loss success. Please call your weight loss coordinator if you need additional support.