



Bariatric Surgery – How to Get Started

Step 1: View Information Video

- View our [bariatric surgery informational video](#) to learn who's a candidate for bariatric surgery, benefits of bariatric surgery, why choose Ohio State for bariatric surgery, types of bariatric surgery, is bariatric surgery right for you, and what to expect before, during and after surgery.

Step 2: Call Your Insurance Provider

- Call your health insurance provider to see if bariatric surgery is a covered benefit.**

Roux-en Y	CPT Code: 43644	Self-Pay Cost: \$19,750
Gastric Sleeve	CPT Code: 43775	Self-Pay Cost: \$17,200

PLEASE NOTE:
All self-pay patients must see
Dr. Pona or Dr. Panigrahi

Step 3: Complete Bariatric Surgery Application

- Download and complete the [bariatric surgery application](#).
- Upon our receipt of your completed application, you will be contacted within seven business days to schedule your "Step 3B: Psychological Consultation" and "Step 4: Medical and Dietary Consultation".

Step 4: Medical and Dietary Consultations (Please bring insurance card/s and photo ID)

- Your medical and dietary evaluations, together with your psychological evaluation will determine the type of weight management program, if needed, that will help you be most successful before and after surgery.
- Blood will be drawn, and other procedures may be ordered as well.
- A program coordinator will be assigned to navigate you through the bariatric surgery program.
- All consultation appointments are held at:**
Martha Morehouse Outpatient Care
2050 Kenny Rd, Concourse Suite 1222
Columbus OH, 43221

Step 5: Psychological Consultation (Please bring insurance card/s and photo ID)

- Your psychological consultation will be scheduled with one of the providers below.
- Please verify that your insurance is in-network with the provider.

Dr. Ashleigh Pona	(614) 366-6675	2050 Kenny Rd. Columbus, OH 43201 Suite 1066
Dr. Eva Panigrahi		

Step 6: Medical Staff Review

- Final medical review will determine if additional tests are needed.
- You will be notified of clinical review recommendations.

Step 7: Insurance Submission and Approval

- Program coordinator will verify surgeon and procedure at time of insurance submission.
- Please allow **ALL** insurance companies thirty (30) days to make approval or denial decision.

Step 8: Pre-Op Consultation with Surgeon

Step 9: Surgery Day