



Bariatric Surgery – Steps To Get Started

Step 1: View Information Session

- Visit go.osu.edu/bariatricinfo to view our free online information session

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 Online Application Packet

- Download the bariatric surgery application packet at go.osu.edu/bariatricapplication
- 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 Medical Plaza
2050 Kenny Rd, 2nd Floor Pavilion, Suite 2500 or 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