

Expediting Your Surgery

Many of you have spent a significant amount of time researching the process of surgical weight loss. Once this difficult decision has been made, you may be ready to move forward quickly. Although all patients must complete the Program's Financial Preparations and Program Requirements, if you want to accelerate the process, you may begin the following steps now.

Financial Preparations:

- If you wish to use insurance to pay for surgery, contact them first to verify the following:
 - ❖ Do you have coverage for weight loss (bariatric) surgery?
 - ❖ Does the insurance company require a medically supervised pre-operative program (usually 3, 6 or 12 months in duration)?
 - If not, you may proceed with the Program Requirements (see below).
 - If so, unfortunately this condition will not allow you to expedite the process for surgery. Please proceed with the following:
 1. Begin this medically supervised program with your primary care physician immediately. Ask your insurance company to provide you with a copy of the criteria for reference. It is extremely important to have proper documentation in order for this program to be considered by the insurance company.
 2. You may schedule your consultation appointment with Dr. Georgescu. **DO NOT** schedule any other appointments at this time.
- If you wish to finance your surgery, you may proceed with the Program Requirements.

Program Requirements:

- Thoroughly complete the required paperwork, gather your pertinent medical records and provide this information to our office.
- If your BMI is below 50 and you believe you are a reasonable candidate for surgery, you can begin the following immediately:
 - ❖ Call our office to schedule your **Consultation with Dr. Georgescu**.
 - ❖ **Laboratory studies, Chest x-ray and EKG:** Use the enclosed order sheet to have these tests performed by your primary care physician or at the hospital. Make sure you obtain a copy of the results. Your will need to have the results with you when you see the dietitian. **Your appointment will be cancelled if you do not bring these results with you**. You will also need to provide our office with a copy.
 - ❖ **Dietitian Consultation:** Call our office to schedule a pre-operative evaluation with the dietitian. You will be required to pay the dietitian program fee of \$225 at your first visit.
 - ❖ **Psychological Evaluation:** Make an appointment to see one of the following for your pre-operative evaluation:
 - Melinda McMahan, Ph.D. 720-299-5897
 - Stuart Adelman, Ph.D. 303-428-2540
 - Donna DeGeorge, Ph.D. 303-888-2120
 - Lisa Puma, Ph.D. 303-853-3685