How to refer



Center for Weight Loss & WellnessBariatric Surgery

Candidate Who can be referred?	13 years or older
Work-up What is required?	All patients must attend a bariatric seminar. Program and registration information is found online at multicare.org/bariatricseminar or by calling 253-301-5280. Note: Seminar requirement is waived for patients who had a weight loss procedure previously.
Location Where will the patient be seen?	MultiCare Center for Weight Loss & Wellness – Bariatric Surgery Phone: 253-301-5280 Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm Clinics: Covington: 17700 SE 272nd St., Suite 190, Covington, WA 98042 Olympia: 408 Lilly Road NE, Unit B, Olympia, WA 98506 Puyallup: 1450 5th St. SE, Suite 1300, Puyallup, WA 98372 (dietitian only) Tacoma: 2202 S. Cedar, Suite 200, Tacoma, WA 98405 Hospitals: Procedures performed at MultiCare hospitals in Covington, Auburn, and Tacoma
Services What clinical services and procedures are offered?	Surgical weight loss options Sleeve gastrectomy Roux-en-Y gastric bypass SIPS duodenal switch Revisional bariatric surgery Adjustable gastric band maintenance Long-term post-surgical care (including those who didn't get surgery at MultiCare) Registered dietitians Pre- and post-op nutrition counseling Behavioral counseling Psychologist Pre-op bariatric psychological assessments Behavioral therapy counseling
Collaboration How will we coordinate care for the patient?	 Our team uses the Epic electronic health record (EHR). Patient care coordinators walk patients through the process of pre-surgery approval and surgical requirements. Epic physicians are copied on notes related to the patient. For physicians outside Epic, notes are faxed to your office.
Referral How do we refer?	Commercial & Medicare/Medicare Advantage plans: Provider referrals are preferred but patients may also self-refer. Referrals can be placed in Epic by using REF326, then selecting department 32805 (surgical weight loss). Providers without Epic access can fax referrals to 253-627-4608. Medicaid plans: Referral with health plan authorization for stage 2 is required. Stage 2 tip sheet is available. Please call 253-301-5331 or send Epic In Basket to pool ID 10368.



Meet our surgeons



James Sebesta, MD

Medical Director, Bariatric Surgery

Certification: The American Board of Surgery

Medical association memberships: American College of Surgeons, American Society of Metabolic

and Bariatric Surgery

Special interests: Obesity, gastroesophageal reflux disease, abdominal wall hernias and other

gastrointestinal surgical disease



Kelly S. Blair, MD

General & Bariatric Surgery

Certification: The American Board of Surgery

Medical association memberships: American College of Surgeons, American Medical Association,

Washington State Medical Society

Special interests: Bariatric surgery, minimally invasive surgery/laparoscopic procedures/robotics,

GERD/reflux and LINX, hernias and breast cancer



Michael R. Keating, MD

General & Bariatric Surgery

Certification: The American Board of Surgery

Special interests: Laparoscopic and robotic sleeve gastrectomy, Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, revision bariatric surgery, hernia repair, anti-reflux procedures such as Nissen fundoplication



Benedict Hui, MD

General & Bariatric Surgery

Certification: The American Board of Surgery

Medical association memberships: American Medical Association, American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons

Special interests: Laparoscopic and robotic sleeve gastrectomy, Roux-en-Y gastric bypass,

revision bariatric surgery, hernia repair, anti-reflux procedures

