

## Revisional Weight Loss Surgery

As weight loss surgery continues to grow and evolve we are learning that some of the older previous surgeries need to be changed to help patients reach their weight loss goals. If you have had a previous weight loss surgery and regained weight or had complications you may require revisional surgery.

Revisional surgery is more complex and dangerous than primary surgery. For this reason, it is very important that we feel you are likely to benefit from a revisional surgery prior to attempting surgery. To determine this, you will need to undergo a thorough exam and history. You will likely need preoperative testing which could include endoscopy, laboratory testing, and imaging.

Part of your success is having the support and habits in place for succeed. Due to this, all revisional surgery patients are required to participate in the medical weight loss program. During this time, you will be reengaged with rigorous diet and exercise. You will have monthly meetings with both the physician and dietician.

As you progress through the program, we will make a joint decision on the likely hood of benefit from a revisional surgery. If both the physician and the dietician feel like you are making progress and will benefit, we may proceed with the revisional surgery.

Another consideration for revisional surgery, is insurance benefits. Usually, insurance will cover weight loss surgery, but not always. For this reason, you will work with our patient advocates to secure insurance coverage.

Due to the extra scar tissue that is likely to be encountered during your revisional surgery there is a small risk of needing to convert to an open procedure. This is a very rare, occurrence and we are usually able to complete your surgery laparoscopically. We only convert to an open procedure for safety concerns.

Don't spend another day wondering if you could benefit from revisional surgery! Book a consult today and get off to a fresh start with your healthier life!