

**PSYCHOSOCIAL BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR BARIATRIC SURGERY**

Please complete the following information as honestly as possible and add additional information which you believe will be helpful. This information will assist us in determining what additional questions we may need to ask about your life history to determine your appropriateness for surgery for obesity.



Name: _____

Date: _____

Age: _____ Male _____ or Female _____

Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Telephone: _____
(best # to reach you at between 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

Email: _____

Ethnic Background:

European American

African American

Native American

Hispanic American

Asian American

Other: _____

Marital Status:

Never Married

Married (first marriage)

Married (previously divorced or widowed)

Living with partner

Not Married but in a committed relationship (not living together)

Divorced (not presently married)

Widowed (not presently married)

Highest Level of Education:

8th Grade or less

Some high school

High school graduate

Trade or technical school

Some college

College graduate

Some graduate study

Post-graduate degree

M.A./M.S./M.Ed.

Ph.D./Psy.D./Ed.D./Pharm.D.

M.D./ D.O.

Other: _____

Current Occupation: _____

Length of time at current employer: _____

Surgeon: Dr. Wohlgenuth Dr. Fontana Dr. Brooks Dr. Boustany Other:

Type of surgery: Gastric Bypass Gastric Sleeve Gastric Band (Lap Band)

Current Height: _____ Highest Adult Weight: _____

Current Weight: _____ Lowest Adult Weight: _____

What is your goal weight after the surgery? _____

How long have you been considering weight-loss surgery? _____

What is your main reason for pursuing weight loss surgery? (Circle all that apply)

- Health Reasons
- Improve quality of life
- Appearance
- Frustrated with other failed weight loss attempts
- Other: _____

Why did you choose the type of surgery you did (i.e., Lap-band or Gastric Bypass)?



Were you overweight

as an infant?	Yes	No	as a child?	Yes	No
as a teenager?	Yes	No	as a young adult?	Yes	No

At what age do you first recall recognizing that you struggled with keeping off weight? _____

What do you believe are the contributing factors to your struggle with weight?

- Genetics
- Inconsistency
- Poor Eating Habits
- Sedentary Lifestyle
- Injury or Illness
- Emotional Eating/Overeating
- Other: _____

At what age did you begin to diet, or attempt to control your weight? _____

Previous Weight Loss Attempts. Please list specific diet names, exercise programs, nutritionist, medications, over-the-counter pills, etc.), and how much weight did you lose on each of these attempts:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

Why have you been unable to continue with most weight loss programs? (Circle all that apply)

- Too restrictive
- Lifestyle changes
- Inconsistency
- Frustrated with slow results
- Bored with plan
- Special Event (e.g., holiday, vacation, etc.)

Other:



Do your family members know about your weight problems and choice to seek surgery? Yes No

If yes, do they support your decision to consider surgery? Yes No

Notes:

Do you feel that your weight contributes to problems in social or professional areas? Yes No

Please Explain:

Please briefly describe what you do on a typical weekday, starting with the time you wake up in the morning, and ending with the time you go to bed at night?

Please describe any restrictions on your activities you believe are caused by your weight?

Do you believe that your relationships are affected by your weight? Yes No

If so, how?



Are you currently following a weight loss plan? Yes No

If yes, what are using at this time to attempt to control your weight? _____

If no, what changes are you making to prepare yourself for the surgery? _____

How many meals do you eat per day (on average)? _____

Are you familiar with counting calories? Yes No

How many calories would you estimate that you eat per day (on average)? _____

Who does most of the grocery shopping for your household?

Who does most of the cooking for your household?

Do you currently exercise? Yes No

If yes, what type of exercise and how often? _____

If no, why? _____

What is your plan for exercise following the surgery?



Why do you think surgery will be more successful for you than the other weight control measures you have tried in the past?

Circle all of the types of foods/rules that you know are required of you following surgery:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Multiple meals a day | No drinking during meals |
| Reduced sugar/carbohydrate Intake | No carbonated beverages |
| Reduced intake of fat | Exercise |
| Food Journaling | Weighing yourself weekly |
| Follow up with physician | Support Groups |

Given what you currently know about the plan you will be following after surgery; which part do you think will be the most difficult for you?

What changes are you making to ease your transition following surgery? (Circle all that apply)

Increasing meals and decreasing portions

Increasing water intake

Increasing Exercise

Vitamins

Changes to diet (e.g., no carbonation, etc.)

Other: _____



Who do you live with? _____

Are the individuals in your household supportive of this surgery? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Are there *other* individuals in your life that know about the surgery and will offer you support (e.g., friends, co-workers, relatives, etc.)?

Do you know other individuals who have undergone weight loss surgery? Yes No

If yes, tell me what you have learned from these individuals:



Please describe the major stressors in your life at this time, and how you generally cope with them (e.g., family stressors, work, financial, weight, etc.):

Mental Health History

Have you ever been hospitalized for a psychological difficulty? Yes No

If the answer is yes: Date(s): _____

Facility: _____

Reason: _____

Have you ever had mental health/family/marriage counseling? Yes No

If the answer is yes: Date(s): _____

Counselor(s): _____

Have you ever been under the care of a psychiatrist? Yes No

If the answer is yes: Date(s): _____

Psychiatrist: _____

Medications Prescribed: _____

Have you ever thought a lot about trying to harm or kill yourself? Yes No

If the answer is yes: When: _____

Where: _____

Have you ever tried to harm or kill yourself? Yes No

If the answer is yes: When: _____

Where: _____

Please mark all of the items below that apply, and add any others at the bottom of the next page under "Additional concerns or issues."

Mood

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Anger, hostility, arguing, irritability | <input type="checkbox"/> Inferiority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aggression, violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Loneliness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nervousness, panic/anxiety attacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Low self-esteem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crying spells | <input type="checkbox"/> Mood swings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depression, low mood, sadness | <input type="checkbox"/> Nervousness, tension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emptiness | <input type="checkbox"/> Pessimism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Failure | <input type="checkbox"/> Shyness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue, tiredness, low energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Stress, tension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fears, phobias | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspiciousness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grieving deaths, losses, divorce | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal thoughts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guilt | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawal, isolating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hopelessness | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of control, outbursts | |

Relationship Problems

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, child management, child care, parenting | <input type="checkbox"/> Child custody/visitation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Childhood issues (own childhood) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dependence |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Marital conflict, infidelity/affairs |

- Sexual issues, dysfunctions, desire, differences, etc.
- Family conflict
- Friendships

- Interpersonal conflicts
- Divorce, separation
- Sexual compulsivity

Health Problems & Concerns

- Overeating
- Under-eating/food restriction
- Binging
- Vomiting
- Illness/injury
- Medical concerns
- Physical problems
- Headaches
- Menstrual problems

- PMS
- Menopause
- Self-neglect, poor self-care
- Sleep too much
- Sleep too little
- Insomnia
- Nightmares

Problems with Thinking

- Attention, concentration, distractibility
- Decision making, indecision, mixed feelings, putting off decisions
- Obsessions, compulsions, (thoughts or actions that repeat)

- Delusions (false ideas)
- Memory problems
- Confusion

Abuse

- Physical
- Sexual
- Emotional
- Neglect (of a child or elderly)

Employment/Career Problems

- Career goals
- Career choices
- Over-working
- Problems with co-workers

- Unemployment
- Can't keep a job

Financial/Legal Problems

- Bankruptcy
- Consumer debt
- Impulsive spending
- Low income
- Gambling
- Arrest
- Lawsuit
- DWI/DUI

Other Problems

- Over sensitivity to rejections
- Perfectionism
- Procrastination
- Self-centeredness
- Low motivation, laziness
- Judgment problems, risk taking
- Irresponsibility

Additional concerns or issues: _____

Do you have a family history of mental health treatment? Yes No
If yes, which family member and what are/were they treated for (depression, anxiety, AD/HD, etc.)?

When was your last MEDICAL checkup? (MM/DD/YY) ____/____/____

MEDICAL PROBLEMS:

- Allergies
- Anemia
- Anxiety
- Arthritis
- Asthma
- Bleeding Problems
- Cataracts
- Cancer/Leukemia
- Cholesterol
- Colitis
- COPD
- Depression
- Diabetes
- Epilepsy/Seizures
- Eczema
- Erectile Dysfunction
- Gall Bladder
- Glandular Diseases
- Gout
- Head Injury
- Heart Disease
- Heartburn/Reflux
- Hypertension
- Liver Cirrhosis
- Kidney Disease
- Migraines
- Morbid Obesity
- Muscle/Joint Pain
- Nerve Disease
- Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver
- Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome
- Thyroid Problems
- Seizures
- Sleep Apnea
- Strokes
- Ulcers
- Other: _____

Please list any **surgeries** or a **serious accidents** below.:

What type of surgery or accident happened?	When?	Are you having current problems because of it? If so, what?

Please use the back of this paper if you need additional space.

Do you have any medicine/food allergies? Yes No If yes, please explain:

Please list your **current medications** (prescribed, OTC, & vitamins/minerals /herbal supplements):

Name of Medication	Dosage	Why do you take it?	Who prescribes it?

Please use the back of this paper if you need additional space.



Please indicate below your current and past alcohol and/or drug use by placing either a Y= Yes or N = No in 1st and 3rd columns.

Type of Substance	Do you use it now?	If current use, how much? D = Daily; W = Weekly; M = Monthly	Have you used it in the past?	If no current use, but used in the past please indicated highest level of use and when it was? D = Daily; W = Weekly; M = Monthly
Alcohol				
Tobacco				
Marijuana				
Cocaine				
Heroin				
Stimulants (e.g. Speed)				
Hallucinogens (e.g. LSD)				
PCP				
Inhalants				

Pain meds (e.g., Percocet)				
Other:				

If you responded with a Y = Yes to any of the above substances, please answer the following questions.

Is use of this substance(s) currently a problem for you?	Yes	No	N/A
Do others think this is a problem?	Yes	No	N/A
Was use of this substance(s) a problem to you in the past?	Yes	No	N/A
Did others think it was a problem?	Yes	No	N/A

Have you ever required **treatment for substance use**? If so, please complete the following table:

Year	Treating Clinician or Facility	Substance issue treated	Treatment received (describe)	Helpful? (Y or N)
			<input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient	

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this evaluation!