

Calgary Adult Bariatric Surgery Clinic Newsletter



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If your contact information has changed (home address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.) please notify us at your next appointment or by calling 403-955-8088.

If you're awaiting a surgery date, please continue to meet with a member of your bariatric team every **2 to 3 months**. We will work with you to support your lifestyle changes as you prepare for bariatric surgery.

Upcoming Lap Band Adjustment Clinics:

- ❖ March 3, 2020 – Dr. Arminan
- ❖ March 6, 2020 – Dr. Debru
- ❖ March 17, 2020 – Dr. Debru
- ❖ March 20, 2020 – Dr. Arminan
- ❖ March 27, 2020 – Dr. Debru

Scooter available!

Monday to Friday;
7:30 am – 4:00 pm.

Not yet available on Saturday.

A scooter with a 400 pound limit is available on a first come first serve basis. You may sign it out at the admitting desk on the main level of Richmond Road Diagnostic & Treatment Centre.

We are Scent Free!

Help us keep the air we share healthy and scent free. Please avoid wearing scented products such as: perfume, scented hair sprays and body lotions when visiting Alberta Health Services sites for appointments. No scents makes good sense.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Patient responsibility:

As a patient of the Calgary Adult Bariatric Surgery Clinic you are required to attend multiple appointments in Calgary pre and post-surgery, regardless of where you live. Most appointments will be at the Richmond Road Diagnostic & Treatment Centre, except for: medical tests, pre-surgery assessment clinics, and select surgeon & internal medicine appointments. Advance notice will be provided to you for offsite appointments.

Missed appointments

have a significant impact on wait times for patients and clinic operations. Please be aware that by rebooking an appointment you may be delaying your progress in the clinic. If you need to reschedule or cancel an appointment call 403-955-8088 at least **48** hours in advance. Two unexcused appointments will result in discharge.

Classes & Groups

All classes and groups are for registered patients only. Some classes allow a support person to attend the class with you; if so, it will state this in the class description.

All classes are held in room #1076 on the main floor of Richmond Road Diagnostic & Treatment Centre with the exception of the Bariatric Hands on Cooking Class. Please do not bring food or drinks (except water) to class.

To register for classes and groups call 403-955-8088.

Bariatric Surgery Hands-on Cooking Class

This free class gives you a chance to cook and taste simple dishes that represent the normal diet progression immediately after surgery. Classes are taught by a bariatric clinic dietitian and provides you the chance to ask questions.

Date: Saturday March 28, 2020; 13:30 to 15:30

Where: South Health Campus Wellness Kitchen

Prerequisite: Must have attended the Surgery Preparation Class at the Calgary Adult Bariatric Surgery Clinic, but not yet had surgery.

Register: <https://app.booking.ca/shcwellnesspub/index.asp>. Or, call **403-956-3939**. Support people/partners are welcome to attend and must also register.

Improve Your Relationship with Food

This **4 week** group will provide education and support to help you improve your relationship with food so you can better manage your weight. The group will be led by Dr. Jo Telfer.

You must have attended a Nurse Intake Assessment before attending this class and be willing to commit to attend all 4 sessions. Occasional cancellations due to illness or unexpected events are accepted, however, you must attend the first class.

Dates: April 7, 14, 21 & 28; mornings from 09:30 to 11:30, **April 14th start time is 10:00 am.**

Dates: April 8, 15, 22 & 29; evenings from 17:30 to 19:30.

Nutrition Basics

Patients are welcome to bring their support person/partner to this class. Taught by a registered dietitian, you will learn about eating habits that are recommended specifically for people who are considering bariatric surgery. You must have attended a Nurse Intake Assessment before attending this class.

Date: Tuesday March 3, 2020; 17:30 to 19:30

Date: Thursday March 19, 2020; 13:30 to 15:30

Support Group - Maintain the Change

This support group is open to all patients after they have attended the Orientation class. Topics and questions are addressed about bariatric surgery for both pre and post-surgery patients.

Date: Tuesday March 17, 2020; 18:00 to 19:30

9 Month Post-Surgery Follow Up

A follow up group appointment with psychology offered to patients at 9 months post-surgery.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020; 12:00 to 13:30

Clinic Information:

Internal Medicine and Surgeon clinic dates and times may change due to unforeseen circumstances. We will provide you with as much notice as possible when this occurs. We appreciate your understanding if we need to reschedule your appointment.

Attending post-surgery appointments are essential for your health and safety. It's vital for you to visit with your team on a regular basis so we can support you post-surgery. Our clinic relies on the data collected at these appointments for program development & funding.

Flu Season is here ☹️

If you're feeling unwell and have an upcoming appointment, call the clinic to reschedule.

If you need to get your flu shot, more information is available online:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/influenza/influenza.aspx>

