

Calgary Adult Bariatric Surgery Clinic Newsletter



<https://.obesitycanada.ca>

UPDATE:

Some of our staff members are still partially or fully redeployed to other areas within Alberta Health Services due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our clinic has not resumed normal operations due to limited staff and other restrictions we continue to work through as a result of COVID-19.

Appointments and classes are being offered however, we have a long waitlist and the volume of patients we are able to move through the clinic is minimal.

We appreciate your patience during this time.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

This month we welcome back RN/Case Manager, Ginger Green who has accepted a position with the CABSC.

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.

For the most up to date developments related to the Calgary Adult Bariatric Surgery Clinic during the COVID-19 pandemic, please refer to the clinic website: www.calgarybariatric.ca > COVID-19 page.

VIRTUAL CLASSES

Call 403.955.8088 to register. A link to attend the class will be emailed to you 2 days before the class.

Improve Your Relationship with Food:

This 4 week virtual class will provide education and support to help you improve your relationship with food so you can better manage your weight. This group will be limited to participants willing to make a commitment to attend all 4 sessions. Occasional cancellations due to illness or unexpected events are accepted, however, you MUST attend the first class.

Session A: October 6, 13, 20 & 27; Tuesday afternoons 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Session B: October 16, 23, 30 & November 6; Friday mornings 10:00 am to noon

9 Month Post Surgery Follow-up:

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

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 28 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm

We are updating and adding to the education modules on our website calgarybariatric.ca. If you have feedback on any of the videos, especially the “Set Yourself up for Success” modules, or if you have suggestions for new education videos, please email Dr. Jo Telfer at: jo.telfer@ahs.ca



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Virtual Appointment Tips:

If you choose to have a virtual appointment with a member of our team the platform we currently use is Zoom. Below are a few tips to help you.

- 1) **Your Device:** Once you have set up your device, please do not move it around during the session as it creates distraction.
 - 2) **Privacy:** By signing into a zoom meeting you are giving consent. Choose a private location for your Zoom session. Headphones are ideal to ensure as much privacy as possible.
 - 3) **Muting:** Keep your audio muted except when speaking. The group host may mute group members as a way to allow all group members to take turns speaking.
 - 4) **Dress:** Please dress as if you were coming to the Calgary Adult Bariatric Surgery Clinic in person.
 - 5) **Other activities:** Your Zoom class is important and we would like your undivided attention. Please do not engage in any distracting activities for example: eating, checking email, watering plants, cooking, etc.
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Being Prepared for Virtual Appointments:

Please have the following information available prior to the start of your appointment.

- 1) **Your Health Care Card & Photo ID.**
- 2) **Medication & Vitamin names & doses** to review with your clinician.
- 3) **Paper and pen or pencil** so you can write down the goals agreed upon with your clinician as well as other important information such as future appointment date and time.
- 4) **Your food record.**
- 5) **Have lab work completed if required.** Alberta Precision Laboratories is booking 4+ weeks out.
- 6) **12 Month Post Op appointments.** Fill out the screening tools found on www.calgarybariatric.ca; additional resources tab; screening tools section. Send in the completed screening tools prior to your appointment by mail, fax 403-955-8634 or email: cal.bar@ahs.ca.

Lab Work:

Alberta Precision Laboratories (Calgary Lab Services) is currently booking 4+ weeks out.

6 Month Post-op:

Blood work - Our medical lead recommends having your six month post-op blood work completed. If you have concerns, discuss this with your health care team at your upcoming appointment.

Food Records:

It is important for your dietitian to review your food record at your virtual (phone or Zoom) appointment. If you keep a food record with paper and pencil, email a copy to your dietitian the day before your appointment. If you use an app for your food record, make sure your dietitian has access. If you have any questions about your food record, connect with your dietitian directly.