

Bariatric Surgery Program Earns National Accreditation

The Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP) has approved SRMC's Bariatric Surgery Program to receive full accreditation status as a "comprehensive" center! This makes SRMC the first hospital in the state of New Mexico to receive such accreditation status from MBSAQIP. Many thanks go out to the staff at SRMC and the ABQ Health Partner bariatric surgeons who made this achievement a reality!

SRMC's Bariatric Surgery Center recently received accreditation under the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program. The accreditation demonstrates the surgery center's commitment to delivering the highest quality care for its bariatric surgery patients, hospital officials said.

Accredited bariatric surgery centers provide both the hospital resources necessary for optimal care of morbidly obese patients and the support and resources necessary to address the entire spectrum of care and needs of bariatric patients, both pre- and post-operatively.

SRMC has partnered with ABQ Health Partners Bariatrics to create and maintain the new center. With its beds, stretchers, operating room tables, furniture and imaging equipment, the center offers bariatric surgery patients a healthcare environment sensitive to and considerate of their needs.



SRMC's Bariatric Surgery advertisement featuring the lovely Dollinda Jorgensen

According to the National Institutes of Health, some 15.5 million people nationally suffer from severe obesity. Metabolic and bariatric surgical procedures have proven to be effective in the reduction of comorbid conditions related to severe obesity such as type II diabetes, hypertension and cardiovascular disease.

The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational association of surgeons founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical education and practice and to improve the quality of

care for the surgical patient. Its achievements have placed it at the forefront of American surgery and have made the college an important advocate for all surgical patients.

The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery was formed to advance the art and science of metabolic and bariatric surgery by continually improving the quality and safety of care and treatment of people with obesity and related diseases.

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