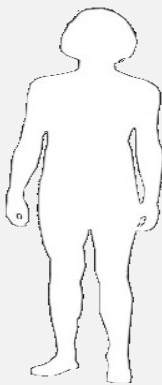
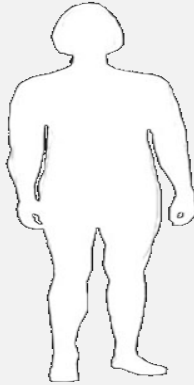


Who Qualifies for Weight-Loss Surgery?

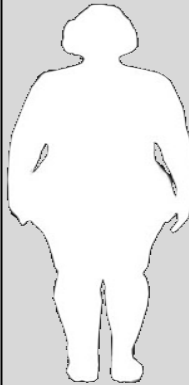
Normal
Weight
(BMI 18.5 to
24.9)



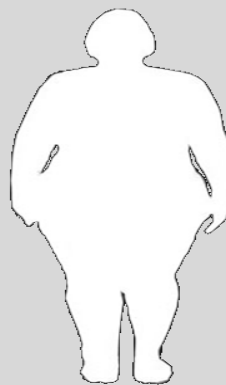
Overweight
(BMI 25 to
29.9)



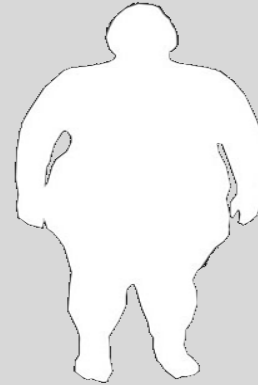
Obese
(BMI 30 to
34.9) with
Metabolic
syndrome



Severely
Obese
(BMI 35 to
39.9) with a
comorbidity



Morbidly
Obese
(BMI 40 or
more)



Characteristics of Potential Candidates

- ❖ Body Mass Index: 35 or greater with no co-morbidities /30 or greater with Diabetes or Metabolic Syndrome
- ❖ Age of 18 to 65+ (assessed on individual basis)
- ❖ Failed attempts at weight loss
- ❖ Health complications related to obesity
- ❖ No psychological contraindications
- ❖ Understanding of the surgery/risks
- ❖ Compliance with diet/exercise requirements

Relative Contraindications

- ❖ Severe medical disease that makes anesthesia or surgery prohibitively risky (American Society of Anesthesiologists class IV).
- ❖ Mental incompetence that prevents the patient from understanding the procedure.
- ❖ Inability or unwillingness of the patient to change lifestyle postoperatively.
- ❖ Drug, alcohol or other substance addiction.
- ❖ Uncontrolled bulimia or other eating disorder
- ❖ Psychological instability, Non-ambulatory status.
- ❖ Patient view of surgery as a “magic bullet”
- ❖ Antagonistic family, unsupportive home environment, Noncompliant behavior