



Statewide Bariatric Surgery Service

- Only funded to be provided by 1 health service in Queensland, Metro North.
- Surgery will only be done in Brisbane.
- Referral only by hospital specialist or Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health service
- Telehealth and access to Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme available when appropriate and eligible.



Eligibility

- Chronic knee and hip pain referrals assessed for eligibility by NPC
- Criteria
 - Aged 18 and 65.
 - Weight less than 185 kg.
 - Type 2 diabetic.
 - On 2 or more diabetic controlling medications
 - HBA1c greater than 6.5
- Or any of the following conditions
 - Endometrial hyperplasia or apparent stage 1 endometrial cancer (confined to the uterus)
 - Idiopathic intracranial hypertension
 - Patients awaiting a renal transplant

Exclusion criteria

- Cigarette smoking (a period of 6 months abstinence required prior to referral)
- Current alcohol or drug dependency (a period of 6 months abstinence required prior to referral)
- Previous bariatric surgery (including lap banding)
- End stage complications of obesity (eg end stage cardiac disease, portal HTN, cirrhosis)
- End stage renal failure
- Malignancy under active treatment or must be in remission for minimum 5 years
- Unstable mental health conditions
- Medical conditions where surgery would increase morbidity
- >185kg



Referral process

- Mandatory referral document that also assesses for other co-morbidities that may exclude referral such as malignancy, smoking
- Sleep studies
- Pathology



Multidisciplinary Team

- Surgeons
- Physician (endocrinologist)
- Dietitian
- Psychologist
- Clinical Nurse Consultant
- Pharmacist



Surgeries

- Gastric sleeve
- Gastric bypass

Does not offer cosmetic surgery such as liposuction or excess skin removal post procedure