

What risks will I face by taking part in this project?

This project does not involve any experimental tests or treatments. The only potential risk to you from participating is the unintentional release of your personal health information. The project's staff will take every measure to protect your personal information. Your surveys will only be identified by a number assigned by the Data Coordinating Center at the University of Michigan. The list that links this anonymous number to you and your identity will be kept in a very secure place and will only be used to send you the annual follow-up surveys.

How could I benefit if I take part in this project?

The information about you and others undergoing bariatric surgery will be studied to help participating hospitals identify opportunities and make changes to improve the quality of care for their bariatric surgery patients. You may benefit from the information collected from prior bariatric surgery patients. Future bariatric surgery patients may benefit from the information you provide.

How can I learn more about this project?

Talk to your doctor and the project's staff at your hospital about any questions or concerns that you may have. You can also go to the following website for more information:

<http://mbscsurgery.org>

Participating Hospitals:

Ascension Borgess Hospital
Ascension Macomb-Oakland Madison Hts.
Ascension Providence Hospital Southfield
Ascension St. John Hospital
Ascension St. Mary's Hospital
Chelsea Hospital
Corewell Health Beaumont Dearborn
Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe
Corewell Health Beaumont Royal Oak
Corewell Health Beaumont Trenton
Corewell Health Beaumont Wayne
Corewell Health Beaumont Troy
Corewell Health Blodgett Hospital
Corewell Health Lakeland Hospital
Corewell Health Zeeland Hospital
Covenant HealthCare
Forest Health Medical Center
Fresno Heart and Surgical Hospital
Harper University Hospital
Henry Ford Allegiance Hospital
Henry Ford Hospital
Henry Ford Macomb
Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital
Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital
Hurley Medical Center
McLaren Flint
McLaren Macomb
McLaren Port Huron
Michigan Medicine
Munson Medical Center
MyMichigan Medical Center – Alma
MyMichigan Medical Center – Midland
MyMichigan Medical Center - Sault
Sparrow Health System
Trinity Health Grand Haven
Trinity Health Muskegon
Trinity Health St. Joseph Mercy Livingston
Trinity Health St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
Trinity Health St. Mary's, Grand Rapids
Trinity Health St. Mary Mercy Livonia
University of Michigan Health - West



Michigan Bariatric Surgery Collaborative (MBSC)

You are invited to participate in a project to help your hospital improve the quality of care for patients undergoing bariatric surgery.



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You are invited to take part in your hospital's efforts to improve the quality of care for patients who have bariatric (weight-loss) surgery. Please read this brochure carefully. After you have finished, you should talk to your doctor or to the project's coordinator at your site to ask them any questions that you have about the MBSC project.

What is the Michigan Bariatric Surgery Collaborative?

The Michigan Bariatric Surgery Collaborative, or MBSC, is a regional, voluntary group of hospitals and surgeons that perform bariatric surgery in Michigan and California. Currently, 41 hospitals throughout the states of Michigan and California are participating in the project, including your hospital. The project is funded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM).



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What is the goal of the MBSC project?

The goal of the MBSC project is to improve the quality of care for patients undergoing bariatric surgery. To do this, the participating hospitals submit data to the MBSC registry database. Three times a year, the group meets to examine this data and to design and make changes in patient care, which will produce better results for bariatric surgery patients.

Why am I being asked to join this project?

All patients undergoing bariatric surgery at the participating hospitals are being asked to join the project.

How many people are expected to take part in this project?

It is estimated that approximately 9,500 patients a year throughout the states of Michigan and California will take part in the project.

What exactly will I have to do to participate?

If you join the project, you will be asked to complete several surveys. You will not undergo any experimental treatments or procedures and there will be no alterations to your clinical care.

What kind of information will be collected in this project?

The type of information collected will include:

- Information from your medical records about your medical history, care, and clinical course following bariatric surgery
- Contact information, such as your name and address (so we can mail you follow-up surveys)
- Information about you and your health before and after bariatric surgery

What kind of questions will I need to answer?

Some of the things you will be asked include questions about your current medications and your quality of life. You will also be asked some personal questions about yourself, such as your marital and employment status. You may refuse to answer any questions for any reason.

How much time will be needed to take part in this project? When will my participation be over?

Each survey should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. We ask you to complete 1 survey before your surgery. On the 1-year, 2-year, 3-year, 4-year and 5-year anniversary of your surgery, we ask you to complete follow-up surveys which will be sent to you. After the 5-year survey, your participation will end.