

Bariatric Surgery			
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MUHC - MGH & Lachine

Elective Description

The MUHC has been performing bariatric surgery since 1963. We are the largest laparoscopic bariatric surgery program in Canada offering all bariatric surgery procedures by minimally invasive approaches as well as open surgery when indicated.

Students will be fully integrated into the bariatric surgery team. They will see patients in the preoperative period together with the bariatric surgeon. Students will have the opportunity to observe minimally invasive bariatric surgery and will round on patients after surgery until discharge and then follow the patient in the weekly bariatric clinics. While in the bariatric clinics they will have the chance to follow patients operated previously and gain experience with the long-term results and complications of bariatric surgery.

Elective Duration

2 weeks

Educational Objectives

By the end of this elective, students are expected to:

- 1. Describe the health risks and health care costs of severe obesity.
- 2. Describe the health benefits and health care costs of permanent weight loss achieved with bariatric surgery.
- 3. Understand the importance of multidisciplinary team approach to the surgical management of the morbidly obese patients.
- 4. Compare and contrast the established surgical procedures available to achieve permanent weight loss in terms of efficacy, morbidity, and mortality.
- 5. Understand the importance of regular follow-up of bariatric surgery patients and recognize and treat the surgical and nutritional long-term complications of bariatric surgery patients.

Prerequisites

None

Scope of Work

- Participate in out- & in-patient care
- Participate/observe surgeries

Recommended Reading/Preparation

Only recommendations but not necessary

- Sabiston Textbook of Surgery, 19th Ed, Chapter 15 (Morbid obesity)
- ASMBS Textbook of Bariatric Surgery



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