



## Patient Choice Centers of Excellence Program For Bariatric Care (Including surgery for morbid obesity)

Listing of approved providers in the Patient Choice service area — *(as of May 16, 2008)*

Note: Not every Centers of Excellence provider is considered in-network for every program/Care System offered by Patient Choice. Prior to receiving services, be sure to verify that the provider is in-network for your program/Care System.

Facilities	Surgical Practice Name & Surgeon(s)
<i>Minnesota</i>	
Fairview Southdale Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <u>Surgical Consultants</u> Paul L. Benn, MD Bradley Pierce, MD</li> </ul>
Unity Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <u>Allina Medical Clinic-Surgical Specialties</u> Daniel R. Baker, MD Frederick Warren Johnson, MD</li> <li>◦ <u>Baker Bariatrics, LLC</u> Jeffrey Daniel Baker, MD</li> </ul>
Abbott Northwestern Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <u>Minneapolis Bariatric Surgeons</u> Edmund P. Chute, MD Michael L. Schwartz, MD Raymond L. Drew, MD Crystal T. Schlosser, MD</li> <li>◦ <u>UMP Bariatric Surgery Program</u> Sayeed Ikramuddin, MD Todd A. Kellogg, MD</li> </ul>
Hennepin County Medical Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <u>Hennepin Faculty Associates</u> Jon C. Krook, MD Howard Mitchell Lederer, MD</li> </ul>
University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview - <i>(University Campus)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <u>Hennepin Faculty Associates</u> Howard Mitchell Lederer, MD</li> <li>◦ <u>UMP Bariatric Surgery Program</u> Sayeed Ikramuddin, MD Henry Buchwald, MD Todd A. Kellogg, MD</li> </ul>
Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <u>Park Nicollet Bariatric Surgery Program</u> Charles A. Svendsen, MD Robert E. Wetherille, III, MD Thomas A. Jones, MD</li> </ul>
United Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <u>Bariatric Specialists of Minnesota/ St. Paul Surgeons, Ltd.</u> Peter H. Kelly, MD William M. Rupp, MD</li> </ul>

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HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Minneapolis Bariatric Surgeons</u> Edmund P. Chute, MD Michael L. Schwartz, MD Raymond L. Drew, MD Crystal T. Schlosser, MD</li> </ul>
St. Joseph's Area Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Dakota Clinic Ltd. Park Rapids</u> Daniel A.P. Smith, MD</li> </ul>
St. Cloud Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Central Minnesota Surgeons</u> Darren Glass, MD</li> </ul>
<i>North Dakota</i>	
MeritCare Health System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>MeritCare Medical Group</u> L. Michael Howell, MD Timothy P. Monson, MD</li> </ul>
<i>South Dakota</i>	
Sanford USD Medical Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Sanford Clinic Surgical Associates</u> Donald B. Graham, MD Peter J. O'Brien, MD</li> </ul>
Avera McKennan Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Dakota Surgical</u> Frederick L. Harris, MD</li> </ul>

- The list of providers in the Patient Choice Centers of Excellence program may periodically be updated, so be sure to re-check the list periodically for the most up-to-date information.
- The providers have been approved by the American Society for Bariatric Surgery (ASBS) and the Surgical Review Corporation (SRC). The ASBS Center of Excellence designation recognizes surgical programs with a demonstrated track record of favorable outcomes in bariatric surgery. The ASBS Centers of Excellence was created to recognize Bariatric Surgery Centers that perform well and to help surgeons and hospitals to continue to improve the quality and safety of care provided.
- If you are a Patient Choice member, you should verify that a particular provider listed is in-network for your program/Care System. Not every Centers of Excellence provider is considered in-network for every program/Care System offered by Patient Choice. For example, providers noted with **I** in the list above do not participate with all Patient Choice programs.
- If you are a Patient Choice member, you may verify if a provider is participating in your program by using the online provider directory or by contacting Customer Service for assistance at the phone number listed on the back of your ID card.
- Patient Choice members should always verify coverage prior to receiving services by reviewing your Summary Plan Description or other coverage documents, or by contacting Customer Service for assistance at the phone number listed on the back of your ID card.