

HOW MANY MAY QUALIFY FOR BARIATRIC SURGERY?

Some form of bariatric surgery may be recommended for patients with a body mass index greater than 40. Patients with BMIs as low as 30 may be eligible for some procedures if they have obesity-related medical issues. The number and percentage of people eligible for bariatric surgery has grown, given the obesity rate for those ages 20-74.

SOURCES: "PREVALENCE OF OVERWEIGHT, OBESITY, AND EXTREME OBESITY AMONG ADULTS: UNITED STATES, TRENDS 1960-1962 THROUGH 2007-2008," CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS, JUNE 2010; "PREVALENCE OF OBESITY IN THE UNITED STATES, 2009-2010," CDC'S NATIONAL CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS, JANUARY

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