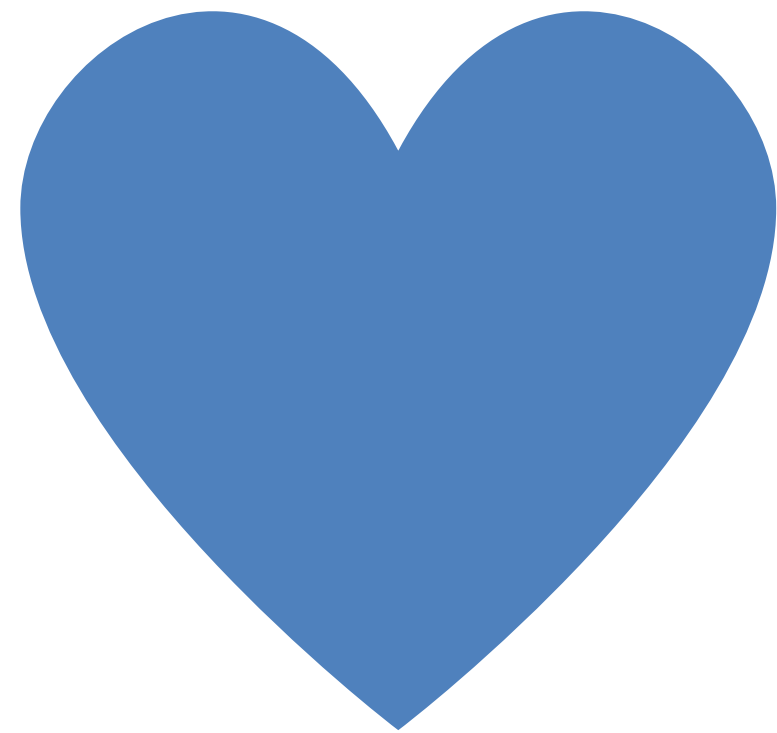




MOST VALUABLE BARIATRIC PROFESSIONALS

Acknowledging team members
who go above and beyond for
their patients and their teams.



ELIZABETH PEASANTS

We want to recognize Liz for her exceptional dedication to patient care and her invaluable contributions to the success of our multidisciplinary team. Through her expertise, compassion, and commitment to patient education, she empowers patients to develop the nutritional knowledge and lifelong habits necessary for sustained weight-loss success and improved health outcomes. She consistently goes above and beyond to provide individualized support, collaborate with colleagues, and address barriers that might otherwise limit a patient's progress. Her professionalism, leadership, and unwavering focus on patient-centered care have strengthened our program and significantly enhanced the experience and outcomes of the patients we serve.

TIFFANY MIHAILIAK

Tiffany Mihaliak, RD, LD, exemplifies compassionate, patient-centered care. She consistently goes above and beyond to support patients throughout every stage of their weight loss journey, providing individualized nutrition counseling with empathy, encouragement, and unwavering dedication. Tiffany is a valued member of our multidisciplinary bariatric team, helping to ensure each patient receives comprehensive, coordinated care. Beyond her clinical excellence, she is a passionate advocate for improving community health through nutrition education and innovative initiatives, including the development of a Food is Medicine program to expand access to healthy foods and nutrition resources. Her commitment to teamwork, patient advocacy, and improving the lives of others makes her an invaluable member of our bariatric team.



KAILA KUTZ

- Kaila Kutz, PhD, has had a profound impact on the lives of our bariatric patients through her compassionate guidance, clinical expertise, and unwavering commitment to their long-term success. She provides thoughtful, individualized care that empowers patients to develop lifelong habits for success while addressing the unique psychological challenges that accompany weight management and surgery. Dr. Kutz is a valued member of our multidisciplinary bariatric team, helping to ensure patients receive comprehensive, coordinated care throughout their journey. In addition to her exceptional clinical care, she advances the field through her research on disordered eating, behavior change, and long-term physical and mental health outcomes after bariatric surgery. Her unwavering commitment to patient advocacy, teamwork, and improving the lives of those we serve makes her an invaluable member of our bariatric team.

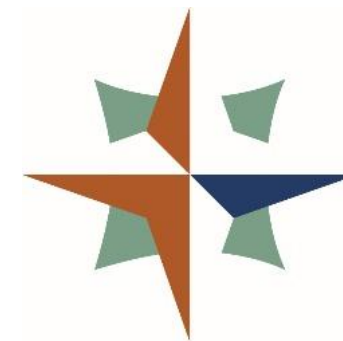


GENINE CARRIER

Genine Carrier is the engine that keeps our metabolic bariatric surgery program moving. Her dedication and selfless service epitomize the patient first philosophy. She works tirelessly behind the scenes, verifying benefits for every bariatric patient. She translates this complex insurance criteria into a clear, personalized plan of care for our patients to follow. Her step-by-step pathways give patients a predictable, visible roadmap to surgery, reducing confusion and keeping them engaged throughout the process.

Genine's expertise in prior authorization is unmatched. She consistently ensures timely approvals, minimizes preventable denials, and creates structured appeal pathways that guide providers through exactly what is needed to overturn payer decisions. She also gathers all supporting documentation for diagnostic testing, removing barriers that could delay treatment.

Her work is largely behind the scenes, yet it is the reason our patients experience a smooth, coordinated journey. Genine's accuracy, dedication, and compassion elevate the entire team. She is profoundly deserving of recognition as the Most Valuable Bariatric Professional.



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