

MVBPS

MOST VALUABLE BARIATRIC PROFESSIONALS
OF THE VIRGINIA BARIATRIC SOCIETY 2025

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



GINA BAILEY

Program: Advanced Surgical Partners of Virginia

Position: RN

Gina's dedication to our patients goes above and beyond the standard of care. She ensures that patients have access to the education by personally calling patients to inform them of test results and plan of care. She then follows up with patient portal education and ensuring that patients have scheduled repeat testing and/or follow up scheduled. She personally completes all of our obesity management medication prior authorizations.

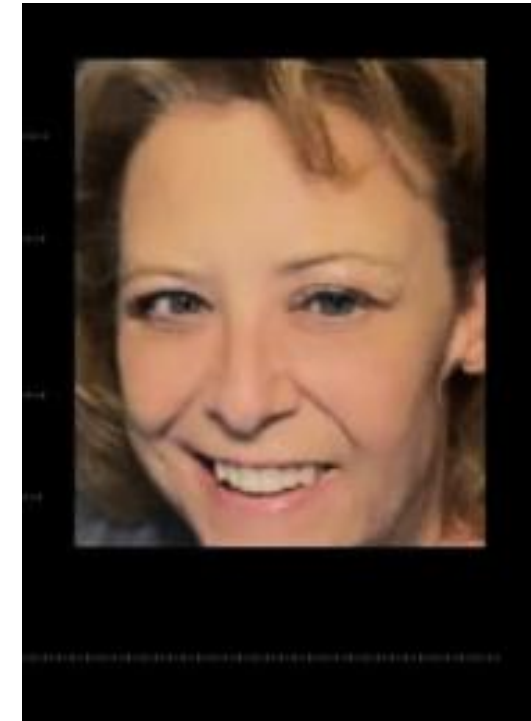
We appreciate her and all she does for our patients.

LIBBY REXRODE

Program: University of Virginia

Position: Care Coordinator

Libby has been a stalwart of the UVA bariatric program for decades. She has been a care coordinator for at least 25 of the 40 years she has worked at UVA, and during those years she has helped thousands of our patients seeking help for the problem of obesity. She has taught hundreds of residents and students, as well, about aspects of patient care and how to best address patient needs. In our practice I can't imagine anyone more deserving of this recognition.



PATRICK KETCHERSID

Program: Central Virginia VA Healthcare System

Position: Physician Assistant

Patrick plays a vital role in the comprehensive care of our surgical weight-loss patients. He continuously demonstrates perioperative clinical excellence, compassion, and unwavering commitment to improving the lives of patients living with obesity. Patrick is a key member of the team, and a trusted liaison between the patients and the multidisciplinary care team. He is truly an invaluable asset to our program.



MORGAN ZIMMERLEE

Program: Virginia Commonwealth University

Position: Nurse Practitioner

Morgan has been a tremendous asset to the division of GI/Bariatric Surgery at VCU. She is detail oriented and remains calm under pressure. Her excellent care is frequently recognized by patients and staff alike.



GINA MITCHELL

Program: Sentara Martha Jefferson

Position: Physician Assistant

Gina has been a vital team member at Sentara Martha Jefferson over the past decade. As program coordinator, she helped establish our Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery program. She achieved the program's first bariatric MBSAQIP accreditation, and has continued accreditation status with profound attention to detail. Gina contributes significantly to our QI projects and has navigated the changes that come with 5 surgeons. She makes our job seamless and much easier, and we are grateful for all she does.



STEPHANIE COX

Program: West Virginia University

Position: Behavioral Health

Dr. Cox leads our bariatric behavioral health team creating a comforting, supporting, and patient centric environment. She established a bariatric behavioral health fellowship and has trained many fellows that have went on to work at other university practices. She leads our behavioral health research efforts and has been a tremendous contributor to our practice and patient care.

