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Louisiana Center for Weight Loss Surgery.
Named a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence

The Louisiana Center for Weight Loss Surgery in Monroe has been designated a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence® by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) and Surgical Review Corporation (SRC).

To earn the Center of Excellence designation, the Louisiana Center for Weight Loss Surgery (LCWLS), a partnership of P&S Surgical Hospital, St. Francis Medical Center and Walter Sartor, MD, FACS, Member of ASMBS was required to undergo a series of site inspections during which all aspects of the program's surgical processes were closely examined and data on health outcomes was collected.

The ASMBS Bariatric Surgery Centers of Excellence® program was created to recognize bariatric surgery centers that perform well and to help surgeons and hospitals continue to improve the quality and safety of care provided. Clinical evidence shows that the most experienced and best-run bariatric surgery programs have by far the lowest rates of complications.

“We feel this new association with the ASMBS and our designation as a Center of Excellence will serve as a catalyst for making our program at the Louisiana Center for Weight Loss Surgery even better and stronger,” said Dr. Sartor. “We’re very honored and pleased to have this prestigious designation.”

The American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery is the largest society in the world for this specialty. As a non-profit organization, the society works to improve public health and well-being by lessening the burden of the disease of obesity and related diseases.

“The program we offer at the Louisiana Center for Weight Loss Surgery adheres to the strictest of standards established by the ASMBS, and it is located right here in Monroe,” said Dr. Sartor. The cost of the program includes pre-surgery and post-surgery care, follow-up visits, group sessions and nutritional/lifestyle counseling. A Total Lifestyle Care™ extended program is also available.

Walter Sartor, MD, FACS, Member of ASMBS and board-certified surgeon, P&S Surgical Hospital and St. Francis Medical Center formed the LCWLS in 2007 after becoming aware of obese patients in this region who would benefit from a safe comprehensive program right here at home, eliminating the need for travel and making important follow-up care more convenient for patients and their families.

Payment options at the LCWLS include Medicare, cash and most major insurance

companies. Complete details on the LCWLS program are available by calling 866-821-LIVE or you can visit our website at HYPERLINK "http://www.laweightlossurgery.com" www.laweightlossurgery.com. For more information on the ASMBS Bariatric Surgery Centers of Excellence® designation, visit HYPERLINK "http://www.surgicalreview.org" www.surgicalreview.org.

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