

Improving Health, Transforming Lives

Diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and sleep apnea are just some of the serious medical conditions associated with obesity. Less easy to measure is the isolation, constant anxiety about health and a sense of hopelessness often felt by those who have tried and failed, over and over, to do something about their weight.

The Berkshire Center for Weight Loss SurgerySM is helping people in our community improve their health and transform their lives. “The National Institutes of Health recognize weight loss surgery as the only method that works for people suffering from severe obesity,” said Andrew Lederman, MD, FACS, Medical Director of the Berkshire Center for Weight Loss SurgerySM. “The key is not only excellent surgical care, but our comprehensive program that extends beyond surgery to include all of the education and support for lifestyle changes our patients need to succeed.”



Berkshire Medical Center is ranked by HealthGrades among the top five hospitals in Massachusetts for bariatric surgery.

Dr. Lederman and his partner, Robert D. Fanelli, MD, FACS, FASGE, offer Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding as well as Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass to patients seeking to improve their health through weight loss surgery.

In addition to excellence in the operating room, the Berkshire Center for Weight Loss SurgerySM is distinguished by its Life Skills Workshops, where patients learn effective ways to interact with food and cope successfully with the challenges ahead, as well as state-of-the-art online resources made available by Surgical Specialists of Western New England, PC.

“I now know why it took me five years to have the surgery,” said Tricia Benoit. “I was waiting for the best doctors and the best program and that’s what I found with Drs. Lederman and Fanelli at BMC.”