

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ ,

Thank you for your interest in the VCU Medical Center's Surgical Weight Loss Center. We're excited to help you on your journey, both before and after your weight loss surgery.

The VCU Surgical Weight Loss Center, which has been designated a Center of Excellence by the American Society for Bariatric Surgery, was the first center in Virginia to offer laparoscopic gastric bypass. Our expert team of experienced surgeons, nurse specialists, dieticians, nurse practitioners and psychologists are ready to work with you to make your surgery a success.

The decision to have weight loss surgery is a very personal, important and life-changing event. We want to assure you that we'll be with you every step of the way. You can be confident that the distinguished reputation of our world-renowned program is backed by our pursuit of surgical excellence and superior patient care.

In fact, we have performed more than 5,000 weight loss surgeries. Many have experienced extremely positive results, including significant weight loss, improved health and enhanced quality of life.

We are truly gratified to know that we have helped so many realize a new lease on life. And we're ready to help you. If you would like to read inspiring stories of success and to learn more about the center, please visit our Web site at [www.helpforobesity.com](http://www.helpforobesity.com)

Please read the enclosed packet of information, including the instruction sheet that will help you begin your journey.

We look forward to assisting you with this life-changing experience.

Sincerely,

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