As of April 1, 2015, the Ontario Bariatric Network in conjunction with the Ministry of Health and Long Term care has revised the Ontario Bariatric Program referral process. All referrals must now be submitted using the new online referral system: https://referrals.ontariobariatricnetwork.ca

How the NEW online referral system works:

- Primary care physicians (PCP) register only once
- The system has built in logic which utilizes key eligibility questions to route patients immediately to the appropriate OHIP funded bariatric program at one of our Ontario Bariatric Centres

Why the NEW online referral system was implemented:

- Our program demand is growing and referrals need to be centralized and processed within 24hrs
- The fax based system was no longer effective at meeting the needs of our provincial bariatric program which has diversified into three streams:
  - Medical Program
  - Surgical Program
  - Metabolic Pilot Program

The NEW online referral system has enhanced user capability:

- Program eligibility and bariatric centre location is confirmed at time of referral

Physicians will be able to:

- Track patient status and receive timely updates
- Sort and filter their patient referral list
- Set email notification preferences
- Print or save the referral form

STEP 1: REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT

- Health Care Providers register once at: https://referrals.ontariobariatricnetwork.ca
- To register you will be asked for some basic information:
  - OHIP billing number
  - Contact information

STEP 2: LOGIN

- Once registered, you will now have a login and password
- You can use your OHIP billing # to login

STEP 3: SUBMIT A REFERRAL

- Select “submit referral”
- Based on the information entered, eligibility will be confirmed - your patient may be eligible for none, one, or two of the Bariatric Programs offered
- Enter your patients contact information
- Centre allocation will be shown

STEP 4: OUTCOME

- Once submitted the referral will be immediately forwarded for follow-up
- The centre to which your patient has been allocated will contact your patient directly and invite them to an orientation session
- You can print or save the referral forms for your records

STEP 4: TRACK PATIENT PROGRESS

- Using the “My Referrals” tab you can now track your patients’ progress through the bariatric program
  - The referral system is linked to the centres case management system, so you will be notified when your patient is booked for orientation, and has surgery.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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