

# WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Weight management is HARD. No one knows that better than you. How will our program lead you to success?

Strong evidence shows that combined **multidisciplinary intervention is far more effective for weight loss and maintenance** than any single approach alone, especially when the behavioral component is addressed.

## NURSE PRACTITIONER

- Detailed examination of health and medication history and it's impact on weight management
- Reviews metabolic and nutrient labs and initiates additional evaluation or treatment needed
- Prescription of continuous glucose monitoring to help determine how YOUR individual body metabolizes different foods when appropriate
- Sleep habits assessment and tools to improve sleep quality
- Gut microbiome influence on weight management
- Introduction to mindfulness and habit loops
- Prescription of weight management medications when appropriate and specialty pharmacy assistance to advocate for insurance coverage
- Referral for bariatric surgical consultation when appropriate (premier Rush University Medical Center bariatric surgeons will be seeing consultations out of our Northbrook location)

## PSYCHOLOGIST AND BEHAVIORAL COACH

- Gain insight into why prior weight loss approaches have not been effective
- Identify triggers that contribute to unhealthy eating habits
- Resolve conflicts regarding behavioral changes and healthy eating
- Mindfulness training
- Address impact of depression, anxiety, and stress on eating behaviors

## REGISTERED DIETITIAN NUTRITIONIST

- Establish goals for protein, fat, carbohydrate, and overall nutrient needs
- Meal planning that fits with your schedule and preferences
- Work with food sensitivities
- Education on portion control and food label reading
- Understanding hunger cues and practicing mindful eating
- Eating strategies for social events and travel
- Pre- and post- workout nutrition tips
- Nutrition and disease management

## LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPIST AND FITNESS CONSULTANT

- Functional mobility assessment
- Establish goals for a fitness program to promote long term success
- Develop a fitness program customized to your needs and desires to ensure follow through and positive changes
- Facilitate referrals to physical therapists, rheumatologists, or orthopedic specialists to address more complicated joint and muscle issues



**COMPREHENSIVE**  
GASTROINTESTINAL HEALTH

## 1. TEAM APPROACH

- Our team of experts collaborate to help you achieve your goals.
- Team members have weekly meetings to review your progress and strategize on methods to improve your results.

## 2. EMBRACES COMPLEXITY

- Attempts to lose weight through diet or exercise are fought by physiological adaptations and behaviors that resist weight loss. We fight back on all fronts.

Calories in = calories out is NOT the full picture for weight management. It is much more complicated and must be treated as such.

- Our team addresses all potential contributing factors:
  - ▶ Nutrition
  - ▶ Behavioral modification and mental health
  - ▶ Physical activity and movement
  - ▶ Metabolic abnormalities
  - ▶ Sleep quality
  - ▶ Medication and hormonal influences
  - ▶ Gut microbiome
  - ▶ Weight loss medications and bariatric surgical referrals (if necessary and appropriate)

## 3. SUSTAINABLE

- No restrictive diets.
- No meal replacement or supplements to purchase.
- Real strategies for ongoing success even after the program ends.

We offer no "quick fixes" or unattainable promises. We aim to provide consistent, steady, and sustainable changes for your health and well-being.

## 4. NOURISHING

- Eat truly nourishing foods that help achieve a fiber intake goal of 25-35 grams per day.
- Limit consumption of liquid calories (soda, juice, alcohol).
- This approach allows greater flexibility and personal preference of intake for sustainable lifestyle modifications.

We help you choose a dietary pattern of healthful nutrient dense foods that you enjoy, rather than focusing on a specific limiting diet.

## 5. INDIVIDUALIZED

- One plan does not fit all.
- Your plan is tailored to your specific lifestyle, routine, eating and activity preferences, as well as your personal health and medical needs.

We aim to empower YOU with the personalized tools YOU need to live a healthy life.

## 6. ACCOUNTABILITY MATTERS

- Attending regularly scheduled visits will make a difference.
- Our providers will help to advise and strategize, as well as offer motivation, support, and encouragement.
- Daily food tracking is strongly encouraged to provide self-accountability and insight on personal eating patterns and nutrient intake.

If you check in regularly, you will have greater success.

## 7. REALISTIC GOAL SETTING

- Realistic, well-planned weight-loss goals help to keep you focused and motivated and can mean the difference between success and failure.
- Unrealistic and overly aggressive weight-loss goals can undermine your efforts and derail your mission.

Goals that are set must be SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, Timely).

## 8. MEASURES MEANINGFUL OUTCOMES

- Improve body composition with reductions in body fat % and waist circumference while increasing muscle mass and cardiovascular fitness.
- Improve blood pressure, lipid panel, and blood sugars.
- Increase energy level, mobility, and strength.
- Improve quality of life, mood, self-esteem, and sleep quality.
- Optimize wellness and longevity.

Aim for more than a number on the scale. Achieve a variety of important individual health and wellness goals.