

INFOBulletin

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To: Primary Care Physicians and Nurse Practitioners

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Re: New Referral Process for Bariatric Programs

As of April 1, 2015, we are going LIVE with a NEW Online Referral System.

Until Friday March 27th, 2015 at midnight, please continue to use our current fax- based referral system available at <http://www.bariatricregistry.ca>.

How the NEW online referral system will work:

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

Why the NEW online referral system is being implemented:

- Our program demand is growing and referrals need to be centralized and processed within 24hrs
- Our current fax based system is no longer effective at meeting the needs of our provincial bariatric program which has diversified into three streams:
 1. Medical Program
 2. Surgical Program
 3. 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:
 - o Track patient status and receive timely updates
 - o Sort and filter their patient referral list
 - o Set email notification preferences to receive timely updates
 - o Print the referral forms for office records