

Thank you for contacting the office of Dr. Job Buschman for laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding. Dr. Buschman is board certified by the American Board of Surgery and is skilled in advanced laparoscopic procedures. The laparoscopic gastric banding procedure is one of many laparoscopic procedures he performs. Other laparoscopic procedures include laparoscopic hernia, gallbladder, colon, Nissen fundoplication and appendix. Dr. Buschman is not new to bariatric procedures. He has assisted other bariatric surgeons in his previous general surgery experience.

Please pick up a copy of our Patient History & Physical Questionnaire or log on to our web site at www.swatsurgical.com to obtain a copy of the History & Physical Questionnaire to complete. In order to effectively make sure you are a candidate for this procedure, the following has to occur:

1. Dr. Buschman must see you in an office consultation to determine whether you are a candidate. This would be payable by your insurance if this is a covered benefit. If this is not a covered benefit and you are self pay, it is a \$225.00 consultation fee.
2. Weight loss requirements may be necessary prior to the procedure.
3. If you are a candidate, you must consent to consultation by a dietician and psychological consultation coordinated by SWAT Surgical Associates, LLP. You are responsible for the payment of the dietician services, 2 pre-visits @ \$50.00 per visit. The psychological evaluation services are \$85.00 per hour with the 1st session being 1.5- 2 hours. Dr. Buschman will coordinate appointments with Tammy Brown, the dietician, and Chris Menegay, the psychologist.
4. Regarding payment, we are more than happy to assist with pre-determination if necessary from your insurance company. However, many insurance policies do not consider this a covered benefit. It would help if you contacted your insurance company to see if this is a covered benefit in your policy. We can write letters and appeal on your behalf but if the policy excludes this procedure, you may be self pay. If your insurance does not cover this procedure and deems you self pay, we will work with you to best meet your financial needs. We offer financing options through Care Credit, but additional fees may apply. We will also go over a detailed price sheet with you.

After you have completed the Patient History & Physical Questionnaire, please contact our office to make an appointment to see Dr. Buschman for your initial consultation.

I certify that I have read and fully understand the above terms and conditions.

Signature

Date