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## **Baptist Weight-Loss Center Earns National Accreditation for a Second Time**

**PENSACOLA, FLA. (Jan. 18, 2024)** – Baptist Weight-Loss Center has earned national accreditation as a Comprehensive Center by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP®), a joint Quality Program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery for the second time.

To earn MBSAQIP accreditation, Baptist Weight-Loss Center met essential criteria for staffing, training, facility infrastructure, and patient care pathways, ensuring its ability to support patients with obesity. The center also participates in a national data registry that reports on the quality of its surgical outcomes and identifies opportunities for quality improvement. The MBSAQIP standards ensure that metabolic and bariatric patients receive multidisciplinary medical care, which improves patient outcomes and long-term success.

Baptist Weight-Loss Center is committed to quality care. The program is tasked with continuous review of surgical data as they continue improving the structure and outcomes expertise necessary to provide safe, effective, and high-quality care to all metabolic and bariatric patients.

“The MBSAQIP accreditation exemplifies our team's continuous commitment to providing each patient with individualized weight-loss plans to help them reach their goals,” shares Amanda Davis, clinical practice manager, Baptist Weight-Loss Center.

The American College of Surgeons (ACS) is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical education and practice and to improve the quality of care for surgical patients. Its achievements have placed it at the forefront of American surgery and have made the college an important advocate for all surgical patients. The college has more than 82,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) is the largest organization for metabolic and bariatric surgeons in the world, with more than 4,200 members. It is a not-for-profit organization that works to advance the science of metabolic and bariatric surgery. The ASMBS is committed to educating medical professionals and the lay public about metabolic and bariatric surgery, including the associated risks and benefits, as a treatment option for obesity.

For more information about the Baptist Weight-Loss Center visit [ebaptisthealthcare.org](http://ebaptisthealthcare.org)

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*Baptist Health Care is a not-for-profit health care organization based in Northwest Florida that is committed to helping people throughout life's journey. Baptist continuously strives to be a national leader in quality and service. Baptist Health Care includes three hospitals, four medical parks, Andrews Institute for Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine and a large network of primary care and specialty physicians. Baptist Health Care is one of the largest non-governmental employers in Northwest Florida.*

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- Baptist Heart & Vascular Institute • Baptist Health Care Foundation*