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Thank you for your interest in weight-loss surgery at the SSM DePaul Weight-Loss Institute. You are invited to attend a free seminar regarding surgical and non-surgical options offered through the Weight-Loss Institute. Please see the Home page located on our website, [www.depaulweightloss.com](http://www.depaulweightloss.com) for our exact dates and locations.

Each seminar lasts approximately 1-1½ hours. You will find that many of your questions about weight-loss options, including obesity surgery, are answered in our packet of information and at the seminar. You are welcome to bring a guest with you.

It is strongly recommended that you call your health insurance company and ask about your benefits for surgical treatment of obesity, pre-authorization, and criteria. When inquiring about benefits your insurance company may request a procedure code, commonly referred to as a CPT code, to further assist you. The CPT code for gastric bypass is 43644, and for adjustable gastric banding it is 43770. Not all health insurance plans will cover surgery for obesity.

If you are interested in seeking surgical treatment for obesity, please do the following:

1. From the **INSURANCE** tab of our website, download and complete the LASH Group authorization form. This form allows your insurance company to share information with us related to your benefits for weight-loss surgery.
2. From the **FORMS** tab of our website, download and complete the Required Forms. These forms include a patient registration sheet, medical and dieting history forms, and a questionnaire on latex allergies.
3. Make a copy of the front and back of your medical insurance card(s). If you have more than one insurance card the Institute must have copies of all of them in order to submit your claim properly.
4. Bring the completed forms and a copy of the front and back of insurance card(s) to the seminar.

Your attendance to a seminar, completion of required forms, and a copy of both sides of your insurance card are required before we can process your application for weight-loss surgery. Our seminars are well attended. To help us guarantee space for you at the seminar, we ask that you register by phone by calling 314-776-3627. Once registered you will receive confirmation and directions to the seminar in the mail.

Our weight-loss surgery team will guide you through the process of learning about and possibly having weight-loss surgery. We will work together throughout your preparation for surgery and support afterwards.

On behalf of our entire team, we look forward to serving you in your quest for better health. Thanks for choosing the Weight-Loss Institute at SSM DePaul.

Sincerely,  
J. Stephen Scott, MD  
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