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Providing bariatric surgery to optimize candidacy for kidney transplantation

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Introduction: Vitreoretinal Bariatric surgery has proven to be a necessary adjunctive surgery to improve patient's eligibility for successful kidney transplantation by reducing their BMI to within acceptable limits. In practice, however, the path of a potential kidney patient is different than a typical bariatric patient. Identification of potential patients, pre-operative work up, post-operative follow up and planning between multi-disciplinary teams including bariatric, hospital, transplantation and nephrology, demands strict communication and planning. Pre and post procedural

protocol must be outlined and managed to maintain a safe and efficacious environment for bariatric/transplant patients.

Speaker Biography

Susan Brown has completed her Bachelor's degree in Nursing and has been working as Nurse since 23 years. She has experience directly with transplantation and bariatric operations as a Surgery Nurse and is currently a Certified Bariatric Nurse in the office setting. She is the Bariatric Coordinator for the West Market for KentuckyOne Health.

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