

“Understanding the Risks of Gastric Bypass Surgery” General Information

Thank you for downloading, “Understanding the Risks of Gastric Bypass Surgery”. This program originally aired on the internet on December 8, 2005. The live version of this webcast was broadcast over the web to an international audience of patients interested in gastric bypass surgery. Since that time, over 7,500 patients and health care professionals from around the world have viewed the program in its recorded form through a link at www.obesityhelp.com.

The goal of this program is to provide a basic yet comprehensive overview of the technique of laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery and the potential major complications that can result. The initial intended audience for this webcast was patients interested in gastric bypass surgery. The goal was to provide surgeons with an adjunct to their informed consent process. Should you choose to use it for this purpose, patients can print a certificate at the end of the program. This document, which is built into the program, can be signed by the patient verifying that they watched the program and understand its content. This signed document can then become part of the medical record.

We also believe that the webcast provides information useful to medical students, residents, physician assistants, nurses and practicing physicians. The animated technique sequence and complications overview can be extremely helpful to anyone observing, performing or taking care of a gastric bypass patient. This introductory and cursory information can then become a foundation for more advanced self study and interactive learning.