

7 Standards for a Bariatric Friendly Hospital

The Bariatric Friendly Hospital Initiative aims to standardize and improve the care of adult patients with obesity in Alberta hospitals.



1. All interactions are patient centered, respectful and free from weight bias.



2. Frontline care providers are knowledgeable of the unique care needs for patients with obesity.



3. All patients have their weight taken as close to admission as possible and recorded in a standardized location in the electronic medical record.



4. Patients with bariatric care needs and staff have timely access to appropriate equipment to support their safety and patient comfort.



5. Staff involved with lifts and transfers of patients are knowledgeable and competent to safely transfer all patients with a focus to decrease risk of injury.



6. Staff respectfully communicate patient's bariatric care needs to receiving department, area or facility.



7. Frontline care providers have access to appropriate bariatric supplies to provide high quality healthcare.

