**Obesity: Improving Bariatric Care in Hospitals**

**Why is this important?**

- **Empower**
  - When a person with obesity experiences weight bias and stigma in health care it can lead to depression, anxiety, and avoiding accessing health care.

- **Prevent**
  - Patients with obesity are at a higher risk for complications and injury due to inadequate facility design, equipment, and staff training.

- **Transform**
  - The annual direct cost of health care for treating patients living with obesity in Canada is **5 to 7 billion dollars** and is estimated to rise to **9 billion** by 2021.

- Patients living with obesity face many limitations and barriers in health care such as **accessing treatment** and **long wait times** for bariatric clinic visits and surgery.

- **“The bigger you get, the more invisible you become.”**
  - Patient Advisor

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