

*In Balance*  
*Women's Focused Weight Loss*

Dear Patient,

Thank you for your interest in our medically supervised weight loss program.

Please fill out the following intake form and return it to the office before you schedule your first visit

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This intake form has **two** purposes

1. Identify codes we can submit to your insurance company
  - a. Insurance companies do not generally cover weight loss per se
  - b. However, they will cover the “co-morbidities” (or complications) associated with excess weight
  - c. If your BMI is greater than 30, they should cover unless you have an “obesity exclusion”
  - d. They may also cover if your BMI is greater than 27 with one or more co-morbidities
2. Identify issues you have been struggling with in your efforts to lose and maintain a healthy weight and lifestyle
  - a. This information will provide the supporting documentation that your insurance company requires to cover these services so please do your best to answer ALL the questions

Since your information will be reviewed before your visit, our first session can focus on education and other weight loss tools to get you started right away on the path to a healthier you.

After we receive your completed forms, we will provide you with the “ICD codes” corresponding to these co-morbidities. Please call your insurance and check if they are covered. Pre-authorization is not required. Please be aware that all visit codes will be billed as “problem visits” (as weight loss is not considered preventative) and may be subject to a co-pay or deductible. If your insurance does not cover the program, you may ask about our self-pay rates.

To **schedule** or **reschedule** any of these appointments, please contact Dawn directly. Otherwise your appointment may not be scheduled correctly and may need to be rescheduled.

Please be courteous of our scheduling procedures. If you are unable to keep your appointment please contact the office to cancel. We understand that “things come up” but please take the time to reach out to us. This will allow sufficient time for another patient to schedule their appointment. Rather than charging a no-show fee, after **two** no-show appointments, we will no longer be able to take to care of you.

Thanks for your time  
Julianne Dunne, MD

Name \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical, Social and Nutrition History**

Height	
Current weight	
Goal weight	
Age when last at goal weight	

**Which statement describes you the best?**

- I believe I am eating healthy foods in healthy quantities and I am getting regular exercise. So I don't understand why I am not a healthy size!
- I know which healthy foods to eat and what types of healthy activities I should be doing, but I have a difficult time starting and/or sticking to a plan.
- I am truly confused regarding which foods are healthy and what exercise or activities are the best because there is too much confusing or conflicting information in the media.
- Help me! I don't know even where to start!

**YOUR MEDICAL HISTORY**

Have you been diagnosed with or treated for any of the following conditions?

- heart disease  previous heart attack  stroke
- high cholesterol  elevated triglycerides
- high blood pressure  gestational hypertension (high blood pressure in pregnancy)  pre-eclampsia
- fatty liver disease  gastric reflux disease
- insulin resistance  diabetes  polycystic ovarian syndrome  hypothyroidism  hyperthyroidism
- asthma  COPD  restrictive airway disease  sleep apnea
- osteoarthritis  herniated disk(s)  osteoporosis
- rheumatoid arthritis  colitis  other autoimmune conditions \_\_\_\_\_
- depression  anxiety
- breast cancer  colon cancer  uterine cancer  other cancer \_\_\_\_\_
- other(s), please list \_\_\_\_\_

When was your last?	Date	Provider	Result
Physical Exam?			
Pap smear?			
Mammogram?			
Colonoscopy?			

**MEDICATION**

List any medications, vitamins or herbal remedies you are currently taking on a regular basis.

Drug name	Dosage	How often?	Purpose

Have you ever taken any weight loss medications (prescription or over-the-counter)?  none

Drug name	Dosage	How often?	Last taken?

**ALLERGIES**

List any medications you are allergic to and reaction.  none Are you allergic to latex?  yes  no  
\_\_\_\_\_  rash or hives  swelling of lips or tongue  anaphylaxis  
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**SURGERIES/HOSPITALIZATIONS:**

Please list any operations or illness that required hospitalization.

Year Surgical procedure or reason for hospitalization Year Surgical procedure or reason for hospitalization

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**FAMILY HISTORY**

Has any blood relative ever had any of the following conditions? Please indicate by circling which family member affected and/or writing in maternal aunt or paternal grandfather, etc.

Diabetes	Mother	Father	other _____
High blood pressure	Mother	Father	other _____
Heart disease	Mother	Father	other _____
Cholesterol or lipid problems	Mother	Father	other _____
Obesity	Mother	Father	other _____
Asthma	Mother	Father	other _____
Kidney disease	Mother	Father	other _____
Thyroid disease	Mother	Father	other _____
Liver disease	Mother	Father	other _____
Neurologic disorders	Mother	Father	other _____
Alzheimer's dementia	Mother	Father	other _____
Breast cancer	Mother	Father	other _____
Colon cancer	Mother	Father	other _____
Other _____	Mother	Father	other _____

**GYNECOLOGIC HISTORY**

When was the 1st day of your last period? \_\_\_\_\_ At what age did you have your first period? \_\_\_\_\_

Are your periods regular?  yes  no My periods are  light  moderate  heavy  heavy with clots

If in menopause, what year was your last period? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you having  hot flashes  irritability  vaginal dryness  painful intercourse  difficulty sleeping?

Are you currently sexually active?  yes  no Are you currently planning pregnancy?  yes  no

If you are not planning pregnancy, which of the following methods are you using?  none

condoms  pills/Nuvaring  depo-provera  Nexplanon  Mirena/Skyla  Paragard  vasectomy  tubal ligation/Essure

**OBSTETRIC HISTORY**

How many times have you been pregnant? \_\_\_\_\_ How many live births? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have children, were they delivered by  vaginal birth  cesarean delivery  both

**SOCIAL HISTORY**

Marital status:  S  M  W  D  Sep Who lives at home with you? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe:  desk job  stand on feet often  heavy lifting

Describe your commute to work:  drive  take public transportation  walk to work  bike to work

Do you smoke cigarettes?  never  former smoker  current smoker

If a former/current smoker, how many packs?  <1 pack per day  1 ppd  1-2 ppd  >2 ppd

Do you drink alcohol?  0-12 drinks/year  1-13 drinks/month  4-14 drinks/week  >2 drinks/day

Have you ever been treated for alcohol abuse?  no  yes

Do you use recreational drugs?  no  yes \_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever been treated for drug abuse?  no  yes

**NUTRITION HISTORY**

What was your **birth weight**?  below average  average weight  above average  
Were you delivered by  vaginal birth or  cesarean section? Were you primarily  breast fed or  bottle fed  unsure  
Was your **mother** overweight at the time of your **conception**?  yes  no During **your childhood**?  yes  no  
Was your **father** overweight at the time of your **conception**?  yes  no During **your childhood**?  yes  no

What are your **main reasons** for your decision to lose weight? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you **begin** gaining excess weight? (at what age or what year and give reasons, if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Did you start to gain weight after a **life stress**?  marriage  childbirth  divorce  menopause  other \_\_\_\_\_

Did you gain weight after starting any medication?  yes  no Which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your weight at **20 years** of age: \_\_\_\_\_ Your weight **1 year** ago: \_\_\_\_\_

What has been your **maximum lifetime** weight (non-pregnant) and when? \_\_\_\_\_

What has **improved** your weight? List past successes \_\_\_\_\_

What are the **challenges** that you think hinder your success? \_\_\_\_\_

**FOOD TRIGGERS**

What **triggers** you to eat or overeat?  stress  boredom  comfort  blame  eating certain foods  other

Please describe \_\_\_\_\_

List any **specific foods** that trigger your hunger \_\_\_\_\_

When you eat certain foods can you **easily stop**?  yes  no

Are you compelled to eat until all the **food is gone**?  yes  no

If you have certain foods in your immediate environment, do you feel you **must eat** them?  yes  no

Are you easily full?  yes  no

Do you find you cannot get full?  yes  no

Do you feel less panicky or feel relief after eating?  yes  no

Do you have difficulty resisting temptations?  yes  no

**FOOD HABITS**

What foods do you **crave**? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any specific **time of day** or **month** that you crave food? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you drink regular soda, sweetened tea or juices?  yes  no How many daily? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you drink Starbucks or other gourmet coffee drinks?  yes  no What is your favorite? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use **sugar substitutes**?  yes  no

Do you awaken hungry during the night?  yes  no If yes, what do you do? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your **worst food habits**? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you skip meals or have inconsistent meal patterns?  yes  no

What do you have for **snacks** between meals? \_\_\_\_\_

What access to food do you have at work?  vending machines?  cafeteria  snack bar  other \_\_\_\_\_

How often is food brought into your office for celebrations or just brought in? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you **bring your lunch** to work?  yes  no Do you have a **secret stash** draw at work?  yes  no

Do you **eat differently** when no one else is around?  yes  no

Do you eat while watching TV, working on the computer or going to the movies?  yes  no

Have you ever used laxatives to lose weight?  yes  no Have you ever thrown up after eating?  yes  no

Do you **reward** yourself with food?  yes  no If yes, for what reasons? \_\_\_\_\_

Is your **spouse/significant** other?  below average weight  average weight  above average  very heavy

Are any of your **children** overweight?  yes  no

How often do you eat out? \_\_\_\_\_

What **restaurants** do you frequent? \_\_\_\_\_

When you eat out which of the following do you have?  alcoholic drink  appetizer  entree  dessert

How often do you eat **fast foods**? \_\_\_\_\_

When you eat out do you **share** meals or parts of meals?  yes  no

Who plans meals? \_\_\_\_\_ Cooks? \_\_\_\_\_ Shops? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you use a **shopping list**?  yes  no

What time of day and on what day do you usually **shop for groceries**? \_\_\_\_\_

## DIET HISTORY

List **previous diets** you have followed:

	Dates	Weight (lost or gained)	Length of participation
Weight watchers			
Nutrisystem			
Jenny Craig			
Liquid diets (Optifast)			
Overeaters Anonymous			
Medifast			
OTC diet pills			
Weight Loss surgery			

Have you **maintained any weight loss** for up to 1 year on any of these programs?  yes  no

What did you **learn** from these programs regarding your weight? \_\_\_\_\_

What did **not work** about these programs? \_\_\_\_\_

## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT

Are you currently exercising?  **no**  yes. If yes

	Type of activity	How long?	How often?
	Walking		
	Swimming		
	Bicycle		
	Exercise class		
	Weight lifting or resistance training		
	Yoga/Pilates		
	Gardening		

If no, what keeps you from exercising?  no time  too expensive  too tired  too boring  physical impairment

gym or group classes are intimidating  don't like to sweat  other \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any activities you enjoyed in the past or as a child \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have someone who will exercise with you? \_\_\_\_\_

What types of exercise do you dislike? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of exercise can you/are you willing to do right now? \_\_\_\_\_

## SLEEP HISTORY

Briefly describe your sleep pattern \_\_\_\_\_

Do you **snore** extremely loud so that you may be heard from another room?  **yes**  no

Do you often feel **tired**, fatigued or sleepy during the daytime  **yes**  no

Has anyone **observed** you stop breathing during your sleep?  **yes**  no

Have you ever had a sleep study?  **yes**  no If yes, what were the results? \_\_\_\_\_

## THE EPWORTH SLEEPINESS SCALE

Use the scale below to choose the most appropriate number for each situation

0 = no chance of dozing
1 = slight chance of dozing
2 = moderate chance of dozing
3 = high chance of dozing

SITUATION	CHANCE OF DOZING
Sitting and reading	
Watching TV	
Sitting inactive in a public place (e.g. in a theater)	
As a passenger in a car for an hour without a break	
Lying down to rest in the afternoon when circumstances permit	
Sitting and talking to someone	
Sitting quietly after a lunch without alcohol	

**PSYCHOSOCIAL HISTORY**

Have you ever participated in counseling or psychotherapy?  yes  no

Have you ever been treated for depression?  yes  no

Have you ever been treated for an anxiety disorder?  yes  no

Do you currently take any medications for depression or anxiety?  yes  no

If yes, which ones \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a family history of mental illness?  yes  no

If you answered **yes to any questions above** and want to provide more information, please do so here:

\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been treated for alcohol dependence?  yes  no

Have you ever been treated for drug addiction?  yes  no

Do you have a family history of addiction (alcohol or drug abuse?)  yes  no

Have you ever been a victim of abuse (physical, emotional or sexual?)  yes  no

If yes, have you ever received counseling?  yes  no

If you answered **yes to any questions above** and want to provide more information, please do so here:

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning any major life changes in the next year?  yes  no

If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is the most significant source of stress at this time? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

When you are under a stressful situation at work or family-related do you tend to eat more? Explain

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you think you are currently undergoing a stressful situation or an emotional upset? Explain

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your method of coping with stress? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Who will make up your support team? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What is their relationship to you? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any other comments or concerns \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## HORMONAL BALANCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Read carefully through the list of symptoms. Put a checkmark (✓) next to any you experience. Note each part should be answered separately. Some answers may be repeated. We can periodically repeat this survey to assess your progress!

### Do you have or have you experienced in the past 6 months...

#### CORTISOL EXCESS

- Difficulty falling asleep or disrupted sleep? Or a second wind that keeps you up late?
- Feeling wired yet tired?
- Constantly racing from one task to the next?
- Sugar cravings (you need “a little something” after each meal, usually chocolate!)?
- Gaining weight around your abdomen, even when you eat well and exercise?
- A feeling of anxiety or nervousness—can’t stop worrying about things beyond your control?
- A quickness to feel anger or rage—frequent screaming or yelling?
- Memory lapses or feeling distracted, especially under duress?

#### CORTISOL DEFICIENCY

- Fatigue or burnout? Loss of stamina, particularly from 2 to 5 in the afternoon?
- Crying spurts for no particular reason?
- Feeling stressed most of the time (everything seems harder than before, or trouble coping)?
- Insomnia or difficulty staying asleep, especially between one and four in the morning?
- Salt cravings?
- Excess sweating?
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea? Or loose stool alternating with constipation?
- Muscle weakness, especially around the knees? Muscle or joint pain?

#### ESTROGEN DEFICIENCY

- Poor memory (you walk into a room to do something, then forget what it was)?!
- Emotional fragility, especially compared with how you felt ten years ago)?
- Depression, perhaps with anxiety or lethargy?
- Night sweats or hot flashes?
- Trouble sleeping, waking up in the middle of the night?
- A leaky or overactive bladder?
- Vaginal dryness, irritation, or loss of feeling?
- Low libido? Painful sex?

#### ESTROGEN EXCESS

- Bloating, puffiness, or water retention?
- Heavy bleeding?
- Rapid weight gain, particularly in the hips and butt?
- Endometriosis or painful periods?
- Mood swings, PMS, depression, or just irritability? Weepiness, sometimes over the most ridiculous things?
- Mini breakdowns or anxiety?
- Migraines or other headaches?
- Insomnia?
- Brain fog?

#### PROGESTERONE DEFICIENCY

- Agitation or PMS?
- Cyclic headaches (particularly menstrual or hormonal headaches)?
- Irregular menstrual cycles, or cycles becoming more frequent as you age?
- Heavy or painful periods (heavy: soaking a pad every 2 hours or pain: can’t function without ibuprofen)?
- Bloating, particularly in the ankles and belly, and/or fluid retention?
- Easily disrupted sleep?
- Itchy or restless legs, especially at night?
- Increased clumsiness or poor coordination?

#### ANDROGEN EXCESS

- Excess hair on your face, chest, or arms?
- Acne? Greasy skin and/or hair?
- Thinning hair on your head?
- Discoloration of your armpits (darker and thicker than your normal skin)?
- Skin tags, especially on your neck and upper torso?
- Reactivity and/or irritability, or excessively aggressive or authoritarian episodes?
- Depression? Anxiety?
- Menstrual cycles occurring more than every 35 days?
- Infertility? Or subfertility (no pregnancy < 12 months of trying)?

## REVIEW OF SYMPTOMS

Do you have any of the following **general symptoms**?

fatigue  difficulty sleeping  snoring  daytime sleepiness  forgetfulness

Do you have any of the following **visual symptoms**?

blurry vision  double vision  loss of vision

Do you have any of the following **ear, nose or throat symptoms**?

sore throat  hoarseness  nasal/sinus problems

Do you have any of the following **cardiovascular symptoms**?

chest pain  palpitations  leg swelling  passing out  sudden awakening from sleep with shortness of breath  varicose veins  hemorrhoids

Do you have any of the following **pulmonary symptoms**?

shortness of breath  wheezing  blood in sputum  sleep apnea

Do you have any of the following **gastrointestinal symptoms**?

gastric reflux/heartburn  gallstones  constipation  vomiting/diarrhea  abdominal pain  blood in stool

Do you have any of the following **urinary symptoms**?

loss of urine  frequent urination  prolapsed bladder or uterus  blood in urine

Do you have any of the following **musculoskeletal symptoms**?

low back pain  knee pain  joint pain/swelling  muscle pain/cramps  muscle stiffness

Do you have any of the following **skin conditions**?

acne  eczema  dark skin around neck or groin  stretch marks  skin tags  skin ulcers

Do you have any of the following **neurologic symptoms**?

frequent headache  weakness  carpal tunnel syndrome  impaired balance  numbness or tingling

Do you have any of the following **psychological symptoms**?

depression  stress/anxiety  poor self-image  social isolation

Do you have any of the following **endocrine symptoms**?

heat or cold intolerance  increased thirst  excessive sweating

Do you have any of the following **allergic symptoms**?

hives  hay fever  food allergies or sensitivities  frequent infections

Do you have any of the following **gynecologic symptoms**?

irregular periods  painful periods  heavy periods  genital itch or discharge  premenstrual syndrome  low sex drive  painful intercourse

Do you have any of the following **reproductive symptoms**?

infertility  miscarriage  pregnancy complications \_\_\_\_\_



**ARE YOU READY TO MAKE SOME CHANGES?**

Choose the reason(s) that best describes why you are pursuing a weight loss program at this time?

- To avoid medical disability in the future
- To better manage current medical problems
- To avoid or reduce social criticism from others
- To feel better about myself
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Importance of Change**

On a scale of 1-10, where 1 is not important and 10 is most important, how important is it for you to change your diet and lifestyle habits to lose weight? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (circle one)

**Readiness to Change**

On a scale of 1-10, where 1 is not ready to change and 10 is absolutely ready to change, how ready are you to change your diet and lifestyle habits to lose weight? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (circle one)

**Confidence in Ability to Change**

On a scale of 1-10, where 1 is not confident at all and 10 is absolutely confident, how confident are you in your ability to change your diet and lifestyle habits to lose weight? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (circle one)

What do **you think** would make the most difference in your overall health? \_\_\_\_\_

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In order to improve your health, **how willing are you to**

Rate on a scale of **1** (not willing at all) to **5** (very willing)

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Significantly modify your diet and try new foods                  | 1 2 3 4 5 (circle one) |
| Keep a record of everything you eat each day                      | 1 2 3 4 5 (circle one) |
| Modify your lifestyle (e.g. work demands, sleep habits, exercise) | 1 2 3 4 5 (circle one) |
| Engage in regular physical activity                               | 1 2 3 4 5 (circle one) |
| Practice a daily relaxation technique                             | 1 2 3 4 5 (circle one) |
| Take nutritional supplements when recommended                     | 1 2 3 4 5 (circle one) |
| Have periodic lab tests to assess your progress                   | 1 2 3 4 5 (circle one) |

### 3 DAY FOOD DIARY

Tell me about your **typical day's eating habits** (and include beverages, sweeteners) for at least one or more days

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
Breakfast Time _____			
Snack Time _____			
Lunch Time _____			
Snack Time _____			
Dinner Time _____			
Snack Time _____			