

# Weight Co-Management Guidelines

Lifestyle Medicine Collaborative (LMC) Program (Hepatology, Gastroenterology, Endocrinology, Cardiology and Clinical Nutrition)

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Diagnosis/symptom:	Referring provider's initial evaluation and management:	When to initiate referral/consider refer to Lifestyle Medicine Clinic (LMC):	What can referring provider send to Lifestyle Medicine Collaborative?	Specialist's workup after referral to LMC will likely include:
<p><b>Signs and symptoms</b> Child age 2-18 years with BMI <math>\geq</math> 85%</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serum ALT <math>\geq</math>40 or known NAFLD</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-diabetes or diabetes (non insulin-dependent)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hyperlipidemia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LDL &gt;190 or LDL persistently &gt;160 with lifestyle changes</li> <li>TG &gt;500</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hypertension</li> </ul>	<p><b>Diagnosis and treatment</b> Diagnosis is based on history, physical and additional testing, which may include but not limited to: height, weight, blood pressure, BMI, BMI%, BMI z-score, lab work, including: lipid panel, ALT, glucose, hemoglobin A1c, LDL.</p> <p>Treatment can be based on underlying cause, severity of obesity, age and sex. Can include, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lifestyle changes</li> <li>Referral to additional sub-specialists at Children's</li> <li>Referral to Behavioral/Counseling</li> <li>Medication</li> <li>Liver FibroScan</li> <li>Referral to Froedtert's Adolescent Bariatric Surgery</li> </ul>	<p>Child age 2-18* years with BMI <math>\geq</math>85%</p> <p><b><math>\geq</math>2 comorbidities:</b></p> <p><b>WITH:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serum ALT <math>\geq</math>40 or known NAFLD</li> </ul> <p><b>AND EITHER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-diabetes or diabetes (non insulin-dependent)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hyperlipidemia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LDL &gt;190 or LDL persistently &gt;160 with lifestyle changes</li> <li>TG &gt;500</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hypertension</li> </ul> <p><i>*Any child with obesity before or by age 5, provider should consider a genetic referral.</i></p>	<p><b>In order to help triage our patients and maximize the visit, please include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth charts</li> <li>Chief complaint, onset, frequency</li> <li>Recent progress notes</li> <li>Urgency of the referral</li> <li>Labs and imaging results</li> <li>Other diagnoses</li> <li>Office notes with medications tried/failed in the past and any lab work that may have been obtained regarding this patient's problems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents will be called for an appointment.</li> <li>Clinic is held twice per month.</li> <li>Patients will meet with a PNP in GI, Hepatologist, Endocrinology PNP/MD or Cardiologist MD, and registered dietitian for the first visit.</li> <li>RD and GI PNP for the second visit or Endocrinology PNP</li> <li>Additional visit with full team (GI PNP, Endocrinology/Cardiology, Hepatologist, RD) 6 mos. after initial visit</li> <li>A liver FibroScan (measures fat/fibrosis) will be performed biannually.</li> <li>Labs will be rechecked 1-6 months after the initial visit.</li> <li>The patient may be referred to additional specialists if needed.</li> <li><a href="http://childrenswi.org">Information about the Lifestyle Medicine Collaborative Program on childrenswi.org.</a></li> </ul>

## Send referrals to Children's LMC.



- **Internal referral via Children's Epic**  
Send an ambulatory referral to *Lifestyle Medicine Clinic* OR to *Weight Management*.
- **External referral via Epic**  
Send to CHW GASTROENTEROLOGY CLINICS. Add Lifestyle Medicine Collaborative in the notes/comments.

- **Via fax**  
(414) 607-5288
- **Via phone**  
(414) 266-2420



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Nutrition, Exercise, Weight loss (NEW) Kids Program for Elevated BMI (Gastroenterology, Clinical Nutrition)

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Diagnosis/symptom:	Referring provider's initial evaluation and management:	When to initiate referral/consider refer to NEW Kids Clinic:	What can referring provider send to NEW Kids Clinic?	Specialist's workup after referral to NEW Kids will likely include:
<p><b>Signs and symptoms</b></p> <p>Child age 2-18 years with BMI <math>\geq 85\%</math></p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 1 comorbid condition</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Child age 2-18 years with BMI <math>\geq 40</math> with/without a comorbid condition</p>	<p><b>Diagnosis and treatment</b></p> <p>Diagnosis is based on history, physical and additional testing, which may include but not limited to: height, weight, blood pressure, BMI, BMI%, BMI z-score, lab work, including: lipid panel, ALT, glucose, hemoglobin A1c, LDL.</p> <p>Treatment can be based on underlying cause, severity of obesity, age and sex. Can include, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lifestyle changes</li> <li>Referral to additional sub-specialists at Children's</li> <li>Referral to Behavioral/Counseling</li> <li>Medication</li> <li>Referral to Froedtert's Adolescent Bariatric Surgery</li> </ul>	<p>Child age 2-18 years with BMI <math>\geq 40</math> with/without comorbid condition</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>BMI <math>&gt;85\%</math> AND at least one comorbid condition as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ALT <math>\geq 40</math> or known NAFLD</li> <li>Pre-diabetes (HbA1C <math>&lt;6.5\%</math>)</li> <li>Hyperlipidemia</li> <li>Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH)</li> <li>Hypertension</li> <li>Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)</li> <li>Slipped Capital Femoral Epiphysis (SCFE)</li> <li>Blount's disease</li> </ul>	<p><b>In order to help triage our patients and maximize the visit, please include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth charts</li> <li>Chief complaint, onset, frequency</li> <li>Recent progress notes</li> <li>Urgency of the referral</li> <li>Labs and imaging results</li> <li>Other diagnoses</li> <li>Office notes with medications tried/failed in the past and any lab work that may have been obtained regarding this patient's problems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents will be called for an appointment.</li> <li>Wait times vary for initial appointments between Main Campus and Delafield.</li> <li>They will meet with a PNP in GI/NEW Kids for the first visit, an RD GI/NEW KIDS for the second visit, and third visit with the RD and PNP together, alternating appointments for up to 6 visits.</li> <li>Lab frequency will be determined at the first NEW Kids appointment (repeat labs 3-9 months) after the initial visit.</li> <li>The patient may be referred to additional specialists if needed.</li> <li><a href="#">NEW Kids video</a></li> </ul>

Send referrals to Children's NEW Kids Clinic.



**Internal referral via Children's Epic**

Send an ambulatory referral to *NEW Kids Clinic* OR to *Weight Management*.

**External referral via Epic**

Please use the NEW Kids referral form on the website found at: [childrenswi.org/newkids](http://childrenswi.org/newkids).

**Via fax**

(414) 607-5288

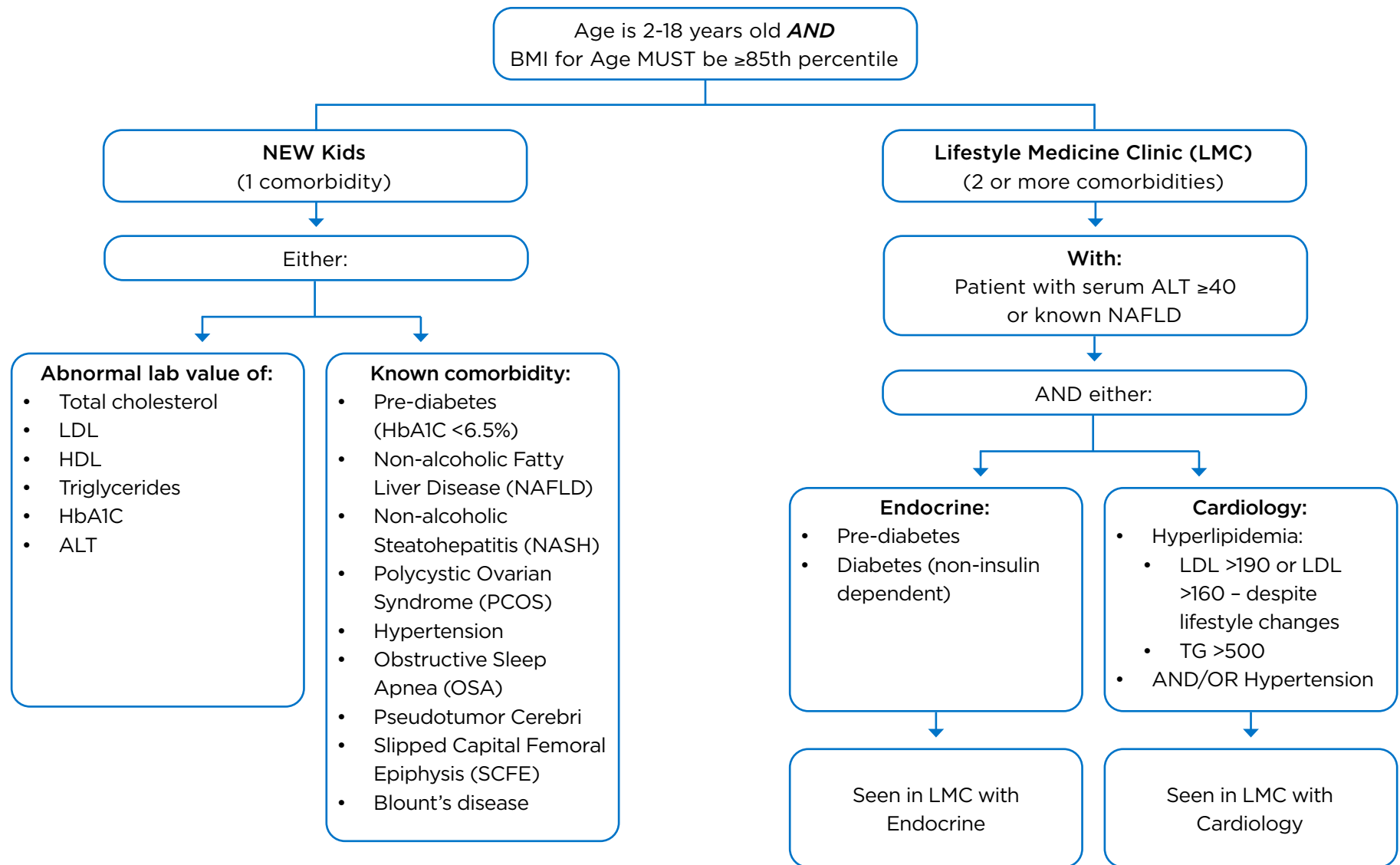
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Endocrinology & Diabetes

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Diagnosis/symptom:	Referring provider's initial evaluation and management:	When to initiate referral/consider refer to Endocrinology Clinic:	What can referring provider send to Endocrinology?	Specialist's workup after referral to Endocrinology Clinic will likely include:
<p><b>Signs and symptoms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HbA1c <math>\geq 6.5\%</math>: Concern for diagnosis of new onset type 2 diabetes. Contact our office (414-266-6750) for referral to Diabetes Clinic.</li> <li>HbA1c <math>&lt; 6.5\%</math>, refer to NEW Kids</li> <li>HbA1c 6.0-6.4%: Obtain a fasting glucose or, if able, OGTT*</li> </ul> <p>*To perform OGTT, the child must be fasting for 12 hrs. and take 1.75 grams of glucose/kilogram (max 75 grams) during 5-minute period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fasting glucose <math>&gt; 125</math>, please call endocrinology for an appointment</li> <li>Fasting glucose less than 126 or 2-hour OGTT <math>&lt; 200</math>, please encourage lifestyle changes and repeat in 3-6 months. There is the option to refer to Diabetes Prevention Program (under endocrinology referral drop down) or NEW Kids for lifestyle counseling.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Diagnosis and treatment</b></p> <p>Treatment can be based on underlying cause, severity of obesity, age and sex. Can include, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lifestyle changes</li> <li>Referral to additional sub-specialists at Children's</li> <li>Medication</li> </ul>	<p>HbA1c <math>\geq 6.5\%</math>: Concern for diagnosis of new onset type 2 diabetes. Contact our office (414-266-6750) for referral to Diabetes Clinic.</p> <p>HbA1c <math>&lt; 6.5\%</math>, refer to NEW Kids</p> <p>HbA1c 6.0-6.4%: Obtain a fasting glucose or, if able, OGTT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the fasting glucose <math>&lt; 126</math> or 2-hour OGTT less than 200, encourage dietary and exercise changes for 3 months and repeat HbA1c.</li> <li>If 2-hour blood sugar on OGTT <math>&gt; 200</math> or fasting blood sugar <math>&gt; 126</math>, refer to endocrine. Call for an appointment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>In order to help triage our patients and maximize the visit, please include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth charts</li> <li>Chief complaint, onset, frequency</li> <li>Recent progress notes</li> <li>Urgency of the referral</li> <li>Labs and imaging results</li> <li>Other diagnoses</li> <li>Office notes with medications tried/failed in the past and any lab work that may have been obtained regarding this patient's problems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patient will be called by clinic staff for next available Session 1 type 2 clinic visit and education.</li> <li>These appointments occur on Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. and last until around noon.</li> <li>Patients will see a provider, an RN educator and an RD at this visit.</li> <li>At this visit, patients will be scheduled for their next office visit (3-month follow-up) and Session 2 type 2 education (occurs every other Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. – twice per month).</li> <li>A1c will be checked each clinic visit with any additional labs as requested by provider.</li> </ul>

## Send referrals to Children's Endocrinology.



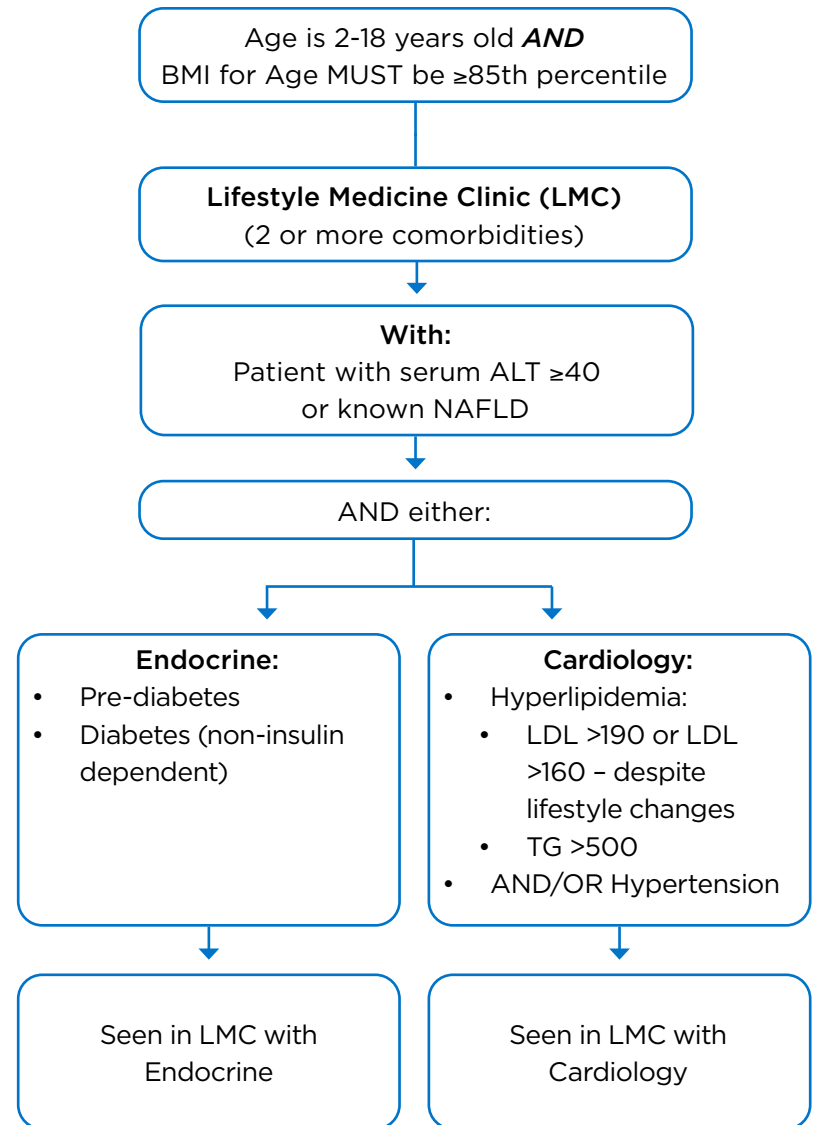
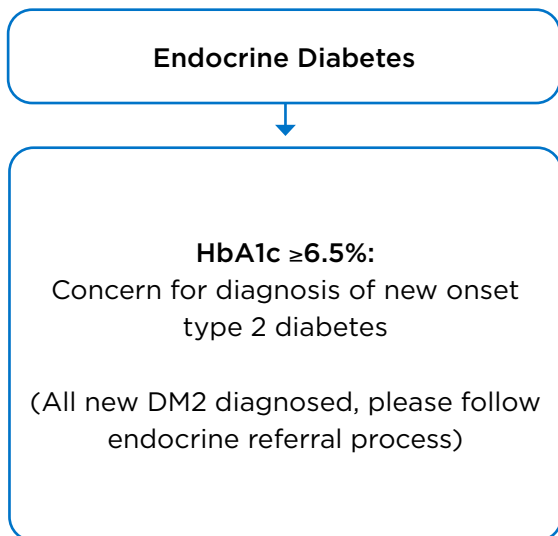
- Internal referral via Children's Epic**  
Send an ambulatory referral to *Diabetes/Endocrinology*.
- External referral via Epic**  
Send to CHW ENDOCRINE & DIABETES CLINICS.
- Via fax**  
(414) 607-5288
- Via phone**  
(414) 266-2420

*Please note:*  
If HbA1c is greater than 6.5%, random blood sugar greater than 200 or fasting blood sugar greater than 125, please call the clinic at (414) 266-6750.



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# Weight Co-Management Guidelines

Healthy Hearts (Cardiology)

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Diagnosis/symptom:	Referring provider's initial evaluation and management:	When to initiate referral/consider refer to Healthy Hearts Clinic:	What can referring provider send to Cardiology?	Specialist's workup after referral to Cardiology will likely include:
<b><u>Signs and symptoms</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hypertension</li> <li>Hyperlipidemia</li> <li>Family history of heart disease</li> <li>Obesity</li> </ul>	<b><u>Diagnosis and treatment</u></b> <p>Diagnosis is based on history, physical and additional testing, which may include but not limited to: height, weight, blood pressure, BMI, BMI%, BMI z-score, lab work, including: lipid panel, ALT, AST, glucose, hemoglobin A1c.</p>	<p>Pediatric patient &lt; 18 years of age with concern for cardiovascular risk factors including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total Cholesterol &gt;200 mg/dL</li> <li>LDL &gt;130 mg/dL</li> <li>TG &gt;130 mg/dL</li> <li>BP &gt;90th%ile or &gt;120/80</li> <li>Positive family history: having a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle who has had cardiovascular disease under the age of 55 years in males or under age 65 years in females</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>In order to help triage our patients and maximize the visit, please include:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth charts</li> <li>Chief complaint, onset, frequency</li> <li>Recent progress notes</li> <li>Urgency of the referral</li> <li>Labs and imaging results</li> <li>Other diagnoses</li> <li>Office notes with medications tried/failed in the past and any lab work that may have been obtained regarding this patient's problems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Screening blood work (if not already done) prior to visit</li> <li>Evaluation by RN, MD and RD</li> <li>Follow-up is individualized based on risk factors and/or patient needs</li> <li>Cardiac diagnostic tests as needed               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Echocardiogram</li> <li>ECG</li> <li>Exercise Stress Test</li> </ul> </li> <li>Referral to other subspecialties as needed</li> </ul>

Send referrals to Children's Cardiology.



• **Internal referral via Children's Epic**

Send an ambulatory referral to *Healthy Hearts Preventive Cardiology Clinic*.

• **External referral via Epic**

Send to CARDIOLOGY CLINICS. Add Healthy Hearts in the notes/comments.

• **Via fax**

(414) 607-5288

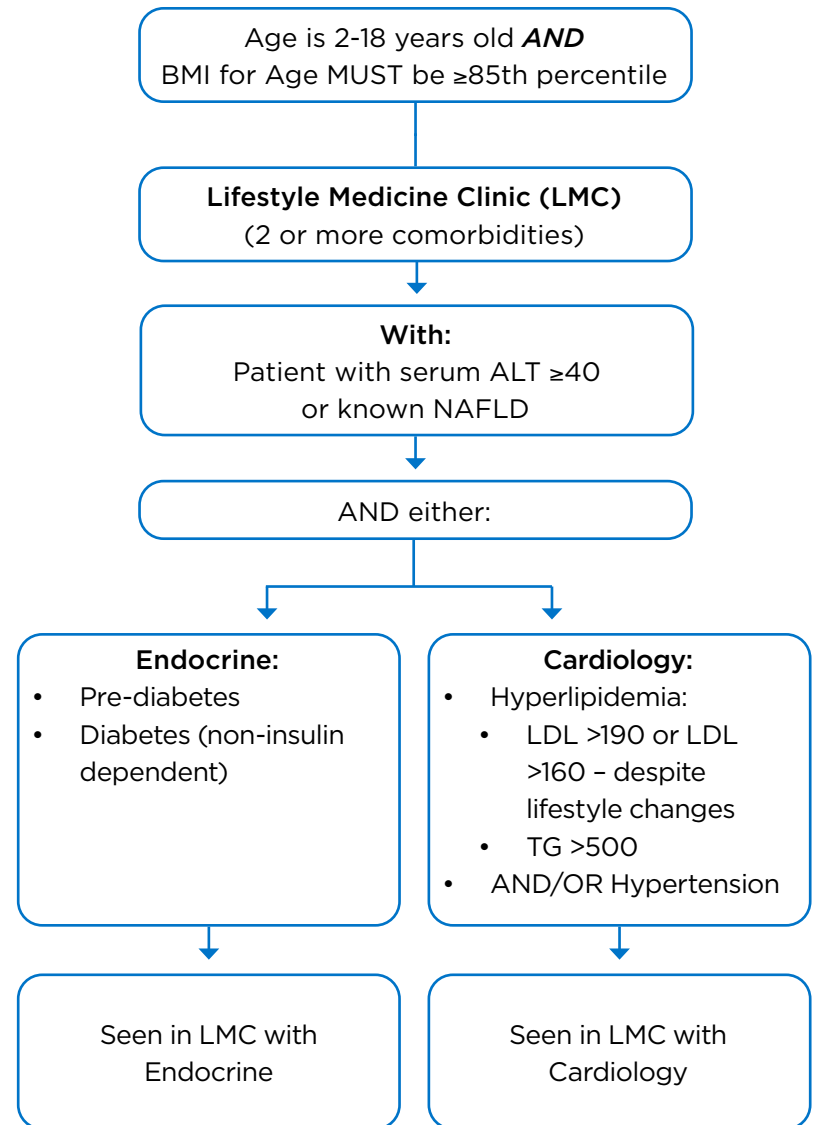
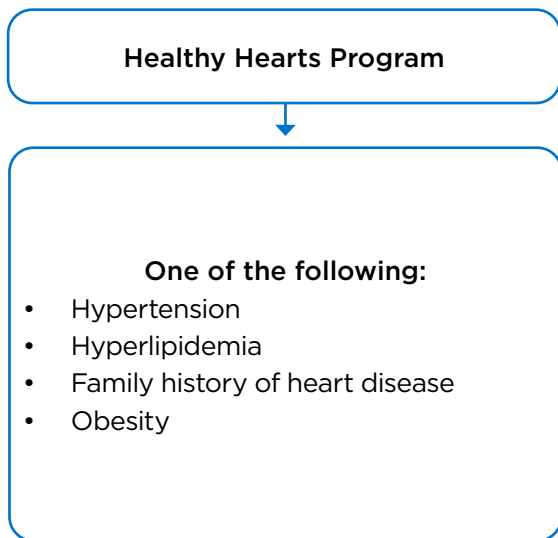
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# Weight Co-Management Guidelines

Adolescent Metabolic Bariatric Surgery Program (Collaborating with Froedtert Bariatric Surgery Program with Dr. Tammy Kindel)

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Diagnosis/symptom:	Referring provider's initial evaluation and management:	When to initiate referral/consider referral to Metabolic Bariatric Surgery:	What can referring provider send to Bariatric Surgery Program?	Specialist's workup after referral to Bariatric Surgery will likely include:
<p><b>Signs and symptoms</b></p> <p>Patient should be a minimum of 13 years of age or older*.</p> <p>BMI &gt;35 with ≥1 comorbid condition or any patient with a BMI ≥40 with/without comorbid issues</p> <p>Exclusions: Suicide attempt in the last 12 months; Prader-Willi syndrome.</p>	<p><b>Diagnosis and treatment</b></p> <p>Diagnosis is based on lab work, BMI, lifestyle changes and possible medication.</p>	<p>On a patient-to-patient basis or families/patients who are requesting this.</p>	<p><b>In order to help triage our patients and maximize the visit, please include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth charts</li> <li>• Chief complaint, onset, frequency</li> <li>• Recent progress notes</li> <li>• Urgency of the referral</li> <li>• Labs and imaging results</li> <li>• Other diagnoses</li> <li>• Office notes with medications tried/failed in the past and any lab work that may have been obtained regarding this patient's problems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History, physical, lab work and referral to Dr. Tammy Kindel for an evaluation for metabolic bariatric surgery</li> <li>• May include monthly weight loss management visits between NEW Kids &amp; Bariatric</li> <li>• Bariatric assessment will include surgeon, MD, APP, dietitian and psychologist.</li> <li>• NEW Kids Program (414) 607-5280</li> <li>• Froedtert Bariatric Surgery program (877) 770-5673</li> </ul>

## Send referrals to Children's NEW Kids Clinic.



### • Internal referral via Children's Epic

Send an ambulatory referral to *NEW Kids Clinic*.  
Referral to Dr. Tammy Kindel.

### • External referral via Epic

Please use the NEW Kids referral form on the website found at: [childrenswi.org/newkids](http://childrenswi.org/newkids)\*

\*Add in the comment section "Referral for Bariatric Surgery."

### • Via fax

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### • Via phone

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