



The Bariatric & Metabolic Institute Opened for In-Person Visits

We are pleased to announce that the Bariatric & Metabolic Institute (BMI) at Pennington Biomedical Research Center opened for in-person visits on May 27, 2020. The BMI is a partnership between LSU's Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, the Office of the Governor of Louisiana, Louisiana Economic Development (LED), LSU's School of Medicine in New Orleans, and Pennington Biomedical Research Foundation.

This new institute is the first one in the nation to offer an integrated and multidisciplinary approach to caring for individuals who suffer from obesity and diabetes. The Bariatric & Metabolic Institute wants to treat the disease of obesity through personalized care, which means offering tailored treatments and therapies based on each patient's situation and needs. The team will use a variety of treatment approaches, including lifestyle interventions, drug and combination therapies, and surgical procedures performed in state-of-the-art facilities at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center.

This program is led by Dr. Philip Schauer. In addition to the outpatient clinic and surgical components of bariatric surgery, Dr. Schauer is developing research labs staffed by highly skilled, biomedical science professionals. The team will grow to be the most comprehensive group of clinical experts found under one roof. Their goal is to establish Pennington Biomedical as **THE** research and treatment institution in the world for metabolic surgery, bringing bariatric clinical research trials to the patients they serve.

If you are interested in a consultation, please click [here](#) and fill out the form.