

Foundations of Practice and Beyond

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The practical realities of the Extreme Bariatric Patient

Abstract

Although most healthcare organisations will now have policies, plans and equipment in place to address the admission of a bariatric patient, not all may have tested these systems out in practice. Even where a service considers itself to be experienced with a reasonable provision of equipment, the reality of one extreme patient can put all of these arrangements to the test.

This presentation gives a brief insight into the challenges faced by one team following just such a case involving a patient of extreme size with a BMI of 112.

It demonstrates that no matter how well we try to plan, that each individual patient may present with a whole range of new challenges.