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Medical School Doctor Performs Weight Loss Surgery

Reno residents who are more than 100 pounds overweight can take advantage of a surgical procedure to help loose the weight. The surgical solution for losing weight is offered through the University of Nevada School of Medicine. To learn more about the procedure, there will be a free lecture from **4 - 6 p.m., on April 5th, in the Sierra Room at the University Inn.** Due to limited seating, please call **Lori at 784-1595** for reservations.

The lecture and surgery is offered by Barry Fisher, M.D., associate professor and chief of the Division of Minimally Invasive Surgery at the medical school. One of the bariatric operations, which is called vertical Silastic ring gastroplasty, reduces the stomach size to help patients loose weight. The other procedure, a stomach bypass operation, is also offered for extremely heavy patients who are more than 200 pounds overweight, and whose main problem is eating sweets.

Dr. Fisher is a member of the American Society for Bariatric Surgery and is also a board certified general surgeon.

A native of New York, Dr. Fisher received his medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1966. He completed his internship at Bronx Municipal Hospital in 1967 followed by a four year general surgery residency at Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. As a United States Air Force Major, Fisher served as Chief of Surgery at Nellis Air Force Base until 1973.