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### **Rex Bariatric Specialists Designated as Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence**

RALEIGH, N.C. - Rex Bariatric Specialists has received national recognition for its weight-loss surgery program.

The practice, led by Drs. Peter C. Ng and Lindsey S. Sharp, is now designated as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence by the independent, nonprofit American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS).

The Center of Excellence program, started in 2004, reviews all aspects of bariatric surgeons and facilities to ensure their safety and efficacy. Rex Hospital previously met the ASMBS' stringent requirements and earned the Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence distinction. The program is designed to help patients pick the facilities that provide the highest quality, most cost-effective care.

Rex Bariatric Specialists uses bariatric surgery as one component in providing comprehensive treatment and care for its weight-loss patients, including pre- and post-surgery nutrition counseling, support group meetings and more.

"Dr. Sharp and I work hard to make sure that our patients have the tools and support for successful weight loss and lifetime weight management," Dr. Ng said. "The Center of Excellence designation is great recognition for our program and staff and something that patients can use when evaluating a weight-loss surgery program."

For more information about Rex Bariatric Specialists and its bariatric surgery program, visit [rexbariatricspecialists.com](http://rexbariatricspecialists.com), call (919) 784-7874 or email [lose2live@rexhealth.com](mailto:lose2live@rexhealth.com).

#### **About Rex Healthcare**

Rex Healthcare, a member of UNC Health Care, is a private, not-for-profit health care system with more than 5,200 co-workers. Rex Healthcare has 665 beds (439 general acute beds and 226 skilled nursing) and treats nearly 34,000 inpatients each year. Rex offers dedicated centers for cancer, surgery, heart and vascular, post-acute rehabilitation and skilled nursing care, wellness and women's care plus dedicated services for bariatric, heartburn, pain management, sleep disorders, diabetes education, wound and emergency care. More than 1,100 physicians are on the Rex medical staff. Rex provides various health care services throughout Wake County with facilities in Apex, Cary, Garner, Holly Springs, Knightdale, Wakefield and downtown Raleigh. Rex was the first hospital in the Triangle to receive Magnet Recognition, placing Rex nurses among the top 6 percent in the nation. Rex was named one of

the top 100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare by *Modern Healthcare* magazine in 2008, 2009 and 2011, and was highlighted as one of the Top 50 Hospitals in the U.S. by *Becker's Hospital Review* in 2011. Visit [rexhealth.com](http://rexhealth.com) for more information.