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BARIATRIC SURGERY SUPPORT GROUP TO MEET

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (April 4, 2011)—Halifax Regional plans to form a support group for residents who are considering or have undergone weight loss surgery.

A free informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m. April 28 at Halifax HealthLink in Becker Village Mall for anyone interested in forming a support group. In addition to patients and prospective patients, relatives and friends are welcome to attend.

“We have had several inquiries from residents who asked if a support group existed in the Roanoke Valley,” said Robin Isles, RN, staff/patient educator at Halifax Regional. “If there is sufficient interest, we will organize the group and schedule regular meetings.”

Weight loss surgery is called bariatric surgery. Bariatric is defined as “relating to or specializing in the treatment of obesity.”

Potential topics for discussion are diet, exercise, behavior change and testimonials from patients who have undergone the surgery, Isles said.

The purpose of the support group is to assist and educate those considering the surgery or recovering from it, Isles said. The group will honor the privacy of the discussion. Contact Isles at 252 535-8445 or risles@halifaxrhc.org for information about the support group.

Call Jackie Cieslinski at 252 535-4343 about information about the meeting and other activities at Halifax HealthLink.

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