

# **Medical Weight Loss Programs: A Growth Market** **(A Market Research Analysis)**

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- Major Medical Chains: Lindora Clinics, Centers for Medical Weight Loss, Smart for Life, Medi-Weightloss Clinics, Medical Weight Loss of Michigan, new chains: Nuviva, Thinique, Dr. G's, Let's Lose, JumpstartMD (in-depth company descriptions, plan costs, estimated revenues, no. of centers, franchising growth strategies, etc.)
- Tables: Avg. revenues per site, avg. plan cost to patient, avg. income statement, start-up Costs for top 8 medical weight loss chains/franchises/licensors.

## **The Diet Drugs Market**

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- Discussion of viewing obesity as a disease, major obesity medications used today, FDA position, role of MDs, commercial chains' involvement with diet drugs, why it's tougher than thought to develop anti-obesity drugs that are effective and with minimal side effects.
- Status Report: Contrave, Qsymia & Belviq sales & outlooks, FDA rejections of: Acomplia, Taranabant, other Rx diet drugs
- Other new obesity drugs in development: Saxenda, Beloranib, Mirabegron
- Existing drugs used (Xenical, Phentermine) – descriptions

Tables - prescriptions written and \$ sales for: Meridia, Xenical, Phentermine, 12 other anti-obesity drugs (2003-2014), historical sales 1995-2000

- Marketdata's 2015 and 2019 outlooks for prescription diet drugs, effect of new drugs on mkt. Size, discussion of this market's potential vs. drawbacks, overcoming MD and consumer attitudes, side effects, effectiveness. Moderate weight loss not enough for most dieters.

## **Bariatrician Programs**

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- status report of profession, ASBP survey results (MDs by: age, income, size practice), how they're trained, number practicing, certification by ASBP, use of diet drugs, treatment methods used, plan effectiveness/cost, business is up due to more surgeries, less surgeries – opinions of industry consultant.

## **The Bariatric Surgery Market**

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- Discussion of gastric bypass & lapband procedures, why demand grew strongly to 2007, status report, 2014 estimated surgeries, 2015 & 2019 forecasts, costs per surgery by type payor, pros/cons, who qualifies, **effect of Obamacare** on coverage by 25 state exchanges
- **Surgery mkt. smaller than thought** – better data from government/AHRQ data proves 2009-2012 decline, revisions of prior estimates based on ASMBS estimates
- Surgery utilization and outcomes, mean cost per surgery
- Major insurers' coverage today, status report, Medicare position, role of liaison firms (The Wish Centers, Barix Clinics, Liv-Lite, Journey Lite - addresses), avg. cost of surgery.
- Types of surgery: Roux-en-Y, lap banding, minigastric bypass, sleeve, consumer pros/cons

Table: No. of bariatric surgeries performed: 1992-2015

Table: \$ value of the market: 1992-2019 F, outlook under Obamacare

- Associations: ASBS, Obesity Action Coalition, increased lobbying efforts.

## **VLCD/LCD Fasting Supplement Programs**

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- **Status report** of low-calorie modified fasting programs in 2013-2014, effect of bariatric surgeries, outlooks by mgmt. at HMR, strong demand from hospitals for tunkey programs characterizing the mkt. (price, programs, no. of sites, increased direct-to-customer sales)
- Historical nature of market - development from 1970s-1990s, enrollments, drop-out/completion rates, problem on insurance coverage, market indicators, positive & negative trends/factors.

Table: Marketdata estimates of VLCD enrollments for 1995-2015 (new vs. repeat patients, fasting vs. maintenance), \$ value of mkt. for 1984-2019 F.

Company Profiles: Detailed descriptions of companies/plans, program revenues:

**Health Management Resources, Optifast** (Nestle)

Table: VLCD enrollments, \$ mkt. value: Marketdata estimates: 2007-2014.

## **Reference Directory of Weight Loss Information Sources**

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- Industry & government trade associations, journals, newsletters, magazines, consultants