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“Big and Small, We Haul ‘Em All!: (60 – 90 Minutes)

NCCR Category: Medical (Special Healthcare Needs)

General/Breakout/Concurrent Sessions

Summary

For the past decade, the number of Americans who are classified as being obese has risen dramatically. Morbid obesity is a medical condition which may develop slowly, but can have devastating effects on the overall health of the patient. This session will discuss the definition of morbid obesity, co-morbid conditions associated with obesity, pre-hospital treatment concerns, and various methods for reducing the patient’s weight.

Objectives

- Define morbid obesity
- Discuss co-morbid health conditions
- Discuss pre-hospital conditions and alternative treatment strategies
- Identify types of treatment options available to morbidly obese patients