

**TIM** Gastric bypass has proven to be very successful. And in fact, a lot of the recent research has shown us that it is **FAULKENBERRY:** incredibly successful at treating certain forms of diabetes, particularly type 2 diabetes, that has occurred in an obese patient.

We find that many patients who have developed very difficult to control diabetes will have very rapid improvement. And in fact, sometimes the diabetes will even completely disappear following surgery. High blood pressure is normally very well treated with bariatric surgery as well.

The problems of sleep apnea improve, albeit more slowly than those other metabolic issues. But most patients can expect a significant improvement in their sleep apnea.

Then on top of that, the folks that have bad joints-- and we have lots of patients that come to see us because they are impaired in their ability to get around, because their hips, their knees, their back gives them such discomfort because of the weight they carry. And as they lose weight, their ability to get around is so much improved that that alone has made it worthwhile for them to have their procedure.