

Statement of Philosophy

Obesity is a chronic disease, which requires a lifelong treatment.

Obesity is a disease process with a physiological cause, like diabetes or hypertension. It is **not** a result of “**weakness**” or “**lack of willpower**” on the part of the patient.

Obese individuals have a right to healthcare that is safe and fits their lifestyle. It should recognize and respect their individual, physical, social, spiritual, psychological and economic needs.