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# WEIGHT NEUTRAL APPROACH TO HEALTHCARE

Research has demonstrated that health outcomes and provider/patient rapport are improved when providers adopt a weight-neutral approach to healthcare. For our work together please consider:

01

Not weighing me unless necessary and not disclosing my weight (or having it accessible on after-care notes) if I am weighed

02

Not prescribing weight loss as a treatment option.

03

Prescribing tests and treatments as you would utilize for someone if weight were not a consideration.

04

Asking about my health and wellness behaviors, rather than making assumptions.

05

Creating a shame-free environment where I feel safe to be honest and feel empowered to make health decisions.

# RESOURCES

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