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Dear Health in Our Hands member,

The Research Action for Health Network (REACHnet) is conducting a study to understand the experiences of patients who have had weight loss surgery. Your experiences will be used for research to better address the needs of people who have had this surgery.

You are invited to share your experiences as part of a focus group discussion with others who have had bariatric surgery. Your participation in this focus group is voluntary. You are also free to withdraw from this group at any time. If you choose to take part in the study, there will be no cost to you.

You will receive a \$50 gift card after completing the focus group. The focus group leader will ask about your thoughts, feelings, and experiences with weight loss surgery. We are interested in all feedback and opinions. The group discussion will be audio-recorded, and it will last about 60-90 minutes. The focus group will be held at Louisiana Public Health Institute located in the Central Business District in New Orleans.

**If you are interested in participating, please email or call:**

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Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,

The Health in Our Hands Team