

B12 DEFICIENCY

SCREEN. TREAT. PROTECT YOUR PATIENTS.

Approximately
48 million
adults are
clinically
B12 deficient²

18% of
**severely
obese
patients**

Higher risk
for
**bariatric
patients**

50% of
**gastric
bypass
patients**

Low B12 levels
1 year
after surgery

After 3 years
**30% had
low levels**

B12 deficiency is more common than you think, and is directly associated with both hematological and neurological changes, including¹:

- memory impairment
- early dementia
- depression
- megaloblastic anemia
- irreversible nerve damage

Up to 18% of severely obese adults are diagnosed with low B12 levels prior to bariatric surgery.³

Bariatric patients are at an increased risk of B12 deficiency, because their digestive tracts are altered, interfering with the natural absorption B12.³

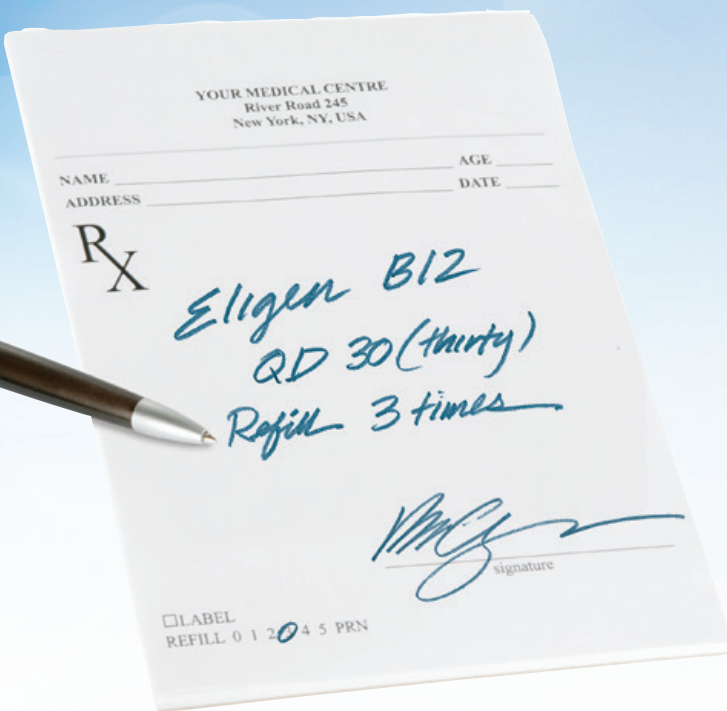
Nutritional deficiencies, such as low B12 levels, are unrecognized in approximately 50% of patients who undergo gastric bypass surgery.⁴

As many as 70% of gastric bypass patients have low blood levels of vitamin B12 after the first year post-surgery.³

Even with multivitamin supplementation, up to 30% of patients may be B12 deficient 3 years after gastric bypass surgery.³

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(cyanocobalamin/SNAC)
1000 mcg/100 mg tablets

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Start your B12 deficient patients on
Eligen B12™ Oral
Once-daily dosing
No Needle. Normal B12 Levels.⁵

HELP PATIENTS SAVE MONEY.

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are established by medical evaluation. Eligen B12™ is a medical food available by prescription for patients who have a medically diagnosed vitamin B12 deficiency associated with a disease or condition that cannot be managed by a modification of normal diet alone.⁵

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