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# **Bariatric Surgery: Indications and Health Benefits**

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## 2022 American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) and International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders (IFSO): Indications for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery

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- **MBS is recommended for individuals with BMI 35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, regardless of presence, absence, or severity of co-morbidities.**
- **MBS is recommended in patients with T2D and BMI 30kg/m<sup>2</sup>.**
- **MBS should be considered in individuals with BMI of 30– 34.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> who do not achieve substantial or durable weight loss or co-morbidity improvement using nonsurgical methods.**



# Indications

- Obesity definitions using BMI thresholds do not apply similarly to all populations. Clinical obesity in the Asian population is recognized in individuals with BMI >25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.
- Access to MBS should not be denied solely based on traditional BMI risk zones.
- There is no upper patient-age limit to MBS. Older individuals who could benefit from MBS should be considered for surgery after careful assessment of co-morbidities and frailty.
- Carefully selected individuals considered higher risk for general surgery may benefit from MBS.

# Indications

- Carefully selected individuals considered higher risk for general surgery may benefit from MBS.
- Children and adolescents with BMI >120% of the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile and a major co-morbidity, or a BMI >140% of the 95th percentile, should be considered for MBS after evaluation by a multidisciplinary team in a specialty center.
- MBS is an effective treatment of clinically severe obesity in patients who need other specialty surgery, such as joint arthroplasty, abdominal wall hernia repair, or organ transplantation.



# Indications

- Consultation with a multidisciplinary team can help manage the patient's modifiable risk factors with a goal of reducing risk of perioperative complications and improving outcomes.
- The ultimate decision for surgical readiness should be determined by the surgeon.
- Severe obesity is a chronic disease requiring long-term management after primary MBS. This may include revisional surgery or other adjuvant therapy to achieve desired treatment effect.

# Bariatric Surgery: Indications and Health Benefits

## NATIONAL CLINICAL GUIDELINES

### Indications

BARIATRIC AND METABOLIC SURGERY IN ADULTS

#### 3 Key Recommendations of the Guideline

The key recommendations of this guideline are as follows:

##### Indications for Endoscopic Bariatric Procedures (Section 5.1):

- Endoscopic bariatric procedures are indicated in the following patients [R-GDG]
  - BMI  $\geq 27$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> with obesity-related complications [R-GDG].
  - BMI  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> *without* obesity-related complications [R-GDG].
  - BMI  $\geq 40$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> when:
    - The patient prefers non-surgical management.
    - There is a contraindication to surgery.
    - Pre-operative weight loss as a “bridge therapy” to safe surgery is required <sup>1</sup>:
      - Patients at high risk of a poor outcome may benefit even from modest weight loss, resulting in lowering of blood pressure, improving glucose tolerance, and reduction in thrombotic risk.

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## NATIONAL CLINICAL GUIDELINES

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#### Indications for Bariatric and Metabolic Surgical Procedures (Section 5.2):

- Bariatric and metabolic surgery is indicated in the following patients <sup>2-6</sup>:
  - BMI 30-34.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> with uncontrollable type 2 diabetes:
    - The patient should be assessed, and their comorbidity managed prior to surgery.
    - Consider surgery at a lower BMI ( $\geq 27.5$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>) after MDT as: of South Asian family origin, who have diabetes [R-GDG].
  - BMI 35-39.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> with obesity-related complications.
  - BMI  $\geq 40$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> without obesity-related complications.
  - Special populations, e.g.:
    - Waiting for organ transplantation with a BMI  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> and demonstrated lack of response to specialist medical weight management<sup>7</sup>.
    - Post-renal transplant with a BMI  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> and an uncontrollable obesity complication [R-GDG].

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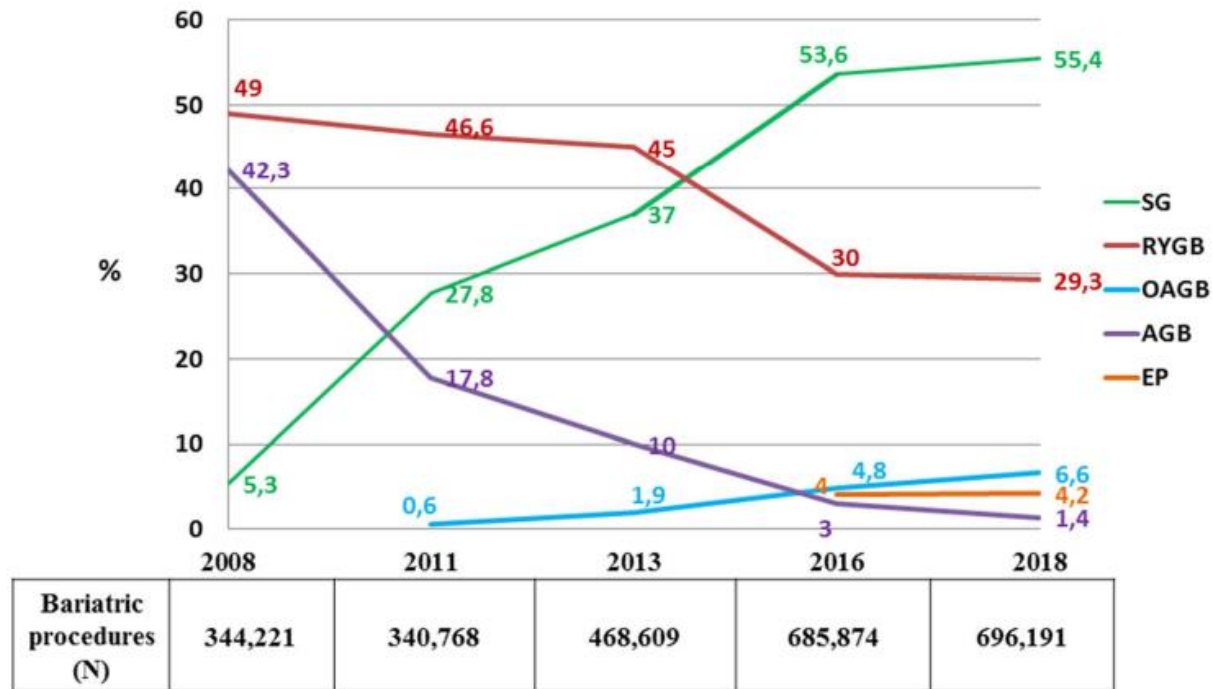
Metabolic syndrome

## Safety of Bariatric Surgery today

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**Fig. 1** Long-term trend and total number of bariatric/metabolic surgical operations from 2008 to 2018, and endoluminal procedures in the world from 2016 to 2018



**Table 3** Number of bariatric/metabolic procedures declared by EC Societies, the presence of national guidelines for bariatric and metabolic surgery, and recommendation for preoperative gastroscopy



**Bariatric Surgery Survey 2018: Similarities and Disparities Among the 5 IFSO Chapters**

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# Efficacy MBS - Longterm

## Swedish Obese Subjects (SOS) trial

- **2007 Surgical patients (versus 2040 control)**
  - Gastric banding 18%
  - Vertical banded gastroplasty 69%
  - Gastric bypass 13%
- **102 patients were restored to normal anatomy**
- **290/2040 controls underwent bariatric surgery**

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Changes in BMI were small on average in the control group. In the surgery group, a mean BMI reduction of approximately 11 was observed 1 year after surgery, followed by a gradual weight regain on average until year 8. Thereafter, the mean BMI stabilized at approximately 7 less than the baseline BMI

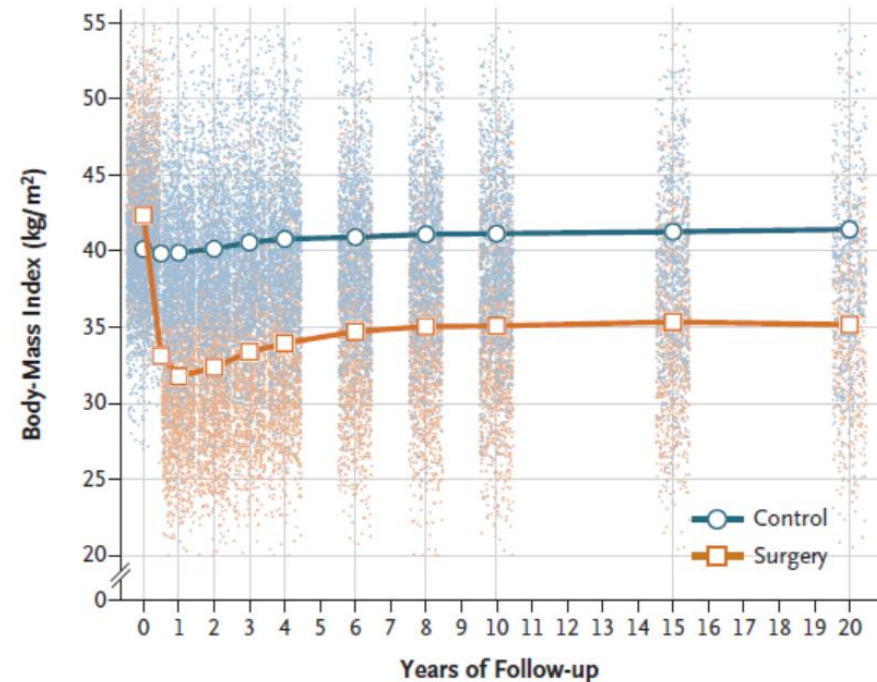
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**Figure 1.** Body-Mass Index over a Period of 20 Years in the Control and Surgery Groups.

# Efficacy MBS - Longterm

## Median f/U for mortality

Surgical: 24 years

Control: 22 years

Reference: 20 years

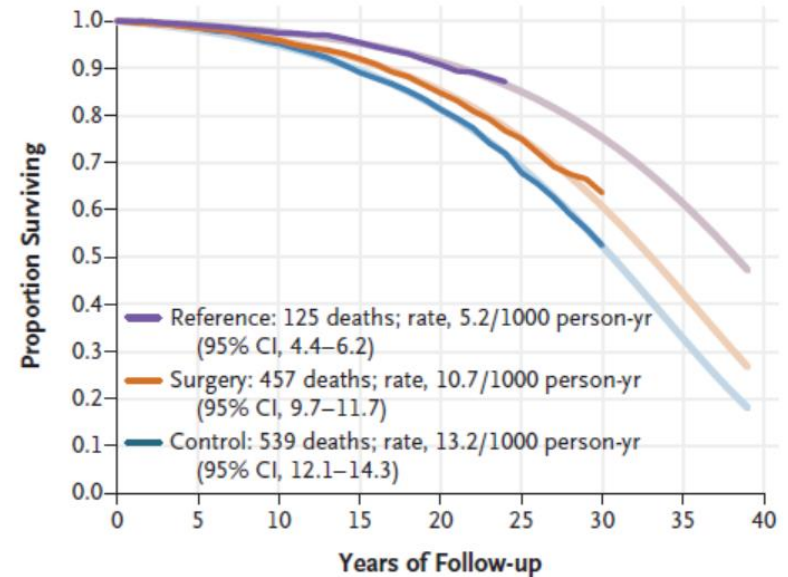
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#### No. at Risk

	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
Reference	1135	1125	1106	1083	905	0	0		
Surgery	2007	1915	1837	1744	1390	580	34		
Control	2040	1961	1815	1589	1238	488	26		

**Figure 2.** Survival in the Surgery and Control Groups and in the Reference Cohort.



# Efficacy MBS - Longterm

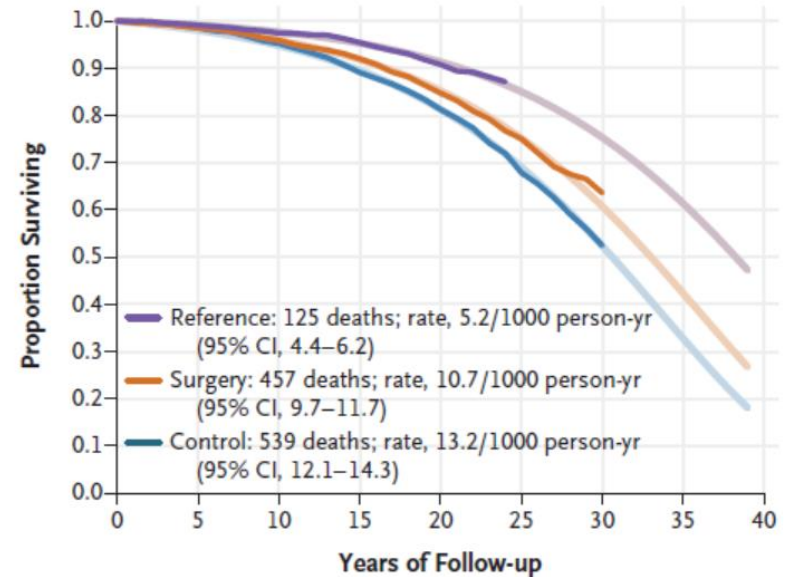
The adjusted median life expectancy in the surgery group was 3.0 years (95% CI, 1.8 to 4.2) longer than in the control group but 5.5 years shorter than in the general population.

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## The corresponding hazard ratio:

0.70 (95% CI, 0.57 to 0.85) for death from cardiovascular disease and

0.77 (95% CI, 0.61 to 0.96) for death from cancer.

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**Surgical mortality within  
90 days: 2/1000  
2.9% re-operation rate**

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**Table 3.** Deaths and Complications during the First 90 Days after Bariatric Surgery in the SOS Study.

Adverse Event	Surgery Group (N = 2007)
	no. of patients (%)
Death	5 (0.2)
Pulmonary event	89 (4.4)
Thromboembolism	16 (0.8)
Vomiting	61 (3.0)
Wound infection	43 (2.1)
Other infection	28 (1.4)
Hemorrhage	26 (1.3)
Anastomotic leak, peritonitis, or abscess	30 (1.5)
Ileus	10 (0.5)
Wound dehiscence	14 (0.7)
Other complication	21 (1.0)
At least one complication	292 (14.5)
Repeat surgery during the first 90 days	59 (2.9)

# Efficacy MBS - Longterm

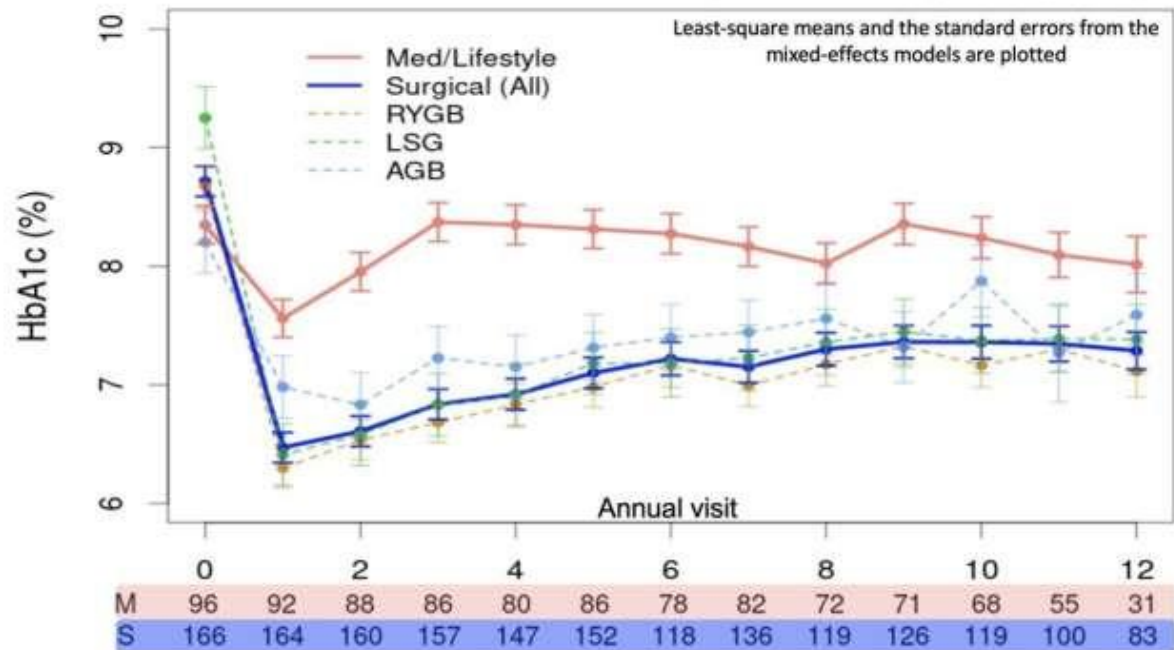


**Table S5. Primary and Secondary Endpoint by Surgical Procedure**

	<b>Gastric Bypass (N=89)</b>	<b>SG (N=46)</b>	<b>AGB (N=36)</b>	<b>Medical/Lifestyle Intervention (N=85)</b>
Primary Endpoint, n/N (%)				
Glycated hemoglobin $\leq$ 6.5 off diabetes medications	41/84 (48.8)	11/42 (26.2)	8/34 (23.5)	2/76 (2.6)
Secondary Endpoints, n/N (%)				
$\leq$ 7.0 with or without diabetes medications	61/89 (68.5)	29/46 (63.0)	19/36 (52.8)	28/85 (32.9)
$\leq$ 6.5 with or without diabetes medications	49/89 (55.1)	20/46 (43.5)	12/36 (33.3)	15/85 (17.6)
$\leq$ 6.0 without diabetes medications	26/84 (31.0)	7/42 (16.7)	8/34 (23.5)	2/76 (2.6)
Glycated hemoglobin level, %				
No. with 3-year glycated hemoglobin	89	46	36	85
At 3 yr	6.7 $\pm$ 1.3	7.0 $\pm$ 1.3	7.3 $\pm$ 1.5	8.2 $\pm$ 1.9
Change from baseline	-2.1 $\pm$ 1.9	-2.5 $\pm$ 2.1	-0.9 $\pm$ 2.0	-0.1 $\pm$ 2.0

# Efficacy MBS - Longterm

HbA<sub>1c</sub> over time (years after randomization) in participants randomized to medical/lifestyle and surgical groups



RYGB: Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass; LSG: Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy; AGB: Adjustable Gastric Banding

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# Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery Continues to be Seen as "Too Risky"

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Weight loss surgery (also known as bariatric or metabolic surgery) is too risky."

Agree 53,0%

I don't know or prefer not to answer 25,4%

Disagree 21,6%

53% of respondents agree that weight loss surgery is too risky. Only 21.6% disagree.

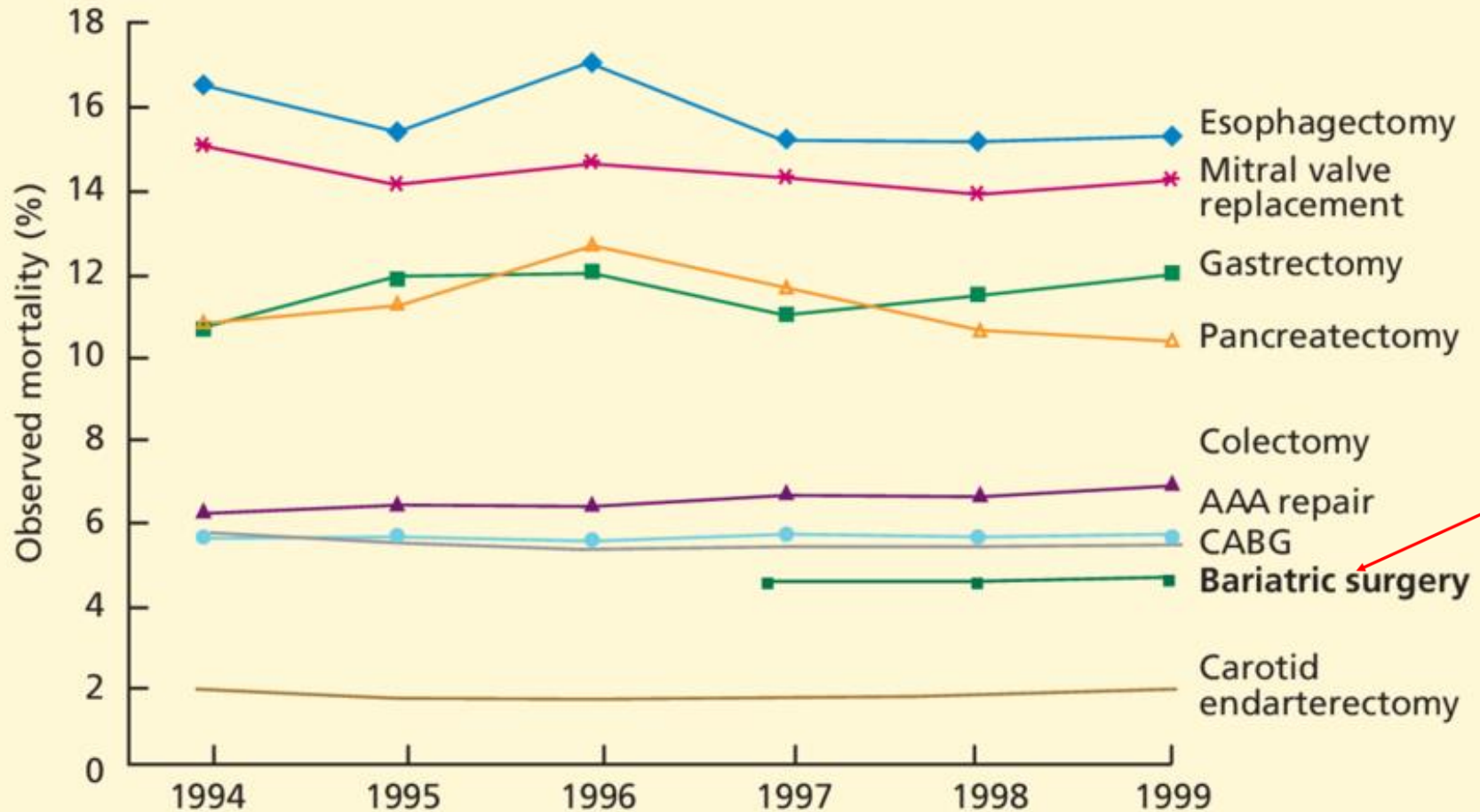
0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Adults 18 and Older with Obesity-Related Weights and Heights Resulting in BMIs of 30 and Greater



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## Mortality rates after bariatric and other types of surgery



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# Safety of Bariatric Surgery today

**Table 2.** Trend Analysis for Outcomes

Factor	Overall	Year					p Value
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Total, n	690,770	123,434	136,017	145,251	145,745	140,323	-
Mortality, n (%)	620 (0.09)	141 (0.11)	113 (0.08)	114 (0.08)	137 (0.09)	115 (0.08)	0.016
Readmission (30 days), n (%)	25,228 (3.65)	5,206 (4.22)	5,148 (3.78)	5,034 (3.47)	5,024 (3.45)	4,816 (3.43)	<0.001
Reoperation (30 days), n (%)	8,244 (1.19)	1,654 (1.34)	1,604 (1.18)	1,641 (1.13)	1,685 (1.16)	1,660 (1.18)	<0.001
ICU admission, n (%)	4,639 (0.67)	943 (0.76)	878 (0.65)	925 (0.64)	963 (0.66)	930 (0.66)	<0.001
End-organ dysfunction, n (%)	1,038 (0.15)	265 (0.21)	178 (0.13)	201 (0.14)	206 (0.14)	188 (0.13)	<0.001



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## Roux-en-Y gastric bypass

Total, n	183,413	36,884	36,494	37,017	36,676	36,342	-
ICU admission, n (%)	2,025 (1.10)	470 (1.27)	389 (1.07)	395 (1.07)	389 (1.06)	382 (1.05)	0.015
Mortality, n (%)	269 (0.15)	62 (0.17)	48 (0.13)	56 (0.15)	49 (0.13)	54 (0.15)	0.70
Reoperation (30 days), n (%)	4,058 (2.21)	887 (2.40)	779 (2.13)	785 (2.12)	793 (2.16)	814 (2.24)	0.053
Readmission (30 days), n (%)	10,529 (5.74)	2,294 (6.22)	2,117 (5.80)	2,051 (5.54)	2,076 (5.66)	1,991 (5.48)	<0.001
End-organ dysfunction, n (%)	520 (0.28)	136 (0.37)	94 (0.26)	101 (0.27)	104 (0.28)	85 (0.23)	0.008

## Sleeve gastrectomy

Total, n	507,357	86,550	99,523	108,234	109,069	103,981	-
ICU admission, n (%)	2,614 (0.52)	473 (0.55)	489 (0.49)	530 (0.49)	574 (0.53)	548 (0.53)	0.32
Mortality, n (%)	351 (0.07)	79 (0.09)	65 (0.07)	58 (0.05)	88 (0.08)	61 (0.06)	0.008
Reoperation (30 days), n (%)	4,186 (0.83)	767 (0.89)	825 (0.83)	856 (0.79)	892 (0.82)	846 (0.81)	0.22
Readmission (30 days), n (%)	14,699 (2.90)	2,912 (3.36)	3,031 (3.05)	2,983 (2.76)	2,948 (2.70)	2,825 (2.72)	<0.001
End-organ dysfunction, n (%)	518 (0.10)	129 (0.15)	84 (0.08)	100 (0.09)	102 (0.09)	103 (0.10)	<0.001

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**Bariatric Surgical Risk/Benefit Calculator**

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### Enter Patient and Surgical Information

Please enter as much of the following information as you can to receive the best risk/benefit estimates. A rough estimate will still be generated if you cannot provide all of the information below.

**Procedure Types:**  Band  Lap Sleeve  Lap Bypass  BPD/DS

**BMI Calculation:**

Height:  in /  cm

Weight:  lb /  kg

Age:  Sex:  Female  Hispanic Ethnicity:  Unknown

Race:  Unknown

ASA Class:  I. Healthy Patient

Diabetes:  No  Functional Status:  Independent

Current Smoker within 1-year  Sleep Apnea  History of PE  Cardiac Risk  Vascular Risk  History of Severe COPD

Hypertension requiring medication  Hyperlipidemia  GERD

**Reset All Selections**

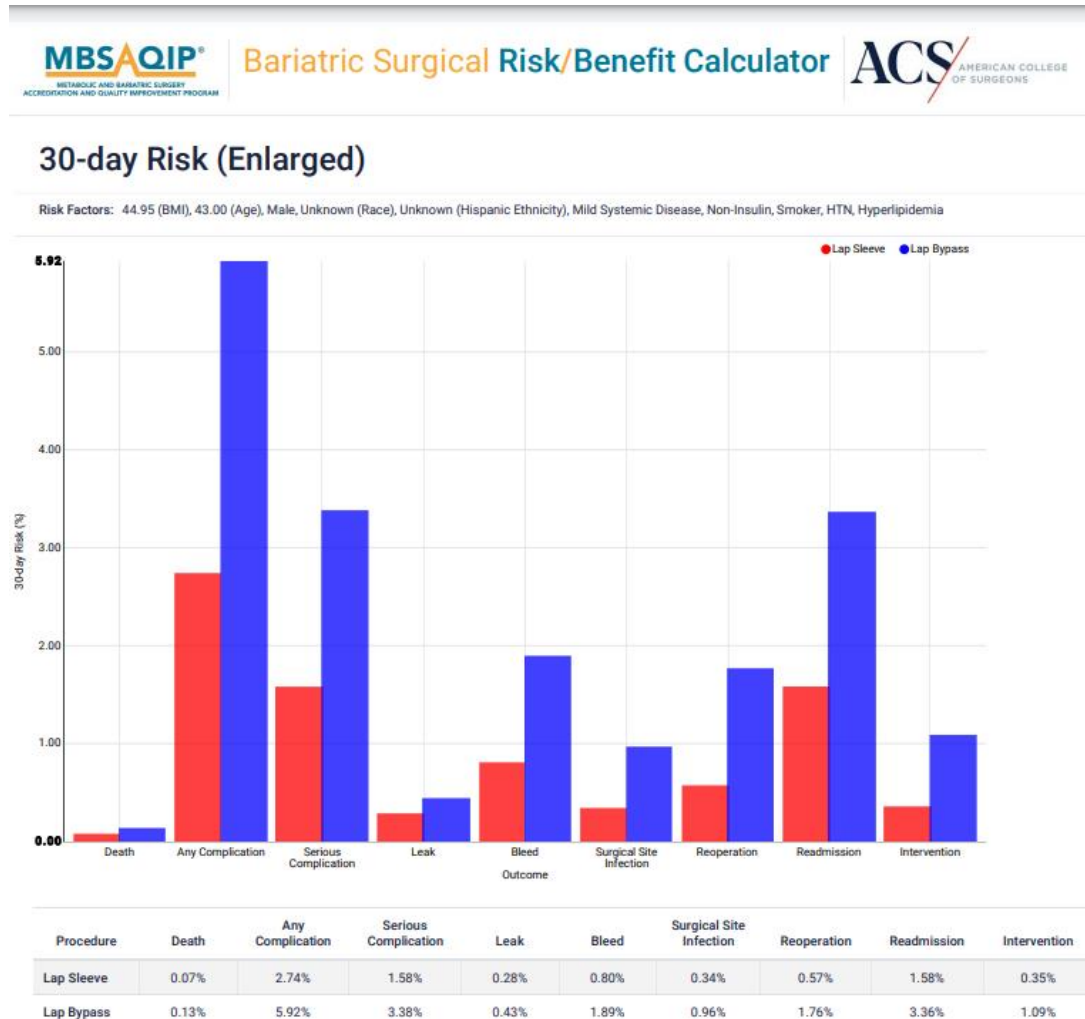
**Compute Results**

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**43 y.o. Male, Height 170 cm, Weight 130 kgs, BMI = 44.95 kg/m2  
NIDDM, Htn, DL, smoker**

**30-day mortality risk:  
0.07% LSG vs. 0.13% RYGB**



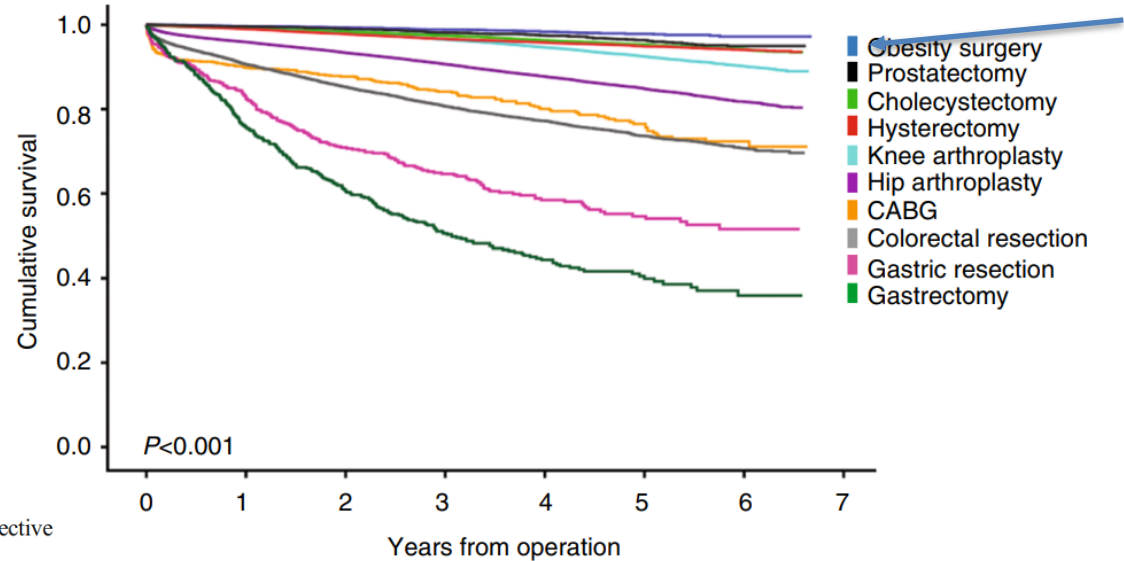
**Table 2** Mortality rates after elective operations in Finland 2009–2013

	Patients, total	Mortality, 30 days		Mortality, 90 days		Mortality, 1 year	
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%	<i>n</i>	%
Bariatric	3918	3	0.1	4	0.1	14	0.4
Cholecystectomy	31,195	50	0.2	89	0.3	265	0.8
Hysterectomy	23,940	20	0.1	57	0.2	245	1.0
Prostatectomy	4798	0	0	2	0.0	19	0.4
Knee arthroplasty	43,473	35	0.1	85	0.2	346	0.8
Hip arthroplasty	37,096	428	1.2	774	2.1	1516	4.1
Gastrectomy	538	16	3.0	41	7.6	130	24.2
Gastric resection	507	23	4.5	39	7.7	88	17.4
Colorectal resection	10,327	285	2.8	465	4.5	968	9.4
CABG	744	44	5.9	58	7.8	76	10.2

CABG coronary artery bypass grafting

## Mortality Following Bariatric Surgery Compared to Other Common Operations in Finland During a 5-Year Period (2009–2013). A Nationwide Registry Study

**Fig. 2** Overall survival for bariatric surgery patients compared with other common operations according to the Kaplan-Meier method ( $p < 0.001$ , log rank test). CABG coronary artery bypass grafting



**Table 4** Hazard ratio for 1-year postoperative mortality after elective operations in Finland 2009–2013 compared with bariatric surgery

	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i> value
Bariatric	1.00		
Cholecystectomy	2.38	1.39–4.08	0.002
Hysterectomy	2.87	1.68–4.92	<0.001
Prostatectomy	1.11	0.56–2.21	0.772
Knee arthroplasty	2.23	1.31–3.81	0.003
Hip arthroplasty	11.7	6.90–19.8	<0.001
Gastrectomy	74.7	43.0–130	<0.001
Gastric resection	53.0	30.2–93.2	<0.001
Colorectal resection	27.5	16.2–46.7	<0.001
CABG	30.7	17.4–54.3	<0.001

CI confidence interval, CABG coronary artery bypass grafting

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### Safety of Bariatric Surgery today

### Long-term outcomes (RCT)

### Bariatric Surgery and Pharmacotherapy

# MBS: RCT's

**RYGB vs. SG**

**RCT:**

BEST: safety

SLEEVEPASS trial: long-term outcomes



# RCT: Bypass Equipoise Sleeve Trial

**“BEST”**

**Registry based multi-center RCT**

**Sweden & Norway (2015-2022)**

**18 years+, BMI 35-50 kg/m<sup>2</sup>**

**76.% women, mean BMI 41.2 (1.4) kg/m<sup>2</sup>, mean age**

**41.3 (11.7) years**

**SG (n=878)**

**RYGB (n=857)**

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Weight, mean (SD), kg	117 (18)	118 (18)
Height, mean (SD), cm	169 (9)	170 (9)
BMI, mean (SD)	40.8 (3.7)	40.9 (3.8)
Waist circumference, mean (SD) cm <sup>c</sup>	123 (13)	125 (13)
Diabetes <sup>d</sup>	106 (12.1)	118 (13.8)
Dyslipidemia <sup>d</sup>	116 (13.2)	111 (12.9)
Hypertension <sup>d</sup>	251 (28.6)	259 (30.2)
Sleep apnea <sup>d</sup>	124 (14.1)	118 (13.8)
Dyspepsia <sup>d</sup>	36 (4.1)	42 (4.9)
Depression <sup>d</sup>	124 (14.1)	107 (12.5)
Prior DVT or PE	27 (3.1)	19 (2.2)
Smoking <sup>e</sup>	74 (8.5)	95 (11.1)

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# RCT: Bypass Equipoise Sleeve Trial

## SAFETY

**NO 30- or 90-day mortality.**

**Any adverse event occurred in 40 of 878 patients (4.6%) in the SG group and 54 of 857 patients (6.3%) in the RYGB group (P = .11).**



# RCT: Bypass Equipoise Sleeve Trial

**OR time: 47 vs 68 min**  
**0 conversion to open**  
**Hosp stay 1.3 vs 1.3**  
**days**  
**Re-adm within 30**  
**days 3.1% vs 4%**

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Table 2. Intraoperative and Perioperative Outcomes for Participants Randomized to Sleeve Gastrectomy or Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass in the Bypass Equipoise Sleeve Trial<sup>a</sup>

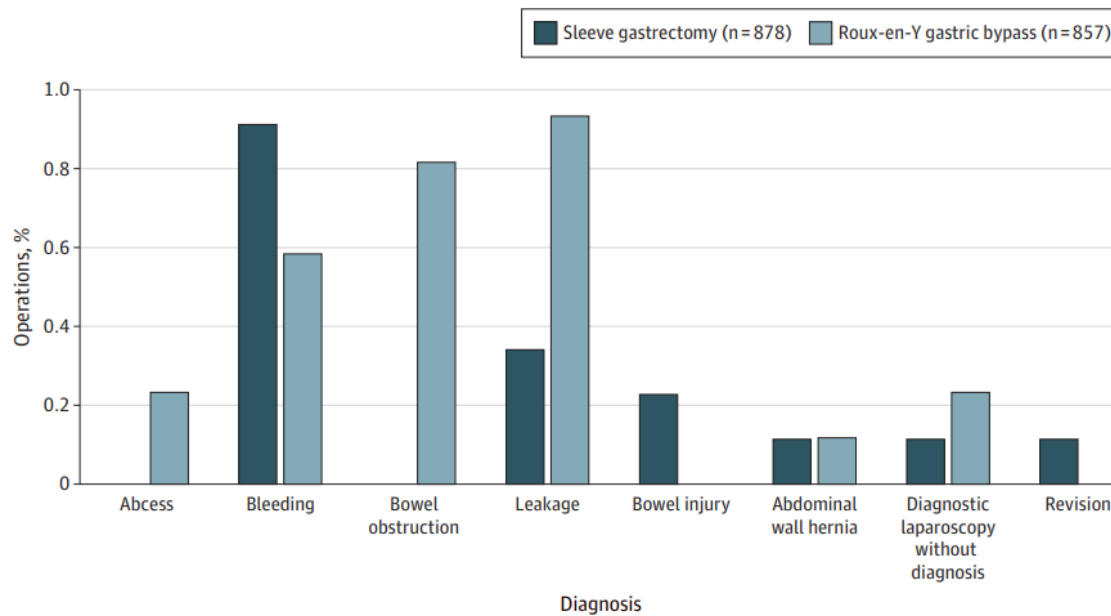
Outcome	Sleeve gastrectomy (n = 878)	Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (n = 857)	P value
Operation time, mean (SD), min	47.3 (17.8)	67.7 (25.3)	<.001
Laparoscopic surgical access	877 (99.9)	857 (100)	>.99
Converted to open surgery	0	0	
Presence of a hiatal hernia <sup>b</sup>	39 (4.8)	45 (5.6)	.50
Axial length of hiatal hernia, mean (SD), cm <sup>c</sup>	2.0 (1.0)	2.3 (1.2)	.25
Intraoperative bleeding >100 mL	7 (0.8)	7 (0.8)	>.99
Intraoperative complications <sup>d</sup>	9 (1.0)	17 (2.0)	.12
Splenic injury	1 (0.1)	0	>.99
Bowel injury	0	9 (1.1)	.002
Other intraoperative complication	8 (0.9)	8 (0.9)	>.99
Thrombosis prophylaxis <sup>e</sup>	860 (99.9)	848 (99.8)	.62
Antibiotic prophylaxis <sup>f</sup>	858 (99.8)	847 (99.6)	.68
Postoperative hospital stay, mean (SD), d	1.3 (1.8)	1.3 (1.8)	.33
Readmitted to hospital within 30 d <sup>g</sup>	27 (3.1)	34 (4.0)	.33



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Figure 2. Diagnoses at Reoperation for Complications Until 30 Days Postoperatively After Sleeve Gastrectomy and Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass



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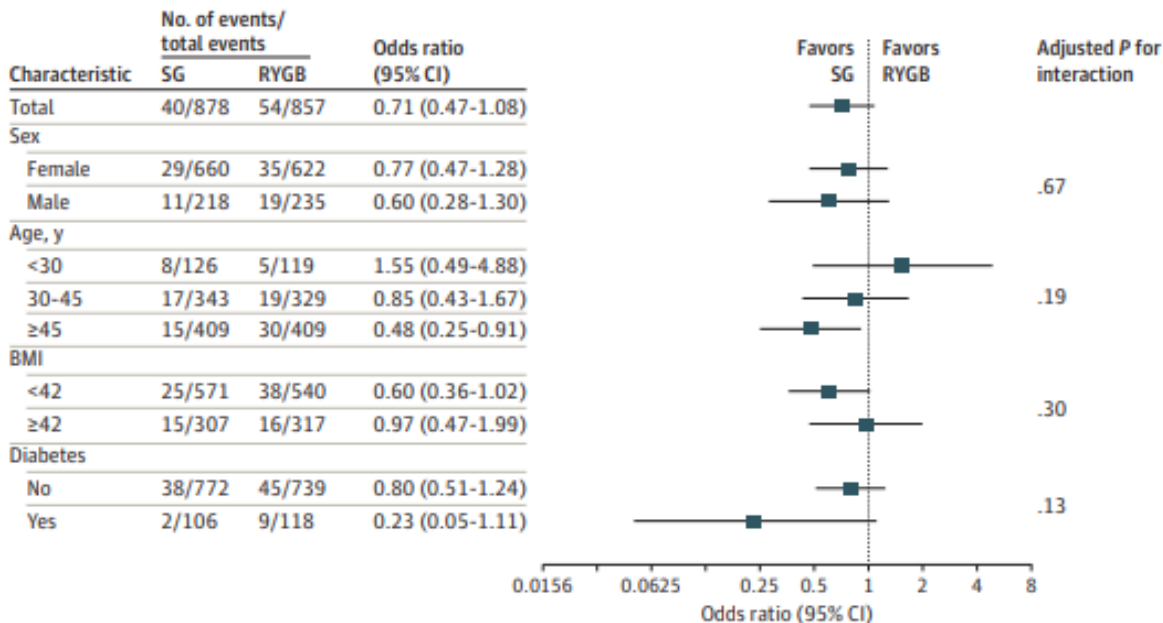
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Figure 3. Risk (Adjusted Odds Ratio After Multivariate Logistic Regression) of Any Adverse Event and Serious Adverse Events

**A** Any adverse event, days 0-30



Any Adverse Event

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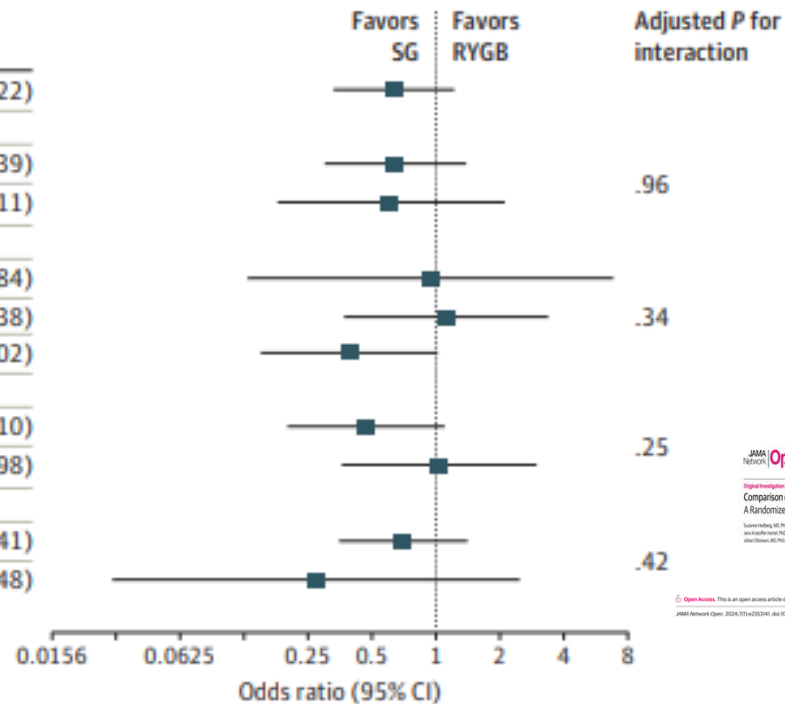
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## Serious Adverse Event

**B** Serious adverse event, days 0-30

Characteristic	No. of events/ total events		Odds ratio (95% CI)
	SG	RYGB	
Total	15/878	23/857	0.63 (0.33-1.22)
Sex			
Female	11/660	16/622	0.64 (0.30-1.39)
Male	4/218	7/235	0.61 (0.18-2.11)
Age, y			
<30	2/126	2/119	0.94 (0.13-6.84)
30-45	7/343	6/329	1.12 (0.37-3.38)
≥45	6/409	15/409	0.39 (0.15-1.02)
BMI			
<42	8/571	16/540	0.47 (0.20-1.10)
≥42	7/307	7/317	1.03 (0.36-2.98)
Diabetes			
No	14/772	19/739	0.70 (0.35-1.41)
Yes	1/106	4/118	0.27 (0.03-2.48)



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# The SLEEVEPASS RCT LSG vs. RYGB



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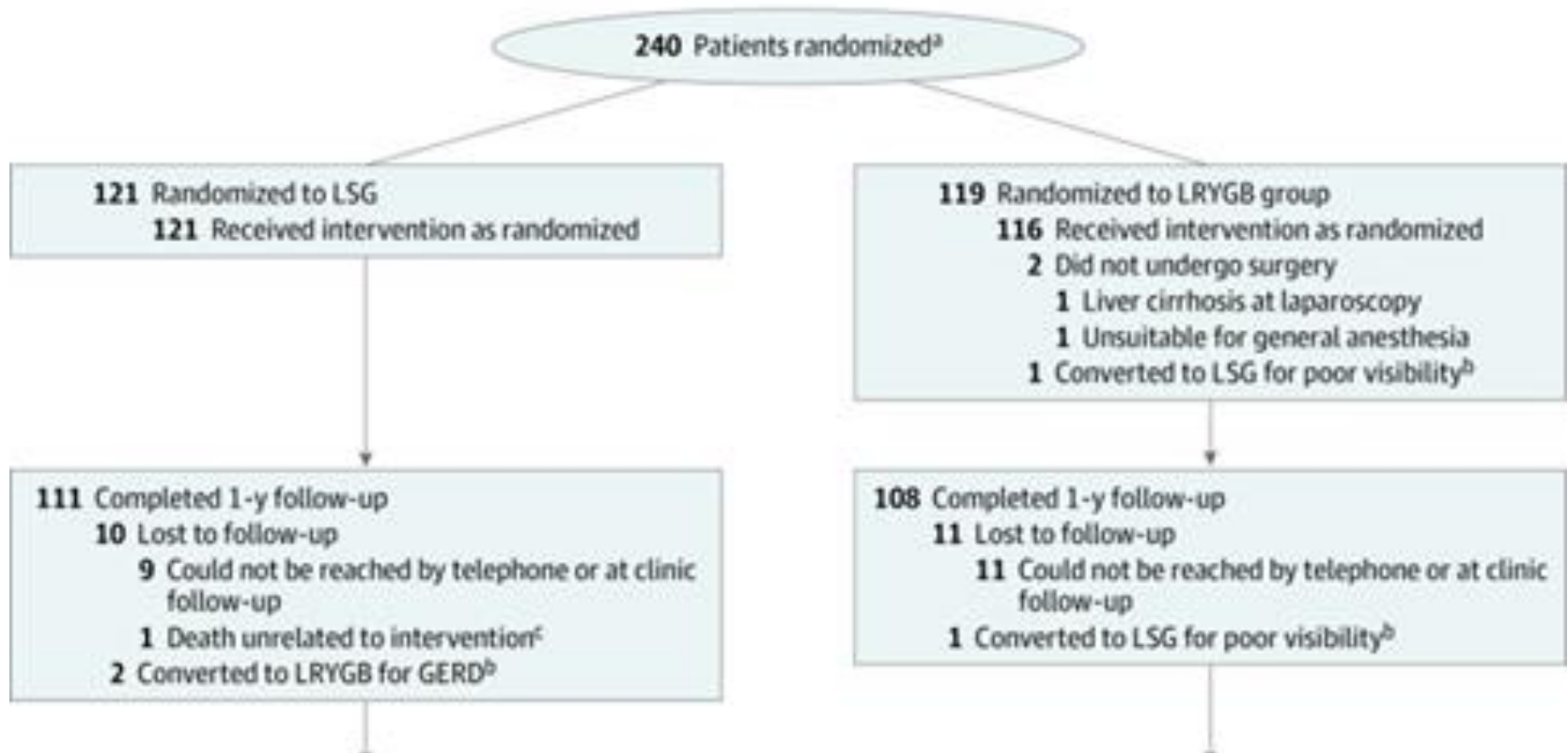
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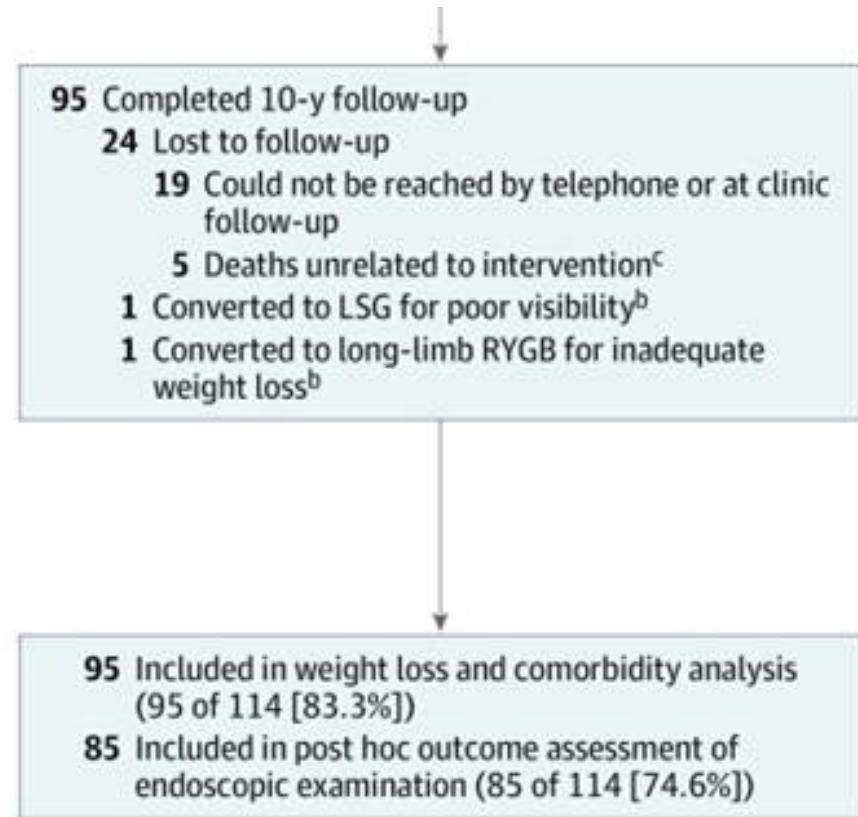
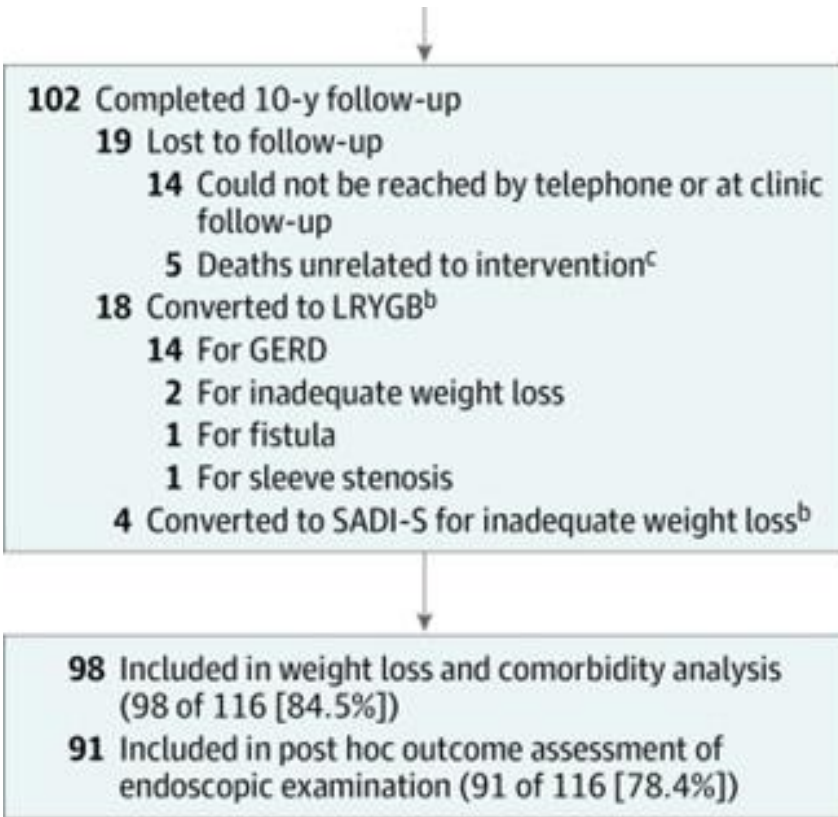
The SLEEVEPASS Randomized Clinical Trial

The initial trial was conducted from April 2008 to June 2010 in Finland, with last follow-up on January 27, 2021.

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    **14** For GERD  
        **2** For inadequate weight loss  
        **1** For fistula  
        **1** For sleeve stenosis  
    **4** Converted to SADI-S for inadequate weight loss<sup>b</sup>

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**98** Included in weight loss and comorbidity analysis (98 of 116 [84.5%])  
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    **1** Converted to LSG for poor visibility<sup>b</sup>  
    **1** Converted to long-limb RYGB for inadequate weight loss<sup>b</sup>

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# SLEEVEPASS RCT @ 10 years

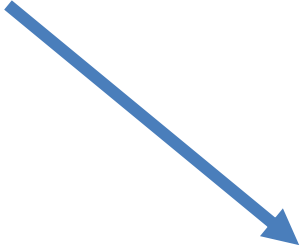
	No. (%)		<i>P</i> value
	LSG (n = 121)	LRYGB (n = 119)	
Minor complications			
Vomiting/dehydration	0	3 (2.5)	NA
Gastroesophageal reflux	38 (31.4)	8 (6.7)	NA
Ulcer/stricture at gastrojejunal anastomosis	2 (1.7)	8 (6.7)	NA
Dumping	1 (0.8) <sup>a</sup>	3 (2.5)	NA
Fistula and abscess	1 (0.8) <sup>b</sup>	0 (0.0)	NA
Ureterolithiasis	0	1 (0.8)	NA
Adhesion-related intestinal obstruction	0	1 (0.8)	NA
Ventral hernia	0	1 (0.8)	NA
Suspected internal herniation	0	1 (0.8)	NA
Nonspecific abdominal pain	0	1 (0.8)	NA
Anemia	0	1 (0.8)	NA
Hypokalemia	0	1 (0.8)	NA
Total	42 (34.7)	29 (24.4)	.08 <sup>c</sup>

# SLEEVEPASS RCT @ 10 years

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Major complications			
Fistulectomia	1 (0.8) <sup>b</sup>	0 (0.0)	NA
Gastroesophageal reflux	14 (11.6) <sup>a</sup>	0 (0.0)	NA
Internal herniation	0	18 (15.1) <sup>d</sup>	NA
Incisional hernia	3 (2.5)	3 (2.5) <sup>d</sup>	NA
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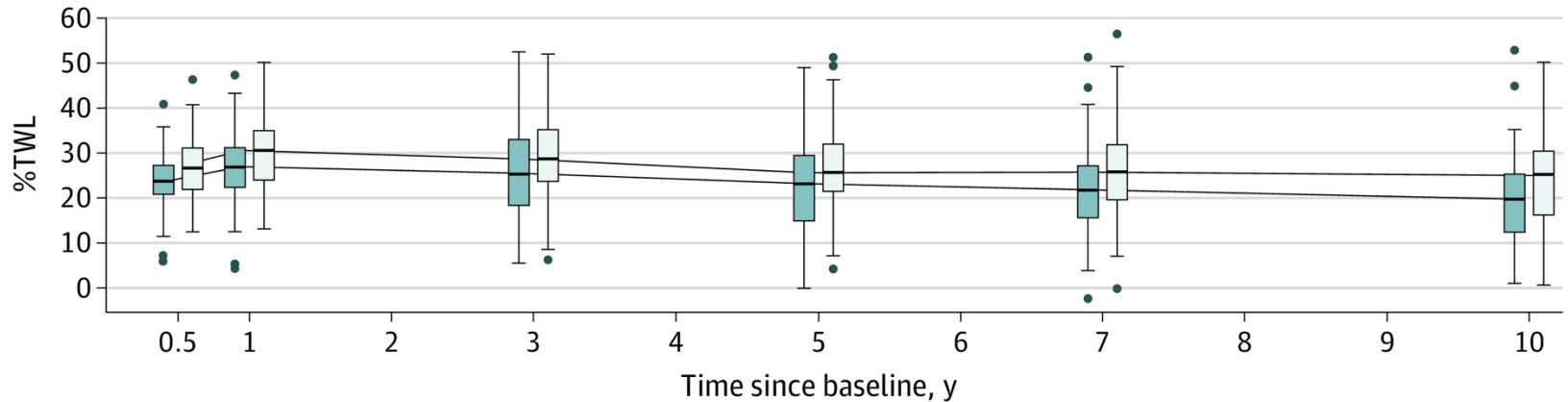
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# SLEEVEPASS RCT @ 10 years

**B** %TWL after LSG and LRYGB from baseline to 10 y



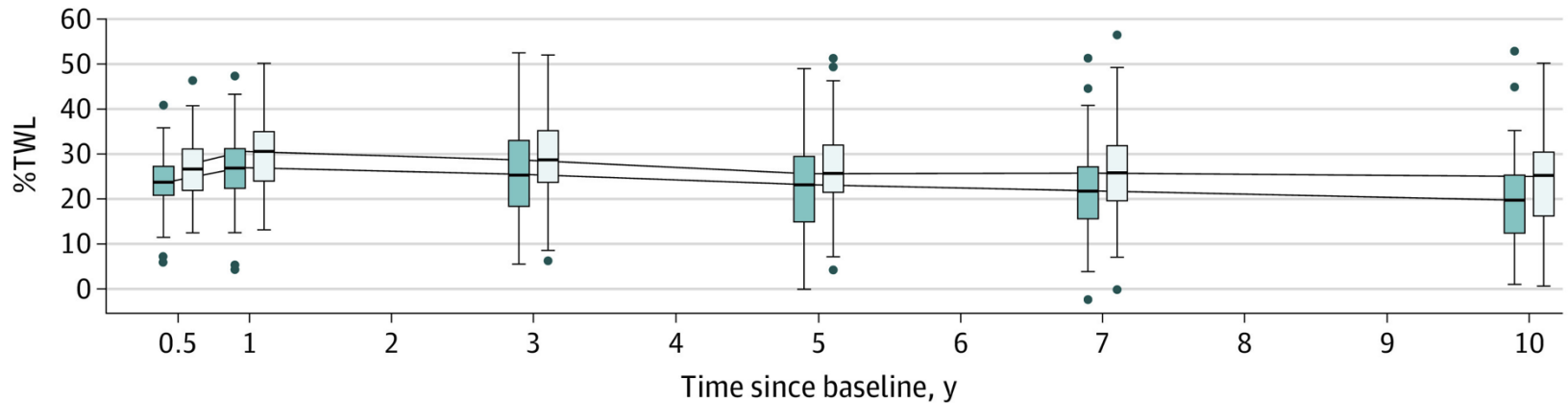
No. at risk

LRYGB patients	111	108	100	95	91	95
LSG patients	119	111	108	98	91	98

**%TWL at 10 years 23.4% vs. 26.9% p<0.05**

# SLEEVEPASS RCT @ 10 years

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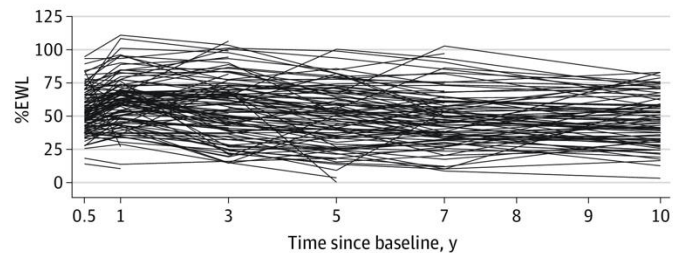
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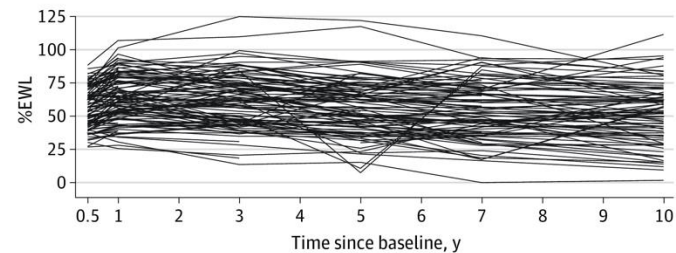
**Example: 130 kgs: 10 years 99.6 kgs vs. 95.0 kgs**

# SLEEVEPASS RCT @ 10 years

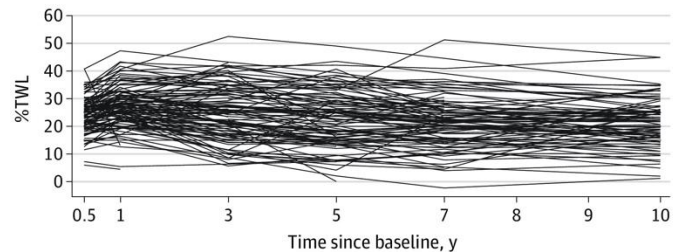
**C** %EWL over 10-y follow-up for patients after LSG



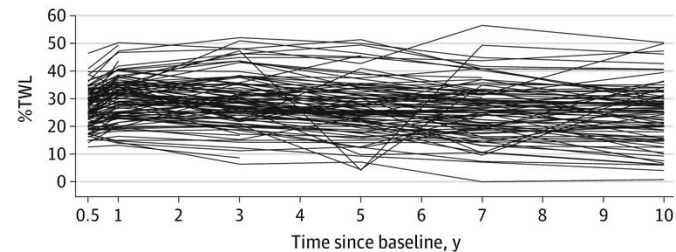
**D** %EWL over 10-y follow-up for patients after LRYGB



**E** %TWL over 10-y follow-up for patients after LSG



**F** %TWL over 10-y follow-up for patients after LRYGB



At 10 years, %TWL less than 5%: 5 of 98 patients (5.1%) after LSG and in 3 of 95 (3.2%) after LRYGB (P= .72)

# SLEEVEPASS RCT @ 10 years

## Obesity-Related Comorbidities: GERD

	LSG (n=91)	RYGB (n=85)	p
PPI intake baseline	12%	6%	0.2
Esophagitis @10 years	31%	7%	<0.01
De novo BE @ 10 years	4%	4%	0.29
PPI intake @10 years	64%	36%	<0.01
GERD HRQL score	10.5	0.0	<0.01

# SLEEVEPASS RCT @ 10 years

- **Remission of Obesity-Related Comorbidities:  
Type 2 Diabetes**

	LSG (n=121)	RYGB (n=119)	p
DM at baseline	43%	41%	
Remission of DM @10 years	26%	33%	0.63
Mean Fasting Glu @10years	6.9 mmol	6.8 mmol	0.42
Mean HbA1C @10 years	6.9%	7%	0.64

# SLEEVEPASS RCT @ 10 years

- **Remission of Obesity-Related Comorbidities:  
Type 2 Diabetes**

Type 2 DM pre-op duration	DM Remission rate
0-2 years	52%
2-10 years	25%
More than 10 years	0%
P-value	0.01

# SLEEVEPASS RCT @ 10 years

- **Remission of Obesity-Related Comorbidities:  
Dyslipidemia**

	LSG (n=121)	RYGB (n=119)	p
Dyslipidemia at baseline	32%	38%	
Remission @10 years	19%	35%	0.23

# SLEEVEPASS RCT @ 10 years

- **Remission of Obesity-Related Comorbidities:  
Hypertension**

- |                             | LSG (n=121) | RYGB (n=119) | p    |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|------|
| Htn at baseline             | 69%         | 73%          |      |
| Discontinued meds @10 years | 8%          | 24%          | 0.23 |
| Reduced meds @ 10 years     | 32%         | 24%          |      |
| No change in meds @10 years | 60%         | 53%          |      |



# SLEEVEPASS RCT @ 10 years

- **Remission of Obesity-Related Comorbidities:  
Obstructive sleep apnea**

	LSG (n=121)	RYGB (n=119)	p
OSA at baseline	24.8%	29.4%	
Discontinued CPAP @10 years	16%	31%	
Reduced CPAP settings	26%	14%	
No change in CPAP settings	58%	55%	0.3

# **SLEEVEPASS RCT @ 10 years**

## **Conclusions and Relevance**

**At 10 years, %EWL was greater after LRYGB and the procedures were not equivalent for weight loss, but both LSG and LRYGB resulted in good and sustainable weight loss. Esophagitis was more prevalent after LSG, but the cumulative incidence of BE was markedly lower than in previous trials and similar after both procedures.**

# Bariatric Surgery: Indications and Health Benefits

## Indications

### Efficacy long-term

Weight reduction

Mortality reduction

Metabolic syndrome

### Safety of Bariatric Surgery today

### Long-term outcomes (RCT)

### Bariatric Surgery and Pharmacotherapy

# Pharmacotherapy & bariatric surgery

- 81 092 patients GLP-1 RAs (5.0%)
- 5173 patients MBS (0.3%)
- 1 547 174 Neither treatment (94.7%)
- 132.6% increase in patients prescribed GLP-1 RAs between last 6 months of 2022 vs last 6 months of 2023 (1.89 vs 4.41 patients per 1000 patients).
- 25.6% decrease in MBS comparing the same periods (0.22 vs 0.16 patients per 1000 patients)

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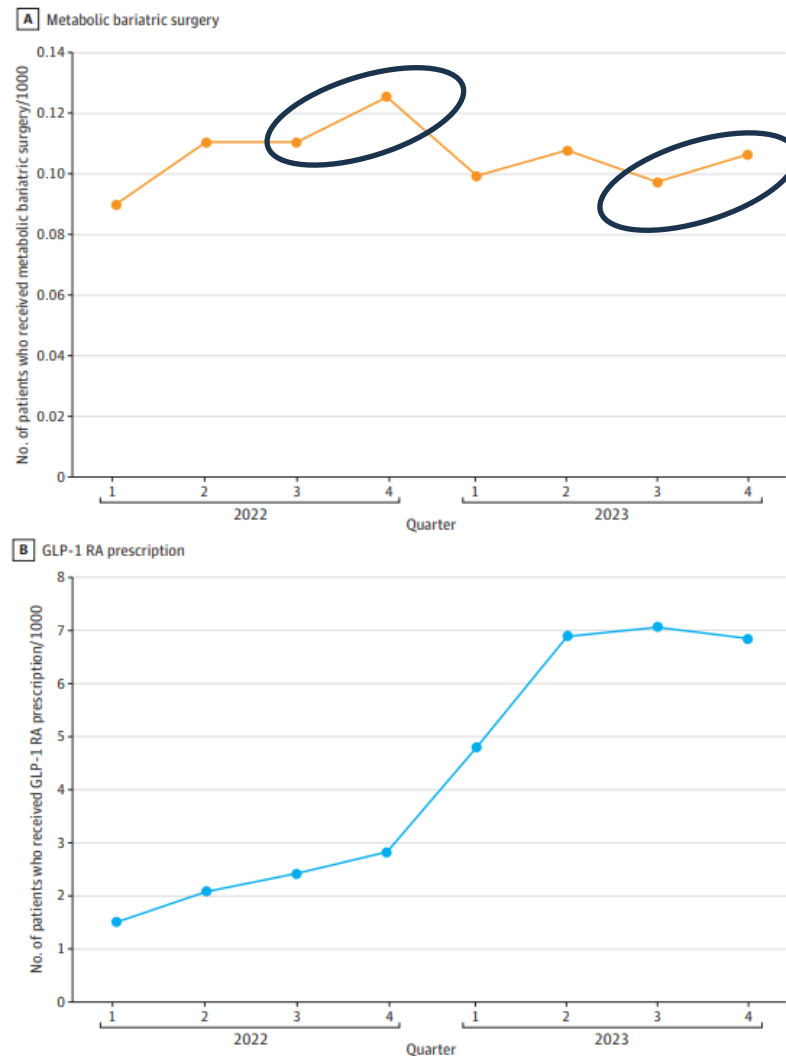
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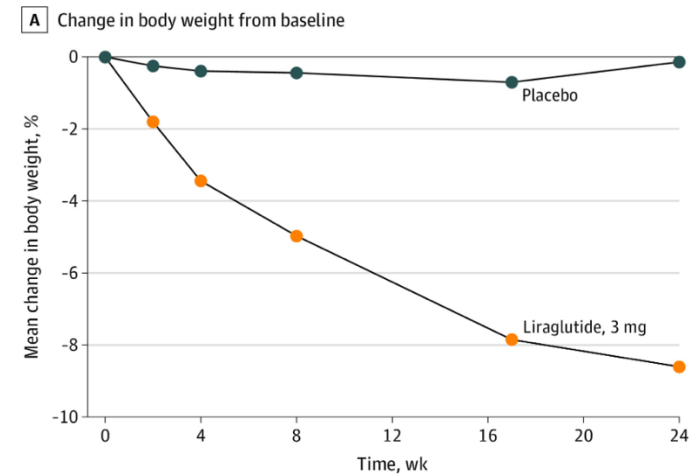
Figure. Quarterly Trends in Obesity Treatment, 2022-2023



# Pharmacotherapy & bariatric surgery

**BARI-OPTIMISE randomized clinical trial including 70 patients with poor weight loss and suboptimal nutrient-stimulated glucagon-like peptide-1 response following metabolic surgery**

**Suboptimal GLP-1 response was defined as a 2-fold or less increase in circulating active GLP-1 between 0 and 30 minutes following the meal.**



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Safety and Efficacy of Liraglutide, 3.0 mg, Once Daily vs Placebo in Patients With Poor Weight Loss Following Metabolic Surgery

The BARI-OPTIMISE Randomized Clinical Trial

# CONCLUSION

- **Bariatric surgery remains today the most effective and durable treatment of Morbid Obesity**
- **It is very safe today in the setting of specialized bariatric programs**
- **Long-term weight regain is common**
- **Complications are procedure specific and requires constant follow-up**

# CONCLUSION

- **Obesity is a complex condition that requires multi-modal therapy within multi-disciplinary teams**
- **The emerging role of pharmacotherapy promises to be of value in managing post bariatric surgery weight regain**