

Obesity and Cancer Risk and Prevention

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Objectives

Impact of Obesity on Cancer Incidence

Impact on Obesity on Cancer Diagnosis and Therapies

Impact of Bariatric Surgery on Cancer

What about the medicine such as the GLP-1?



Impact of Obesity on Mortality and Cancer Incidence

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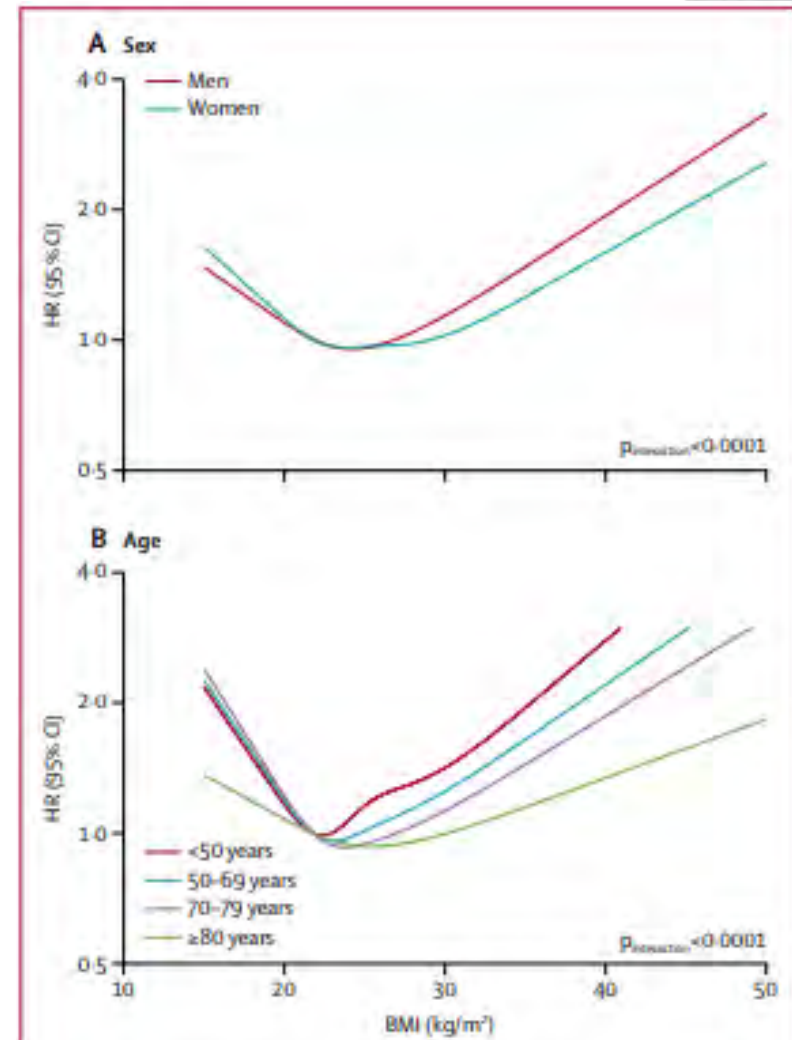
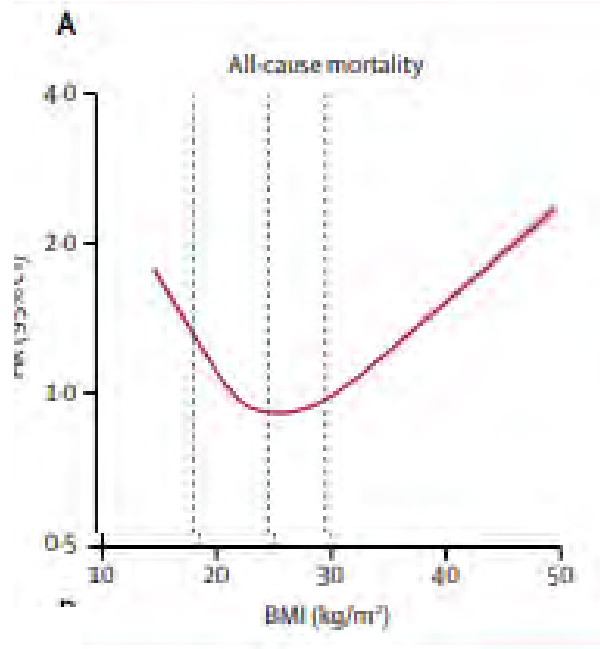
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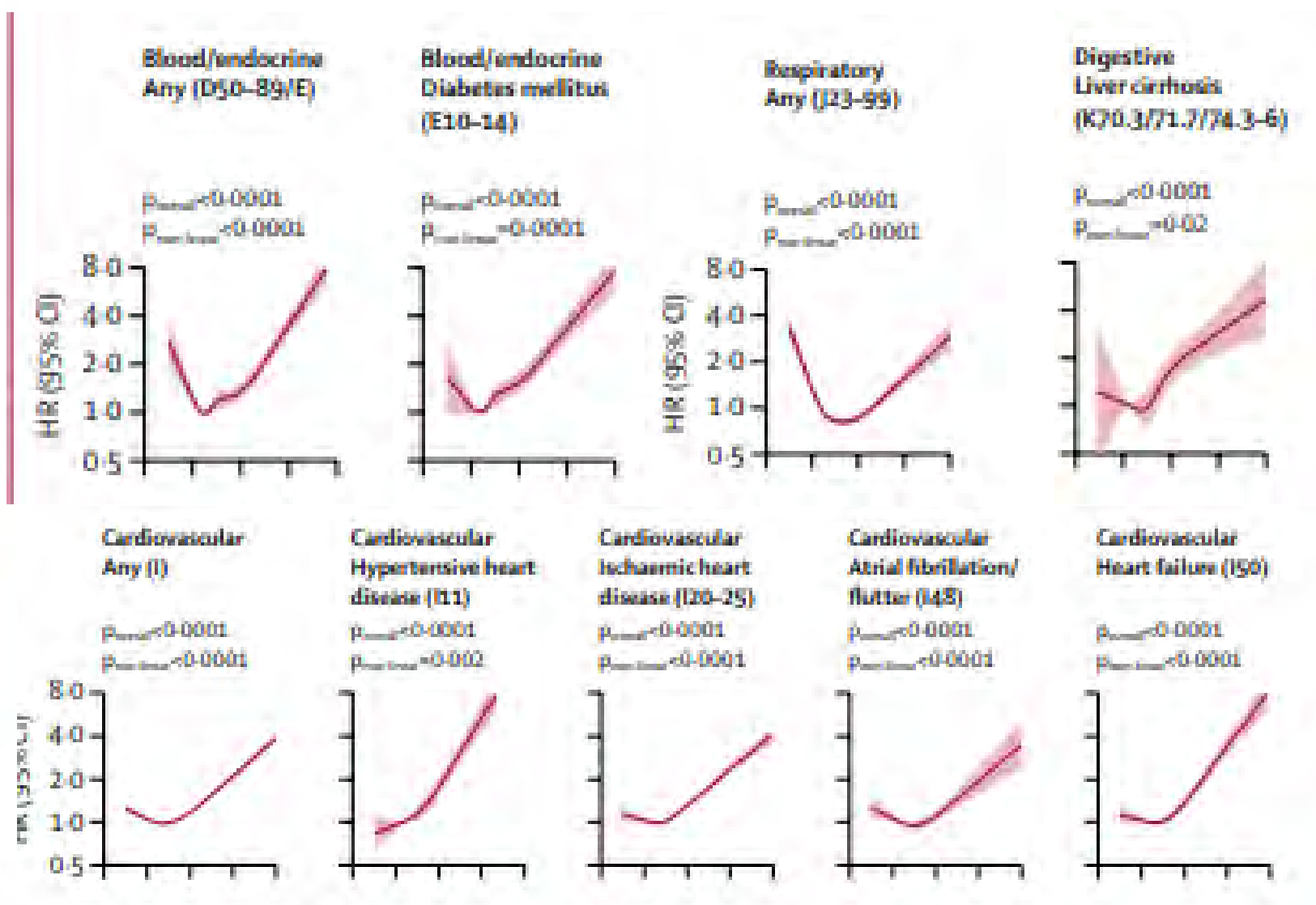
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Obesity is linked to increased mortality



Non-Cancer diagnosis

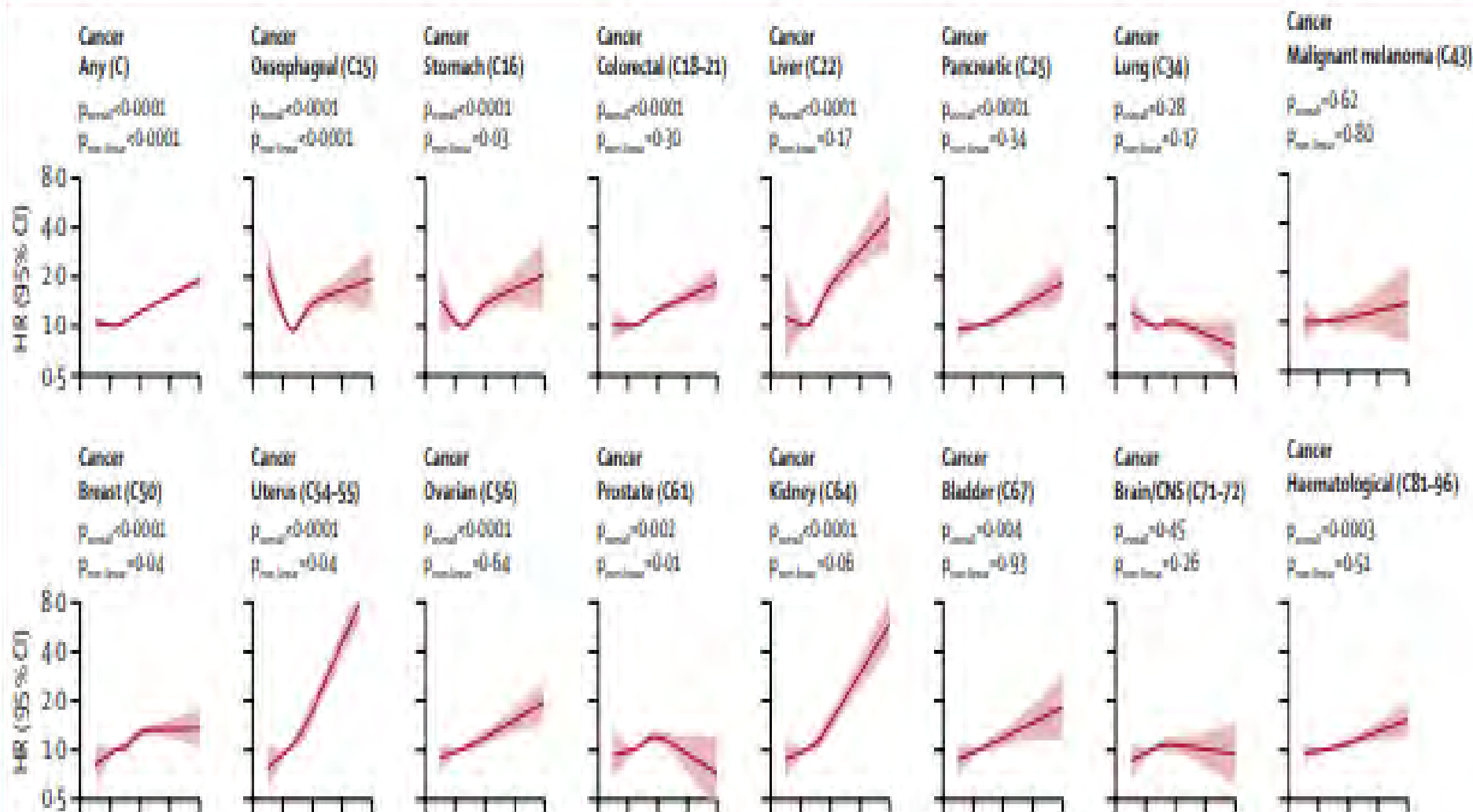


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"Taken together these findings suggest that high-income nations can successfully stem the pandemic and offers hope for eventual control of the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak as lockdown programmes ramp up across the rest of the world."

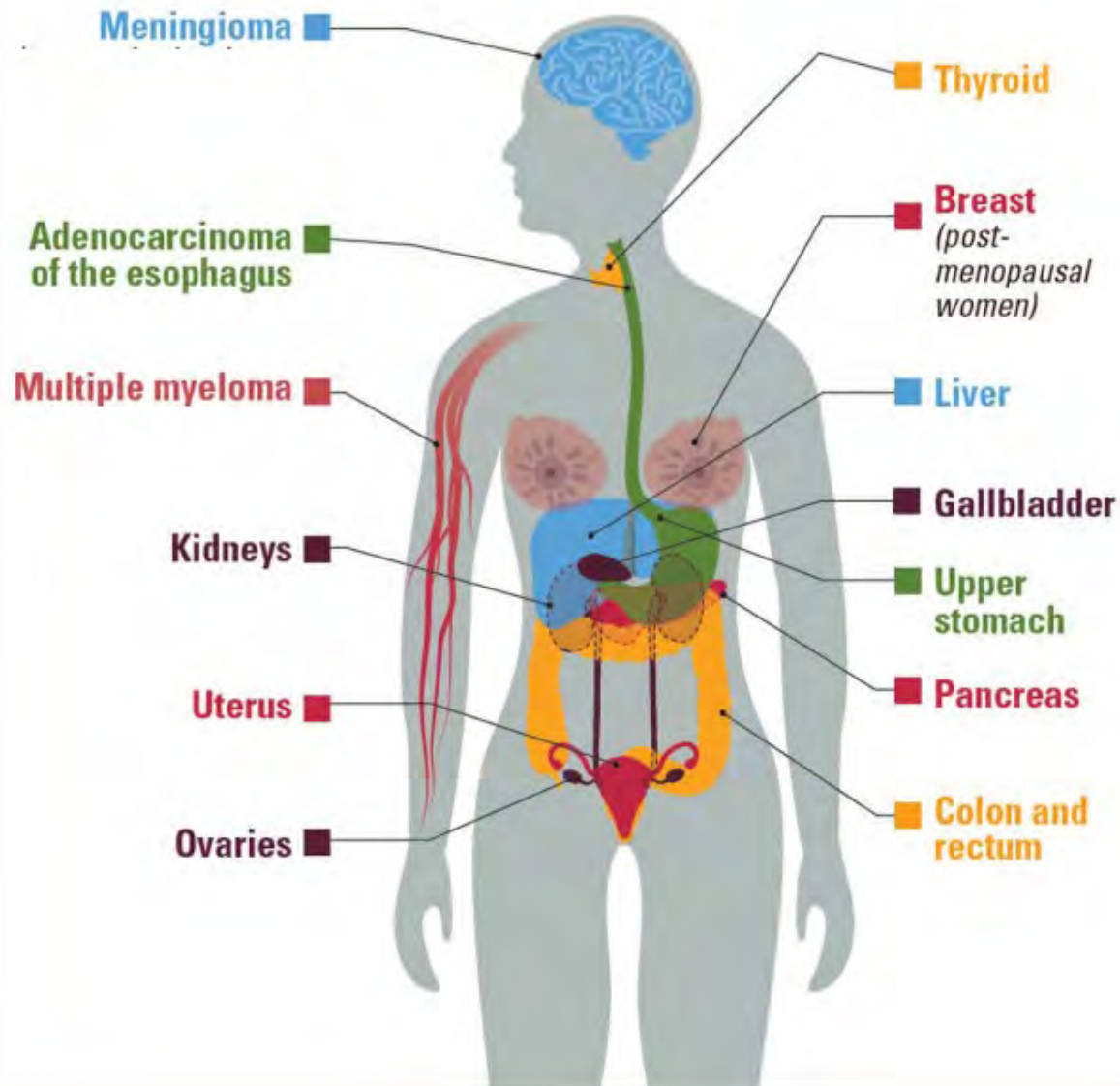


Effect of Obesity on Life Expectancy at Age 40

	Men		Women	
BMI (kg/m ²)	Life Expectancy at age 40	Reduction in life expectancy	Life Expectancy at age 40	Reduction in life expectancy
< 18.5	77.9	4.3	79.8	4.5
18.5-24.9	82.2	Referent	84.3	Referent
25.0-29.9	81.2	1.0	83.5	0.8
30.0-34.9	78.7	3.4	81.9	2.4
35.0-39.9	76.2	5.9	79.6	4.7
≥ 40.0	73.1	9.1	76.6	7.7



13 cancers are associated with overweight and obesity



Summary risk estimate per 5 kg/m²

Location	Men	Women	Strength of Evidence
Esophageal (adeno)	1.52	1.51	Convincing
Gastric (adeno)	0.97	1.04	Probable
Colorectal (adeno)	1.09-1.24	1.02-1.04	Convincing
Gallbladder	1.09	1.59	Probable
Pancreatic (adeno)	1.13	1.10	Convincing
Liver (HCC)	1.19	1.12	Convincing
Renal	1.24	1.34	Convincing
Breast (post menopausal)		1.12	Convincing
Endometrial		1.59	Convincing
Ovarian		1.06	Probable
Prostate	1.08		Probable

Obesity impacts Therapy

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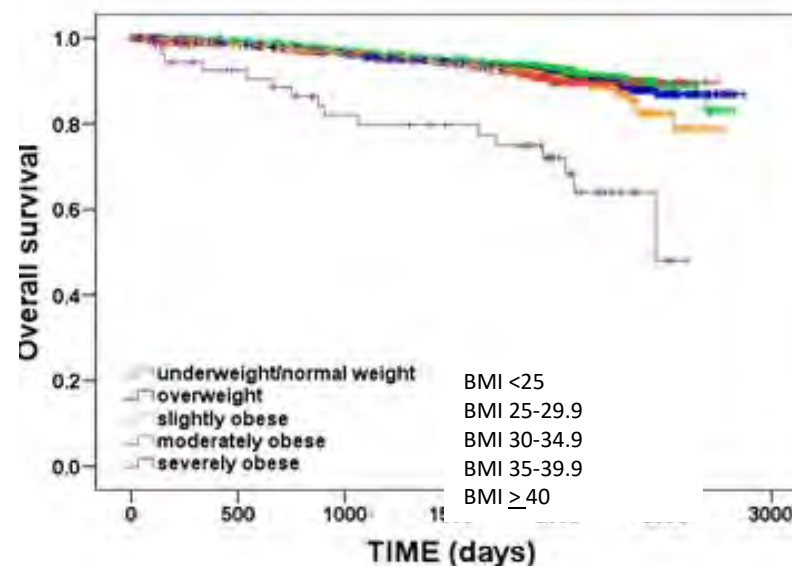
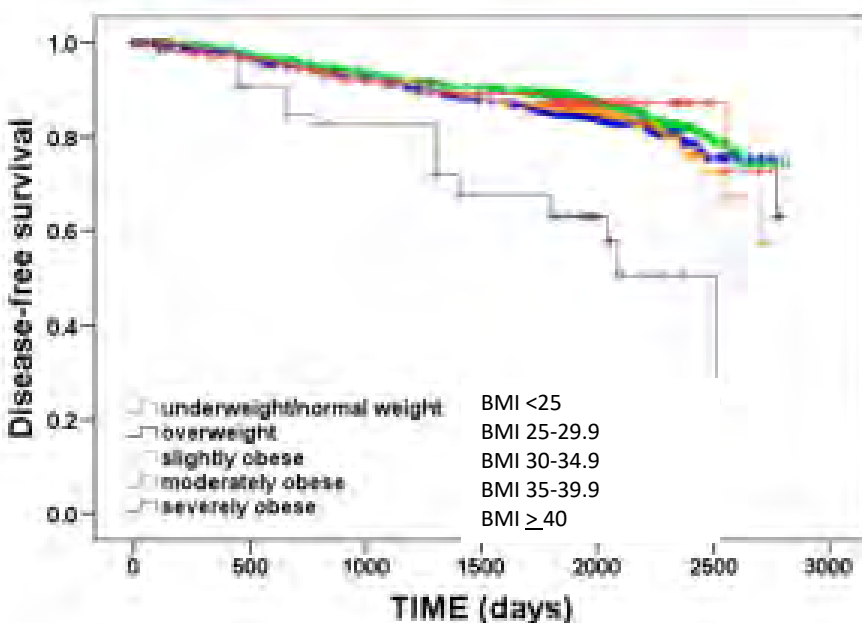
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The influence of obesity on survival in early, high-risk breast cancer: results from the randomized SUCCESS A trial



Breast Cancer
RESEARCH

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The Impact of Obesity on Breast Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment

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1. Challenges of Diagnosis

1. The incidence of False negative was comparable across BMI
2. Stigma of Obesity decreases patient willingness to seek health care

2. Surgical Interventions

1. Trend toward moving to breast conservation therapy
 1. Some studies suggest that the risk of local recurrence is higher in obese patients
 2. Sentinel lymph node identification is lower in women with obesity.
2. Obesity is a higher risk of surgical complications in mastectomy patients

3. Systemic therapy

1. Patients with obesity require higher doses of systemic tx to get tumor suppression with some regimens
2. Studies that show less benefit of endocrine therapy after treatment on patients with obesity.



Weight Stigma

Medical Students and NP students report observing weight shaming and weight bias on their clinical rotations.

While some providers think that this behavior will “motivate” patients to work on their weight and health, the opposite is true.

- Patients who experience health care related weight bias are more likely to exhibit unhealthy eating patters, binge eating, and less likely to engage in physical activity.

Remember Obesity is a Disease

You don't say a 42-year-old cancer patient, it is a 42-year-old patient with cancer

Table 1. People-First Language is critical to reducing bias and discrimination

Example of People-First Language	Example of Non-People-First Language
A 43-y-old female patient with obesity	A 43-y-old obese female patient
A study related to children with obesity	A study of obese children



Weight Stigma


Table 2. Strategies to reduce obesity bias and stigma: compassionate and respectful communication

Encouraged terms

Weight
Unhealthy weight
Overweight
Preobesity
Body mass index
Excessive energy stores
Affected by obesity
Eating habits/nutrition
Physical activity
Healthy habits


Discouraged Terms

Morbidly obese
Obese
Fat
Heaviness
Large size
Chubby
Plump
Big size
Diet
Exercise



Class I obesity
Class II obesity
Class III obesity

Weight bias and health care utilization: a scoping review

Angela S. Alberga¹ , Iyoma Y. Edache¹, Mary Forhan² and Shelly Russell-Mayhew³

1. Contemptuous treatment- verbal insults, inappropriate humor, treated less respectfully
2. Attribution of all health issues to excess weight
3. Health provider making assumptions about weight gain
4. Barriers to health care utilization
 1. 7 studies showed avoidance, delay or cancellation of health care services because of
 1. Not wanting to weight
 2. Not wanting to get undressed
 3. Inadequate seating, tables, gowns, BP cuffs, etc
5. Wanting to be seen as a whole person is interpreted as “doctor shopping”



The multifactorial effect of obesity on the effectiveness and outcomes of cancer therapies

Joanne Lysaght ¹ & Melissa J. Conroy ²

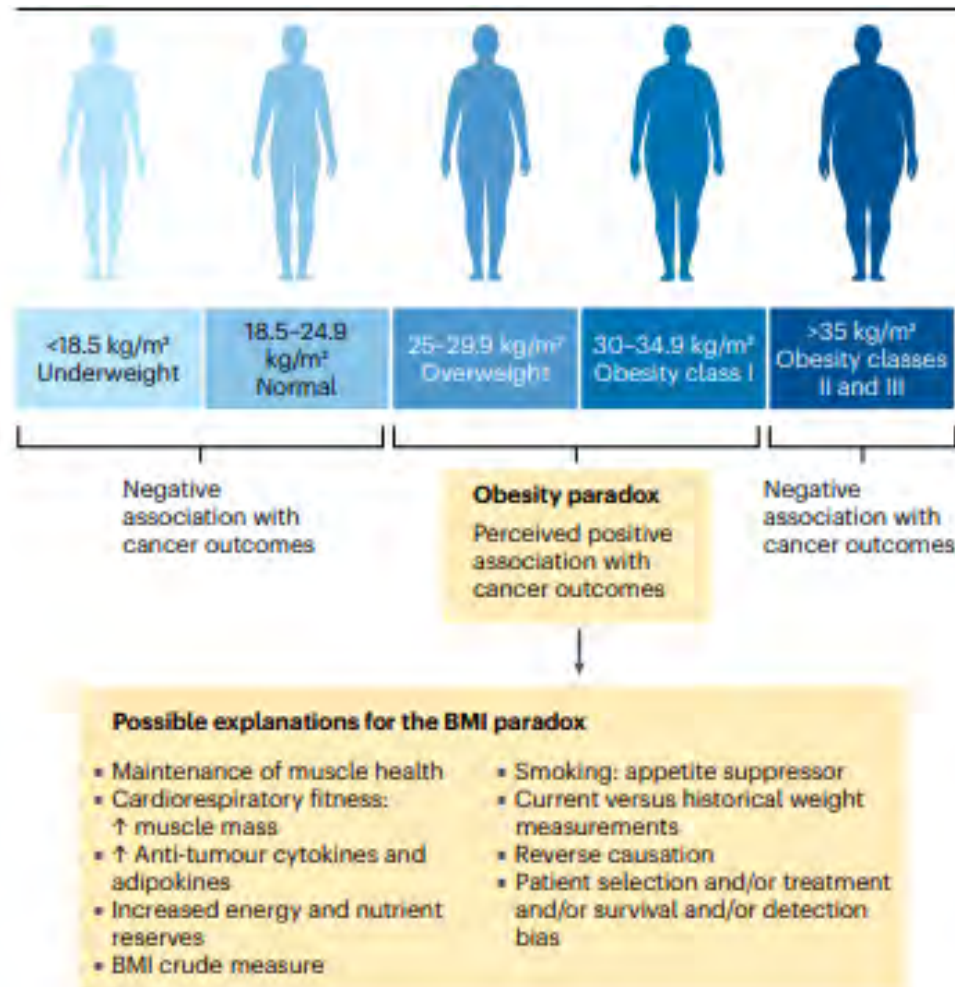
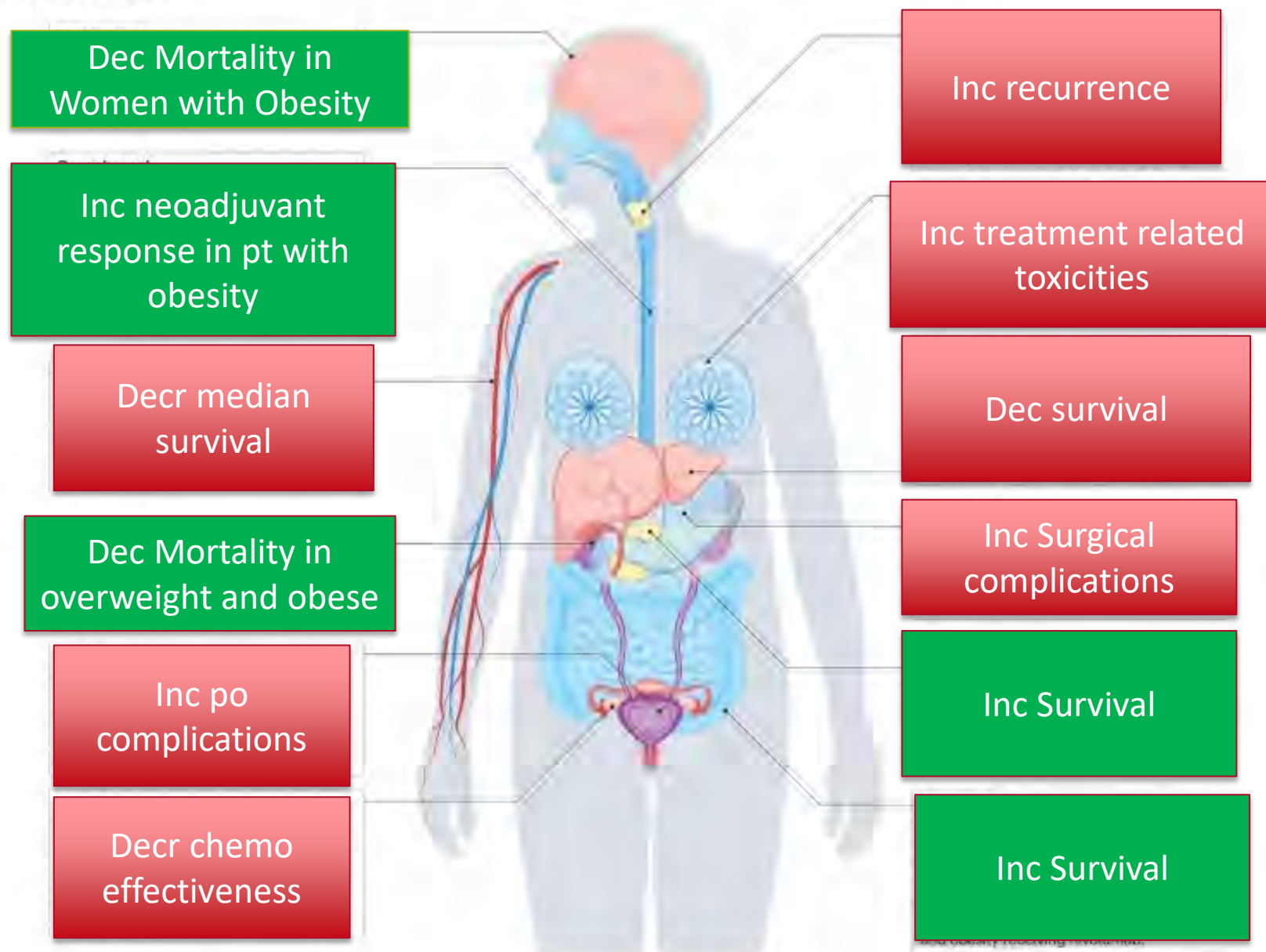


Fig. 1: Obesity-associated cancers, relative risk, treatment efficacy, toxicities and outcomes.



Obesity impacts Co-morbidities

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Migraines

**Pseudotumor
Cerebri**

**Dyslipidemia
Hypercholesterolemia**

**Non-Alcoholic Fatty
Liver Disease**

**Metabolic
Syndrome**

**Type II
Diabetes Mellitus**

**Polycystic
Ovarian Svndrome**

Venous Stasis Disease

Depression

**Obstructive
Sleep Apnea**

Asthma

**Cardiovascular
Disease**

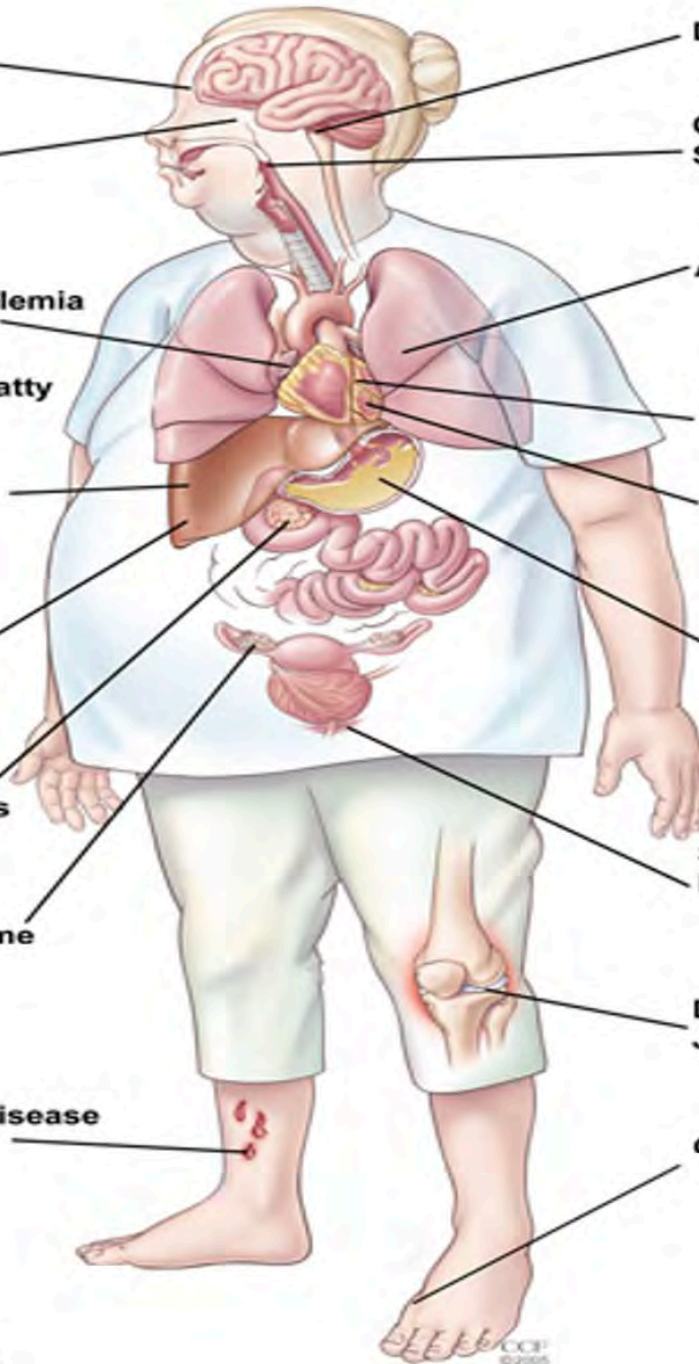
Hypertension

GERD

**Stress Urinary
Incontinence**

**Degenerative
Joint Disease**

Gout



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Lap Sleeve Gastrectomy

Remove ~80% of the stomach

Restricts the quantity of food

Removes the ghrelin producing cells, so not hungry

No foreign body

Laparoscopic, overnight stay

Irreversible

Potential for vitamin deficiency, B vit, Fe

Risks of Leak, DVT/PE, portal vein thrombosis

Weight loss ~20-25% of total body weight



Lap Gastric Bypass

Gold Standard Operation

Restricts the amount of food

Because no food contacts the antrum, there is a decrease in ghrelin (less hunger) and undigested food hit small intestine faster there is an increase in leptin (early satiety)

Risks- Leak, DVT/PE,
Long term vitamin def- Fe, B12,
Ca, Vit D.
Ulcers-smoking, NSAID, steroids,
Internal hernia

Weight loss ~25-30% of
total body weight



Lap Duodenal Switch, SADI-S

Decrease risks of internal hernia, ulcers, re weight gain

Can take NSAIDS, steroids with much lower risk of ulcers, no dumping with sugar (pylorus in place)

If eat carbs or excessive fat, gas bloating diarrhea.
No dumping.

Increased risk of vitamin deficiencies - need to be on supplementation for life

Weight Loss ~30-35% of total body weight

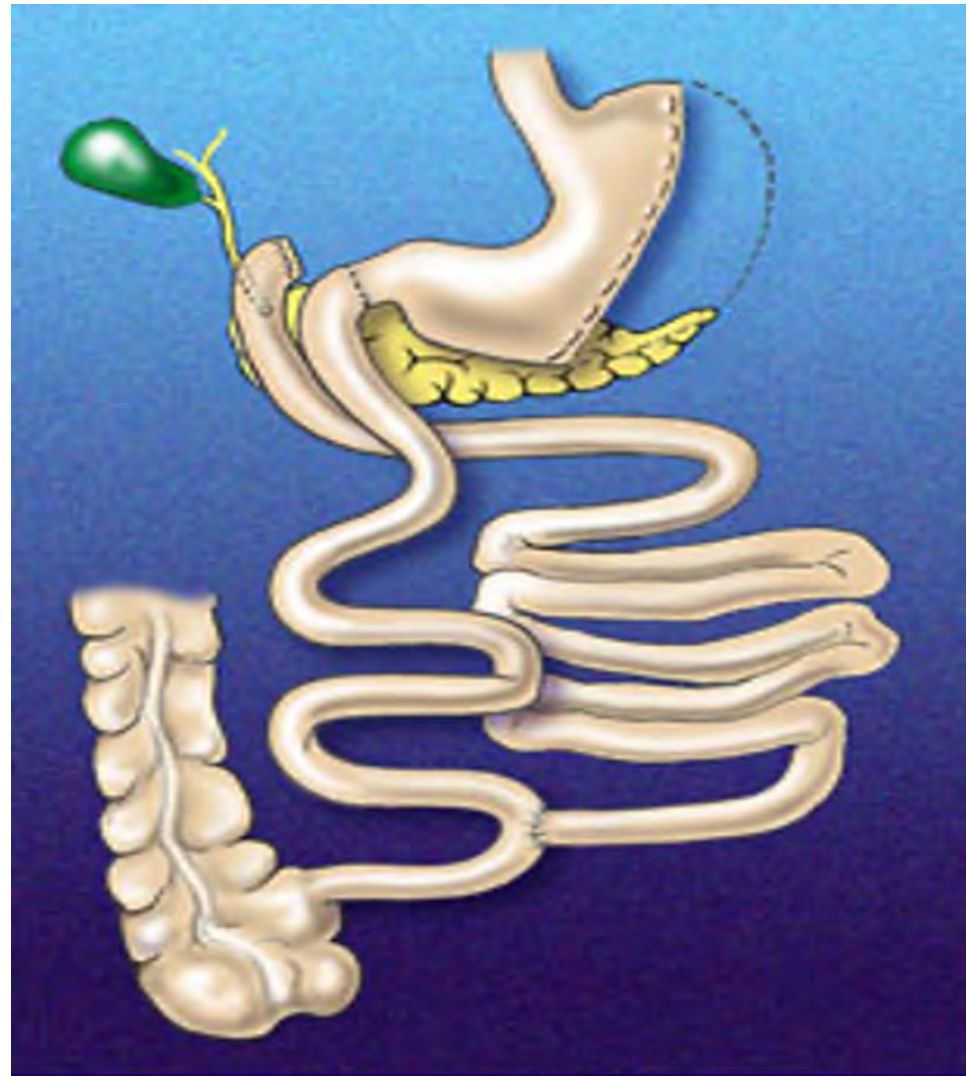


FIGURE 5

Migraines
57% resolved

**Pseudotumor
Cerebri**
96% resolved

**Dyslipidemia
Hypercholesterolemia**
63% resolved

**Non-Alcoholic Fatty
Liver Disease**
90% improved
steatosis
37% resolution of
inflammation
20% resolution of
fibrosis

**Metabolic
Syndrome**
80% resolved

**Type II
Diabetes Mellitus**
83% resolved

**Polycystic
Ovarian Syndrome**
79% resolution of hirsutism
100% resolution of
menstrual dysfunction

Venous Stasis Disease
95% resolved

Quality of Life-
improved in
95% of patients

Depression
55% resolved

**Obstructive
Sleep Apnea**
74-98% resolved

Asthma
82% improved
or resolved

**Cardiovascular
Disease**
82% risk reduction

Hypertension
52-92% resolved

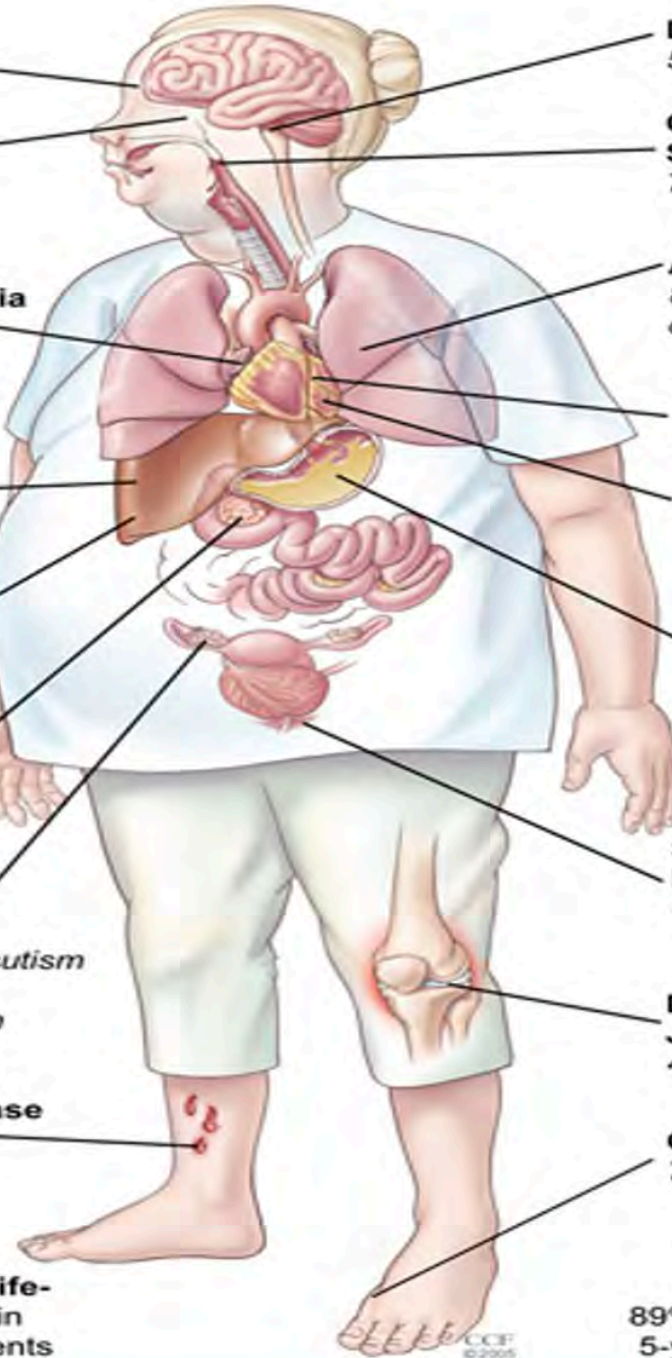
GERD
72-98% resolved

**Stress Urinary
Incontinence**
44-88% resolved

**Degenerative
Joint Disease**
41-76% resolved

Gout
77% resolved

Mortality-
89% reduction in
5-year mortality



Association of Metabolic Surgery With Major Adverse Cardiovascular Outcomes in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes and Obesity

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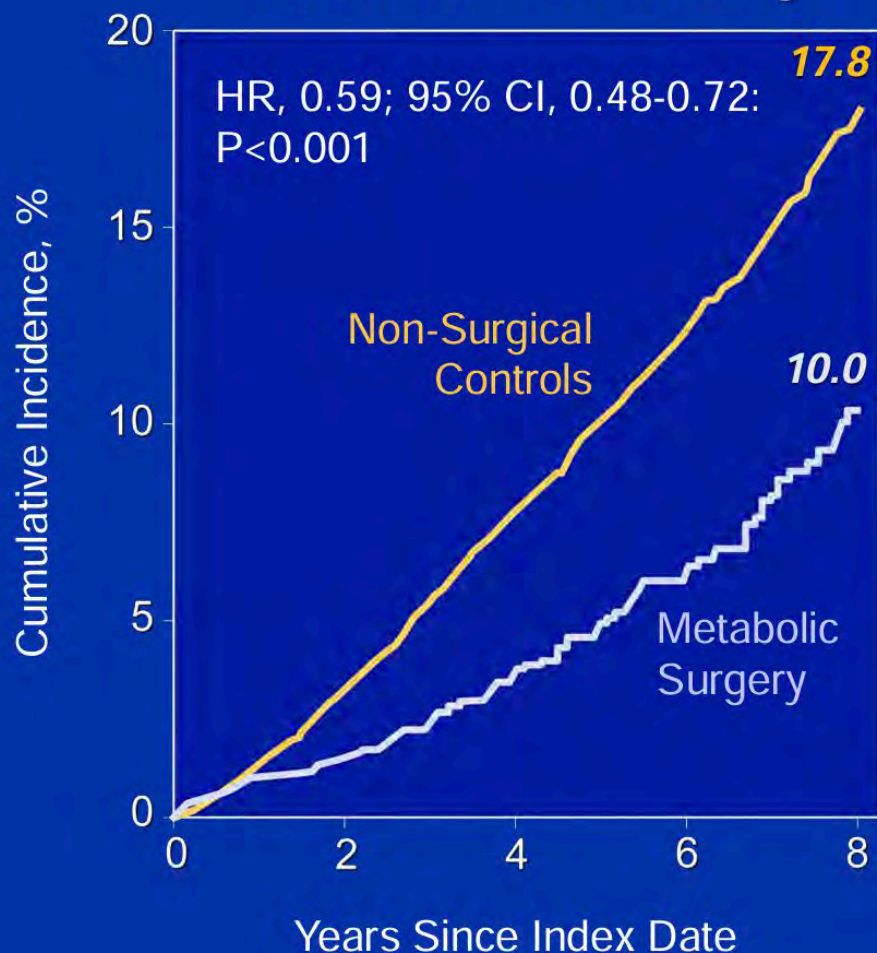
2287 Bariatric patients with Type 2 Diabetes mellitus

matched 1:5 to 11435 Control patients with Type 2 Diabetes mellitus

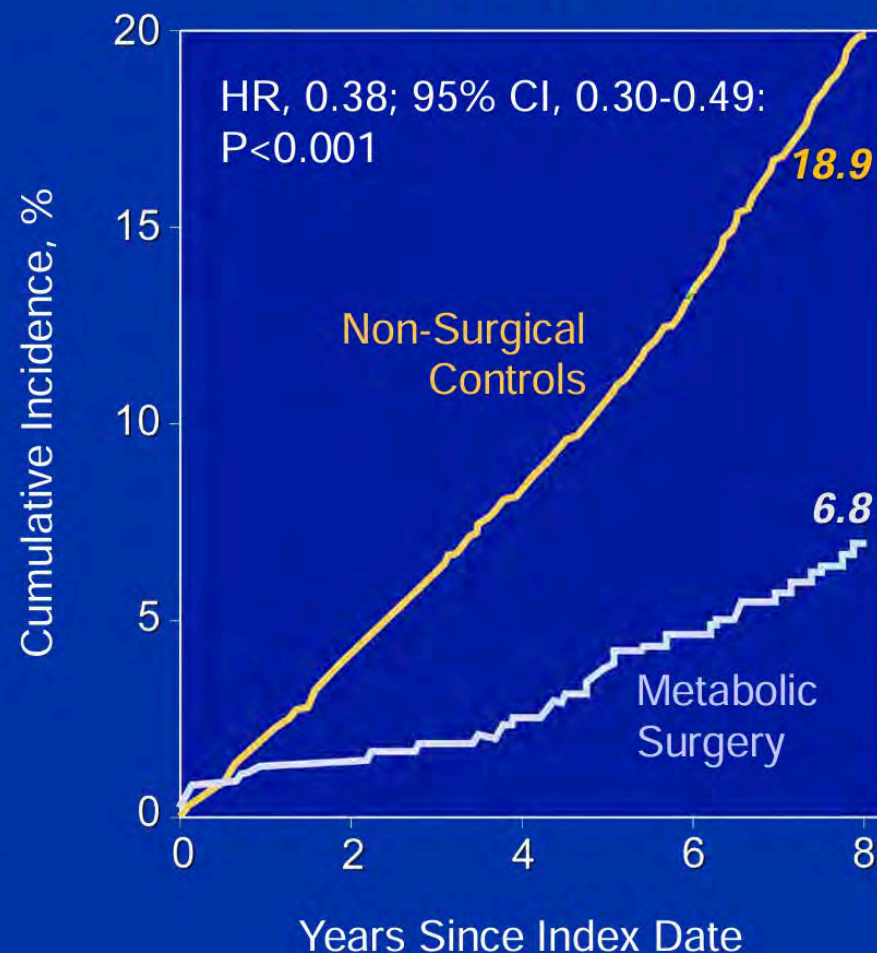


Metabolic Surgery vs. Usual Care

All-Cause Mortality

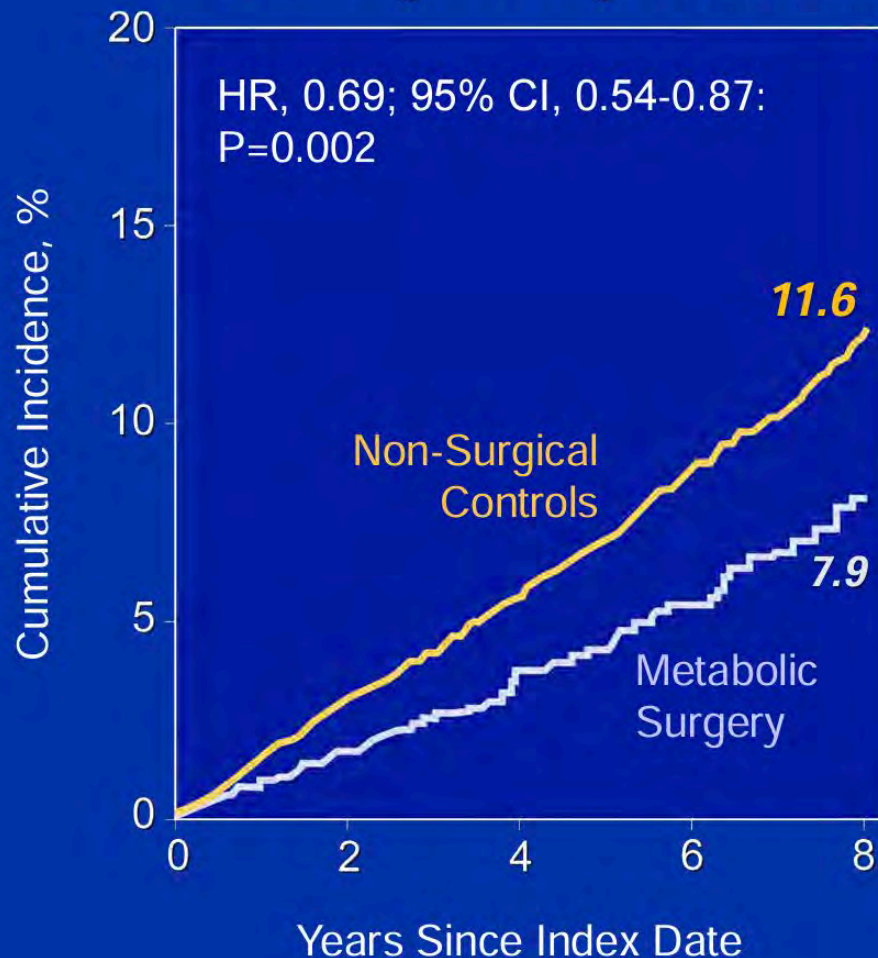


Heart Failure

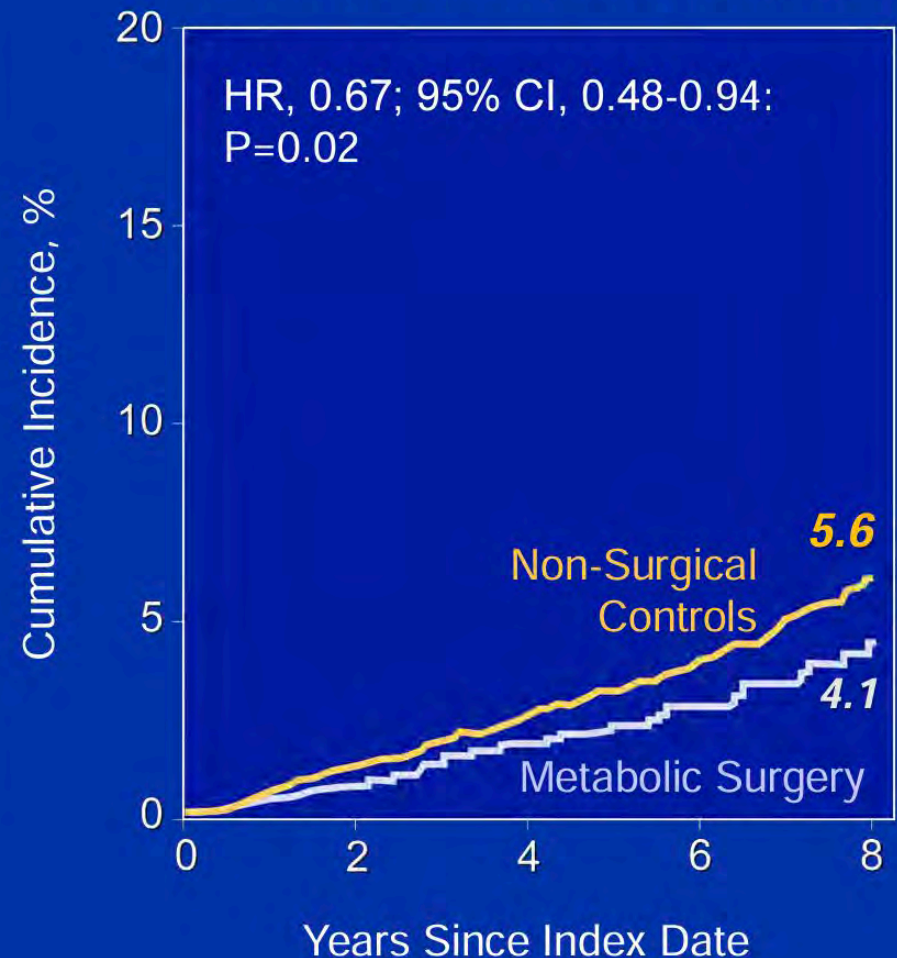


Metabolic Surgery vs. Usual Care

Coronary Artery Disease

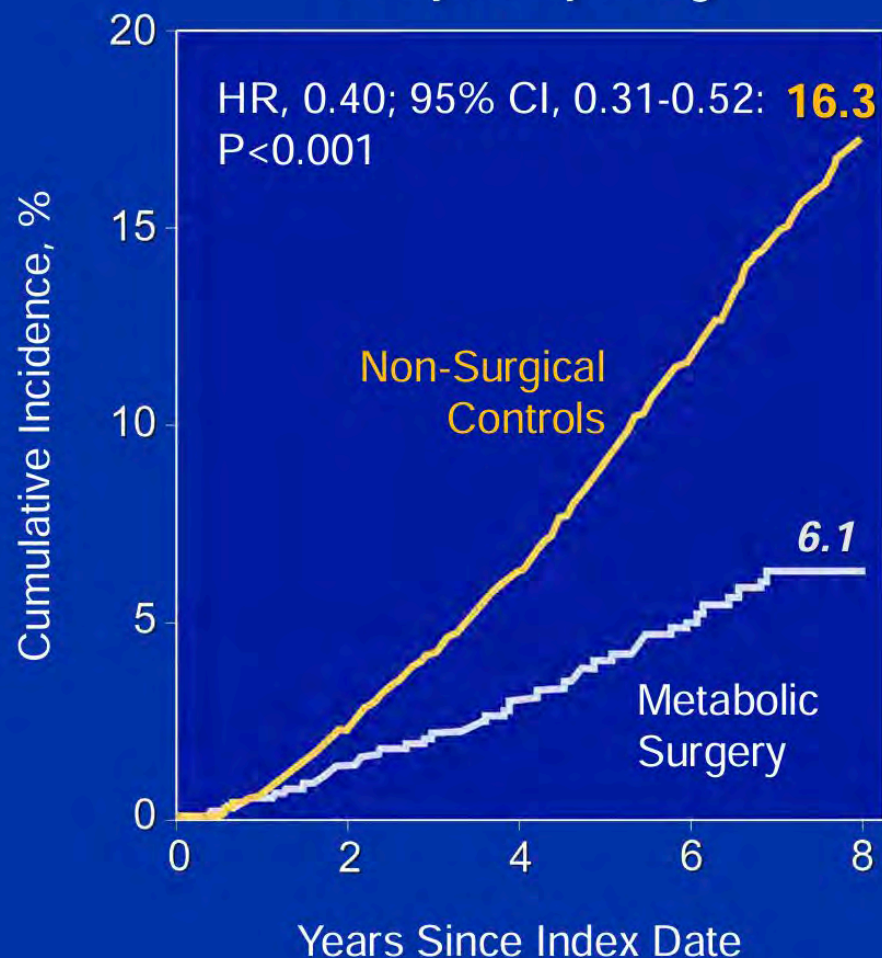


Cerebrovascular Disease

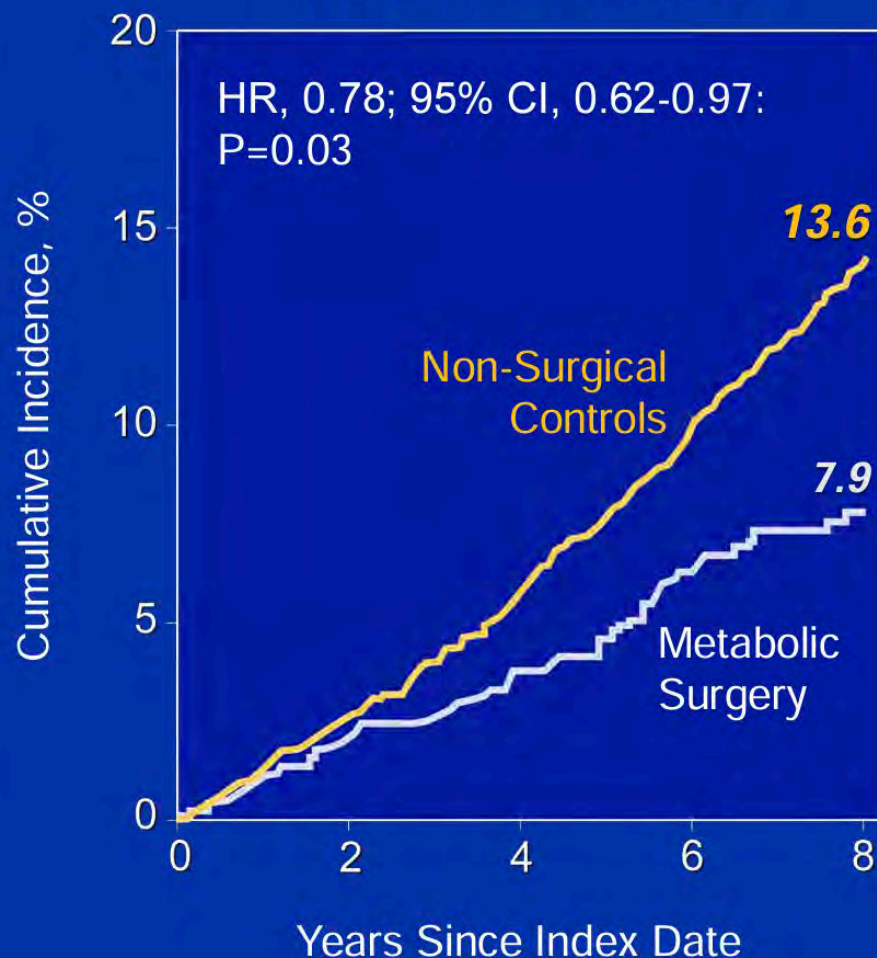


Metabolic Surgery vs. Usual Care

Nephropathy

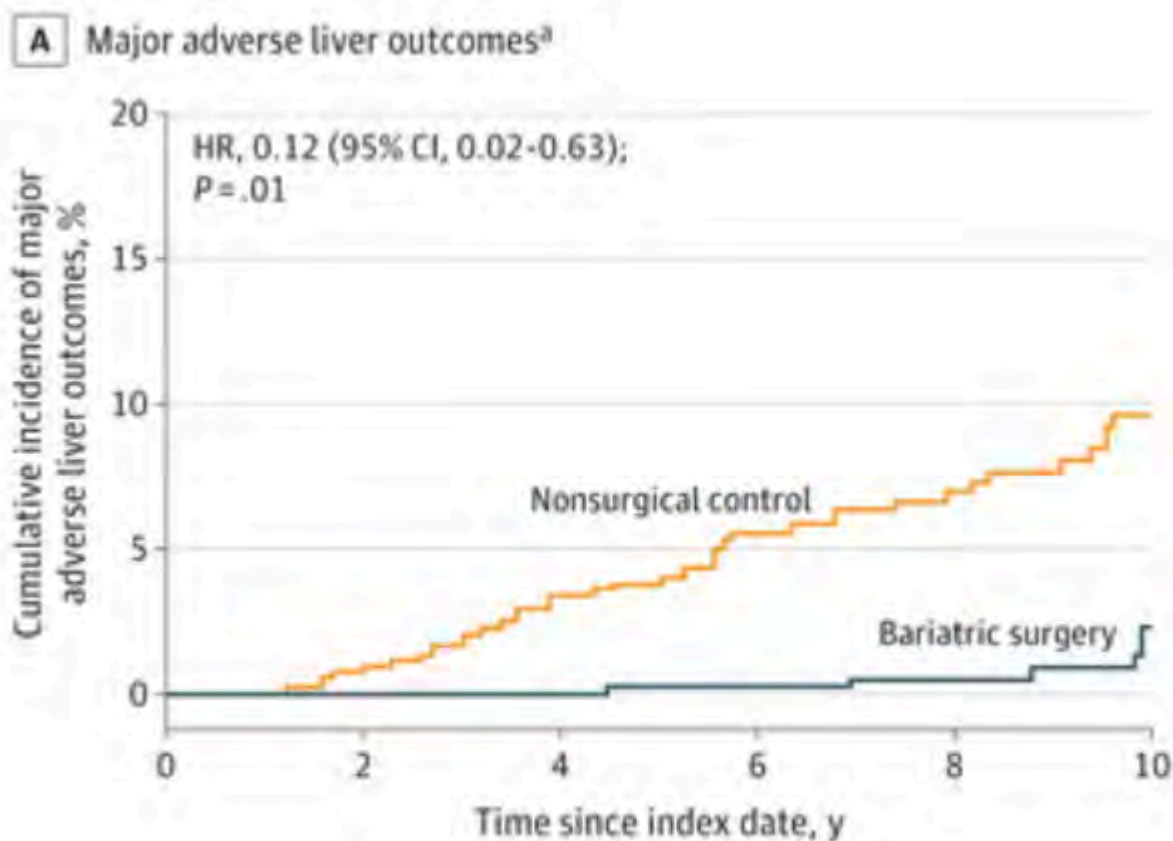


Atrial Fibrillation



Association of Bariatric Surgery With Major Adverse Liver and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Patients With Biopsy-Proven Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis

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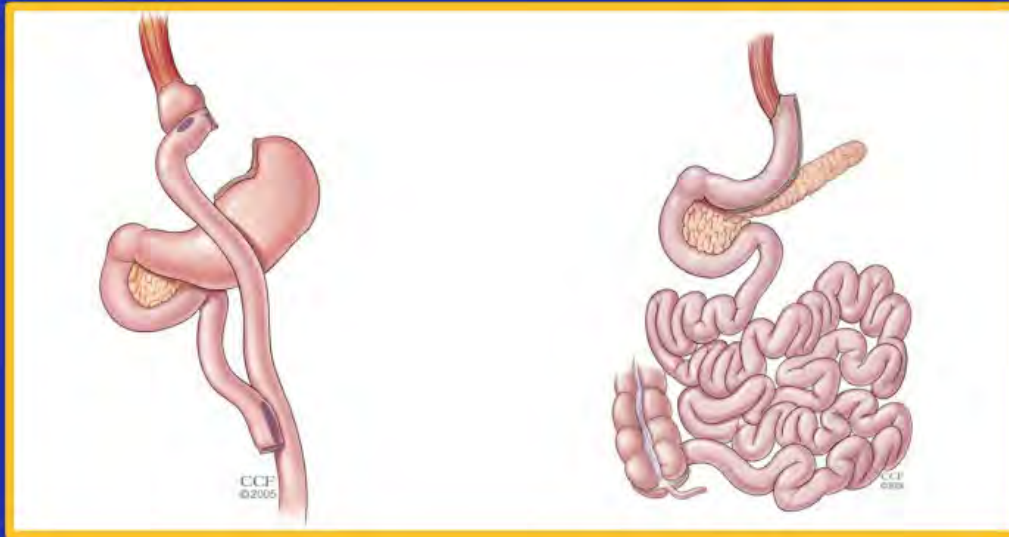


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Surgical Procedures and Long-term Effectiveness in Neoplastic Disease Incidence and Death (SPLENDID)

Metabolic Surgical Procedures (N=5053)



Gastric Bypass

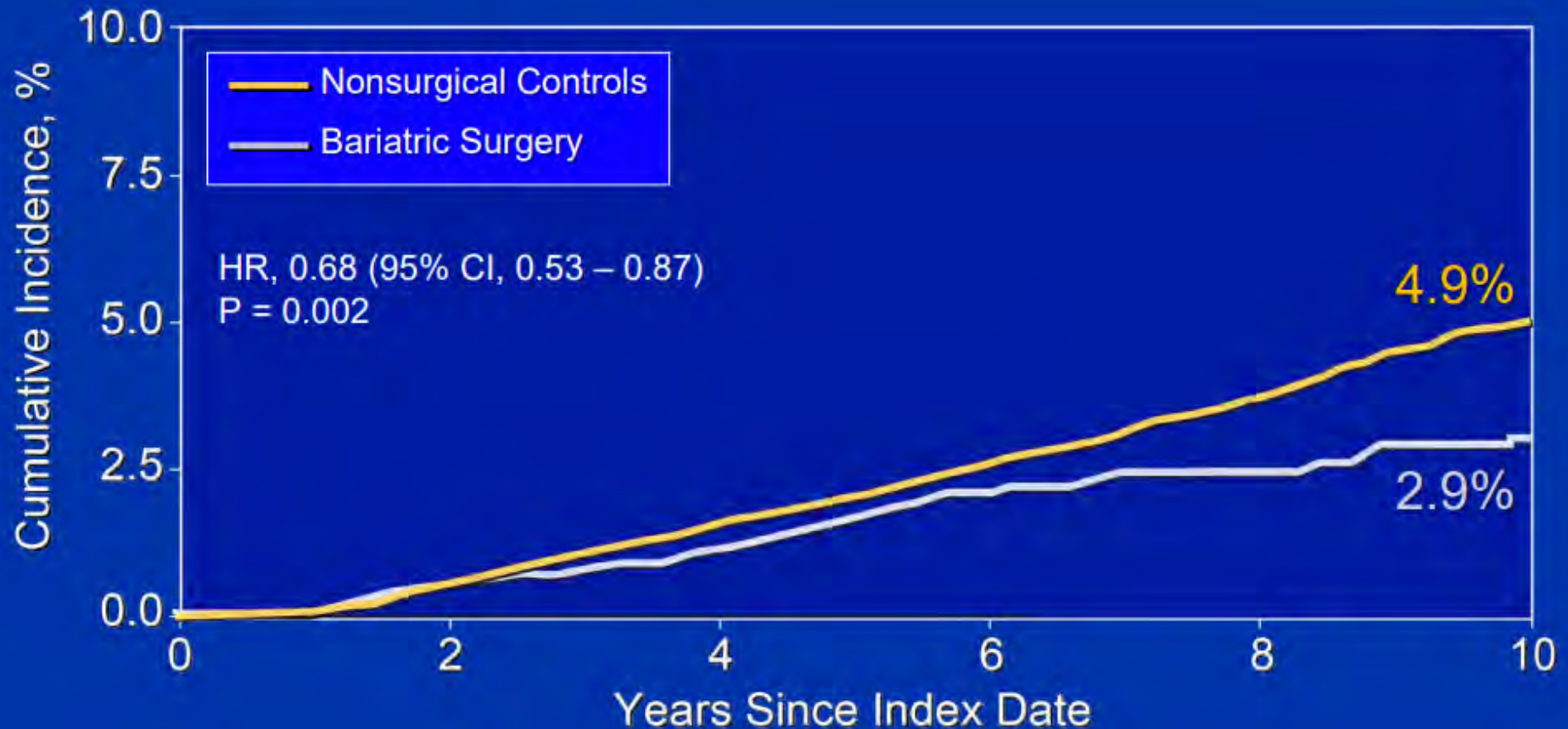
N=3348 (66%)

Sleeve Gastrectomy

N=1705 (34%)



Surgical Procedures and Long-term Effectiveness in Neoplastic Disease Incidence and Death (SPLENDID)



Surgical Procedures and Long-term Effectiveness in Neoplastic Disease Incidence and Death (SPLENDID)



The better the weight loss the lower the cumulative risk of cancer



Dose Dependent Response

**The More the Weight
Loss,**

The Better the Outcomes



There are no studies that talk about Bariatric Surgery after a primary cancer diagnosis to decrease risk of recurrence or a second primary.



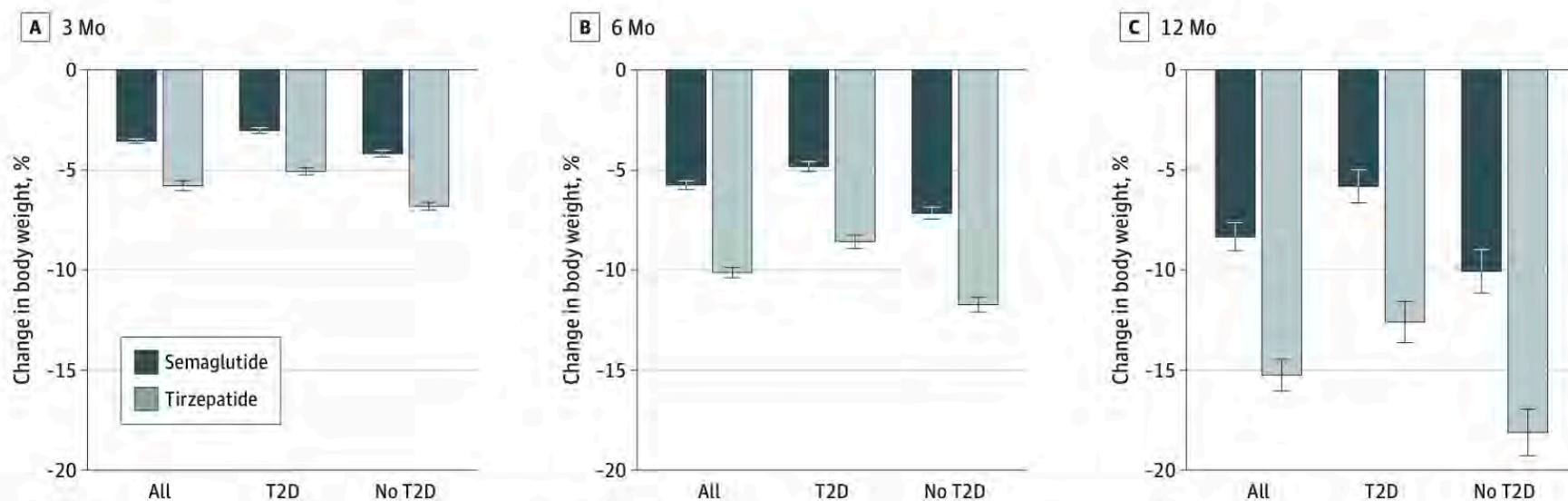
What about Medical Weight Loss in the GLP-1 era?

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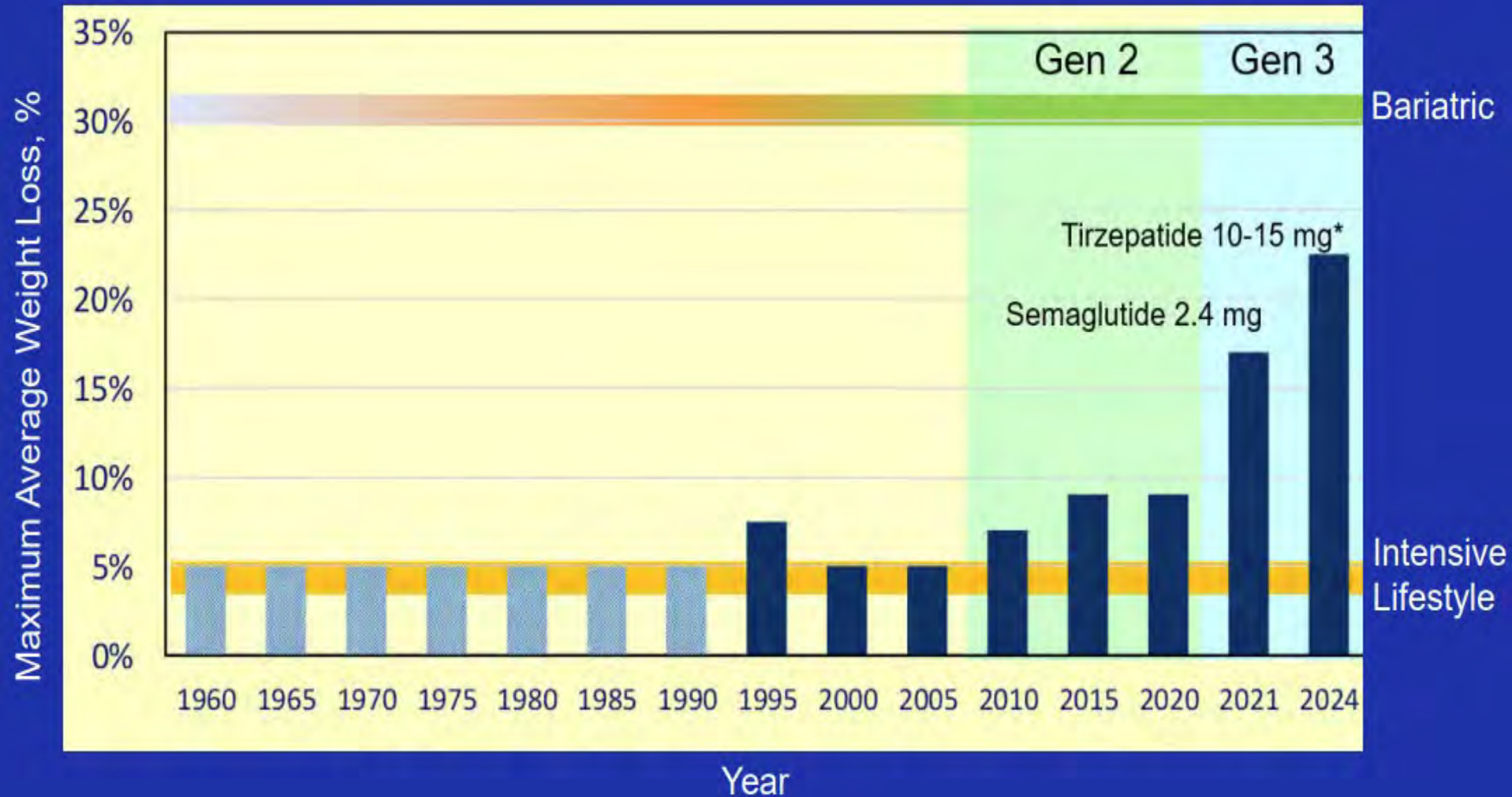
Semaglutide vs Tirzepatide



Bars represent mean changes in body weight from baseline to the time point among the propensity score matched population of patients still receiving treatment. The whiskers represent 95% CIs.



Obesity Treatment 1960-2024



Barriers to GLP-1 Therapy

Cost

- Lack of insurance coverage

Supply chain issues

Side effects

- Nausea

- Abdominal pain

- Constipation

Contraindications

- Pancreatitis

- MEN 2A or 2B

- Medullary Thyroid Cancer



Impact of Prior Bariatric Surgery on Cancer

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Gastroesophageal Cancer After Gastric Bypass Surgeries: a Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Rodrigue Chemaly^{1,2} · Samer Diab¹ · Georges Khazen³ · Georges Al-Hajj^{1,2}

Gastroesophageal adenocarcinoma after gastric bypass.

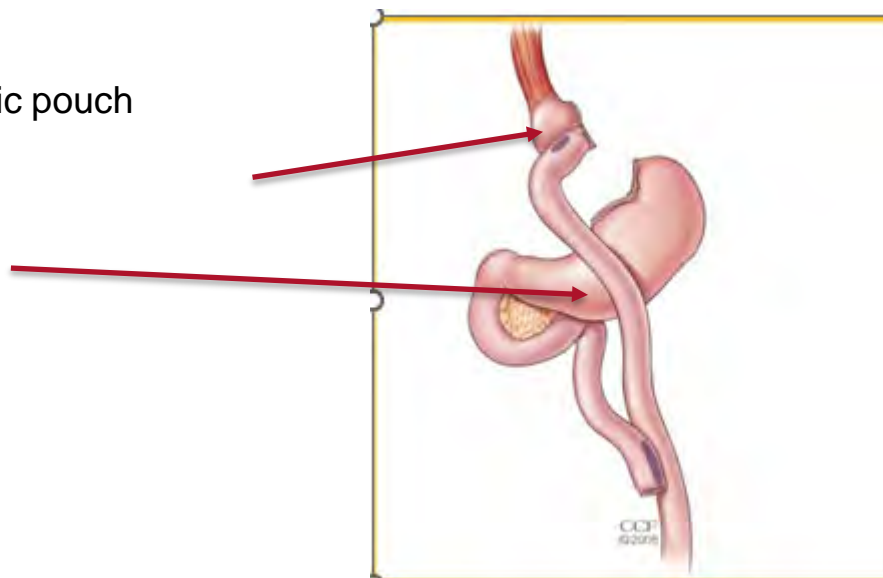
52 cases identified

30 cancers in the distal esophagus/ gastric pouch

22 cancers in the excluded stomach

Symptoms:

- Abdominal distention (5)
- Abdominal pain (23)
- Anemia(6)
- Anorexia/Early satiety (2)
- Constipation (1)
- Dysphagia (16)
- GERD(1)
- Melena(5)
- N/V(10)
- Weight loss (13)



Risk of Esophageal and Gastric Cancer After Bariatric Surgery

Andrea Lazzati, MD, PhD^{1,2}; Tigran Poghosyan, MD, PhD^{3,4,5}; Marwa Touati, MS⁶; [et al](#)

National discharge database in France (PMSI)- 2010-2019

303,709 had bariatric surgery and at least a 2 year follow up with no cancer diagnosis

Matched 1:2 with obese patients who did not have MBS

	MBS	Control	P value
Follow up (years)	6.06	5.62	
Esophageal CA	26	86	
case per 100,000	1.8	2.3	0.05
Gastric cancer	57	168	
case per 100,000	3.3	4.6	0.04
EG CA Total	83	254	
case per 100,000	4.9	6.9	0.005

Therapeutic Challenges

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Clinical practice guidelines for the perioperative nutrition, metabolic, and nonsurgical support of patients undergoing bariatric procedures –

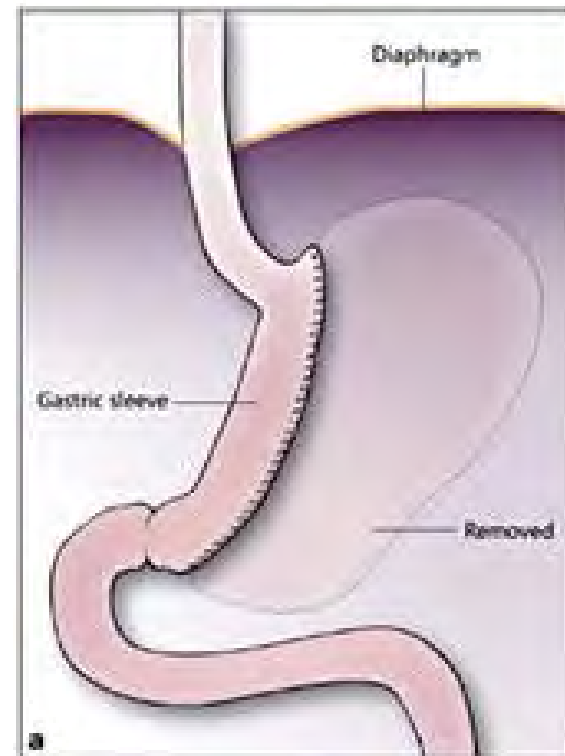
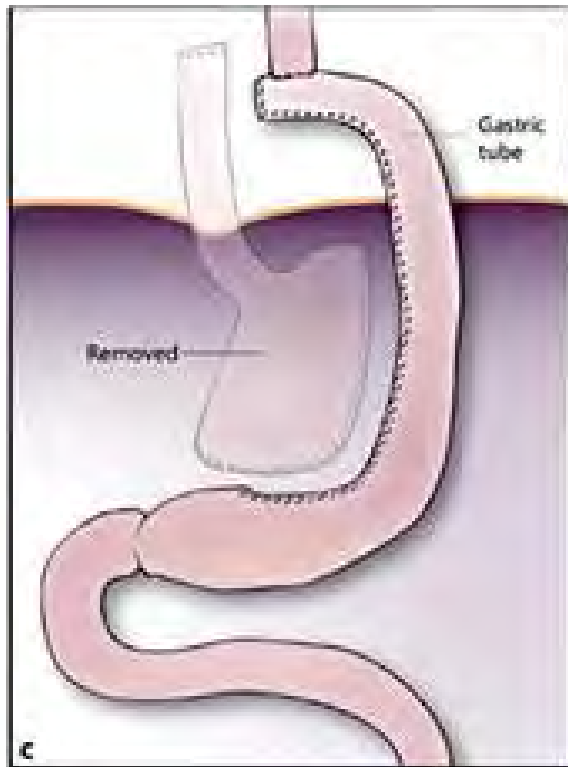
2020

2019 update: cosponsored by American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists/American College of Endocrinology, The Obesity Society, American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery, Obesity Medicine Association, and American Society of Anesthesiologists

Nutrient	Amount	Risk of deficiency
Protein	60-120 gm/day	1-10%
B1 (thiamine)	50-100 mg daily	<1-49%
B12 (cobalamin)	350-1000 µg daily	RYGB <20%, SG 4-20%
Folate (folic acid)	400-1000 µg daily	65%
Iron	40-60 mg elemental daily	SG <18%, RYGB 20-55%, DS 8-50%
Calcium/Vit D	Ca-1200-2400 mg/d Vit D 3000 IU daily	Up to 100%
Vit A	5000-10000IU/d	DS 70
Vit E	15 mg/d	Uncommon
Vit K	90-300 µg daily	Uncommon
Zinc	8-22 mg daily	SG <19%, RYGB 40%, DS up to 70%%
Copper	1-2 mg daily	RYGB 10-20% DS up to 90%



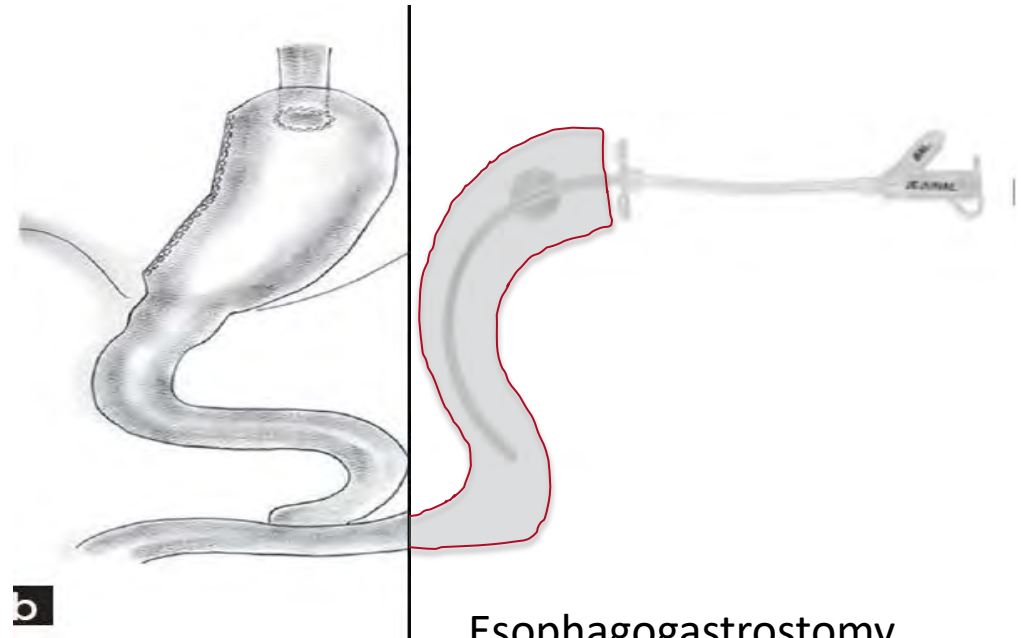
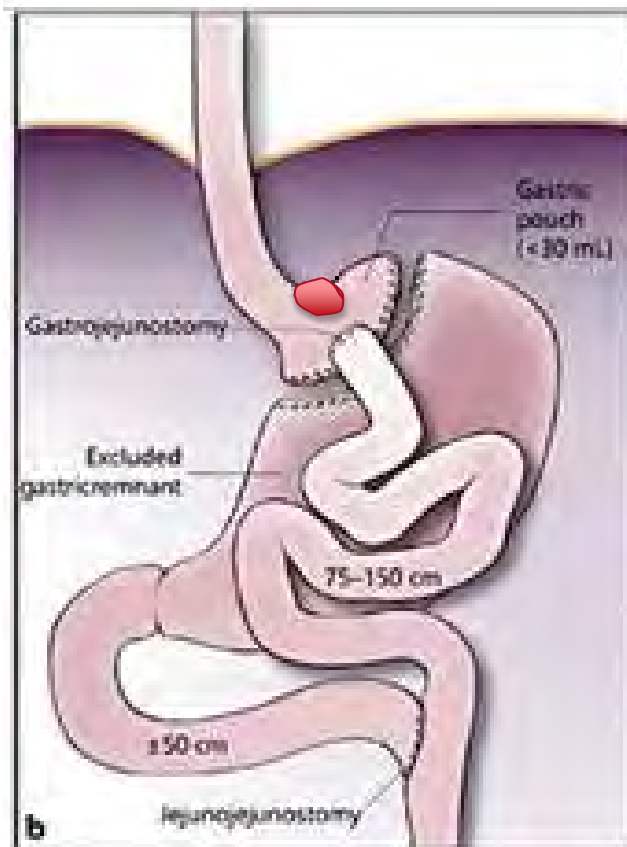
Distal esophagus/GEJ Cancer



Distal esophagus and proximal stomach are resected and the gastric tube is created. All operations that are based on a sleeve gastrectomy had eliminated the gastric tube



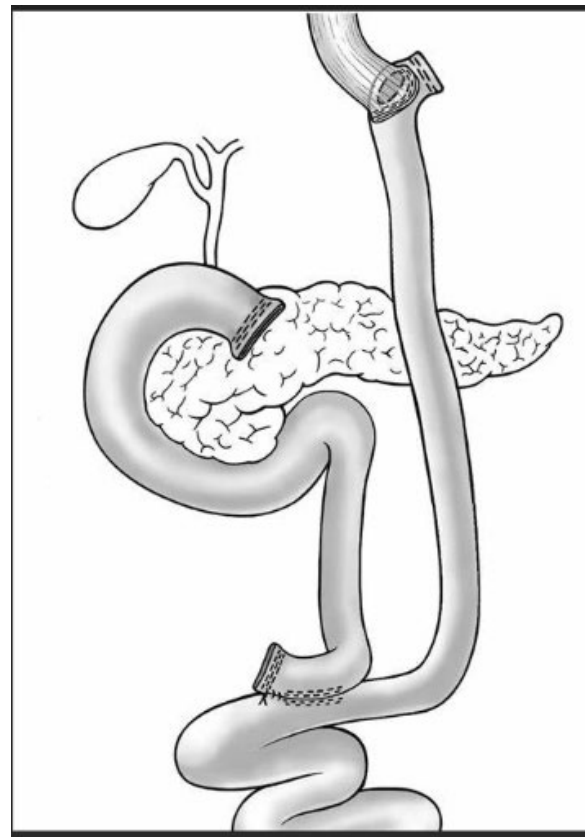
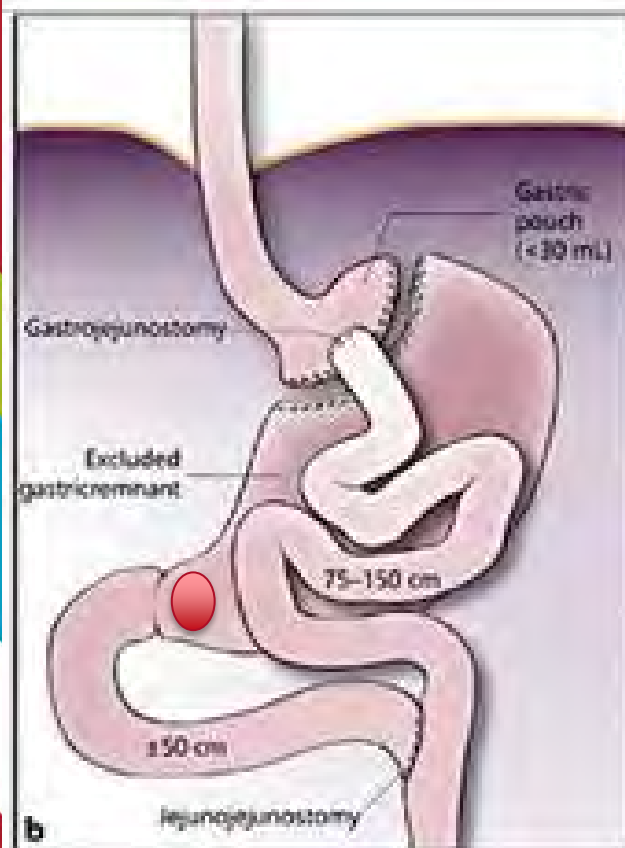
Distal esophagus/GEJ Cancer



With a J tube into the
Roux limb



Distal esophagus/GEJ Cancer



Complete gastrectomy


EJ with the pre-existing Roux limb

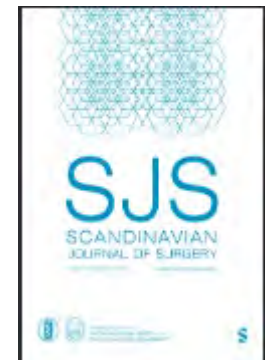
J tube into biliary limb or common channel

Roux needs to be at least 60-100 cm to prevent bile reflux



Pancreatoduodenectomy after Roux-en-Y gastric bypass surgery: Single-center experience and literature review

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6 patient (788) had a RY Gastric bypass for obesity and later developed pancreatic CA


Presenting symptoms: Pain (50%)
Jaundice (50%)

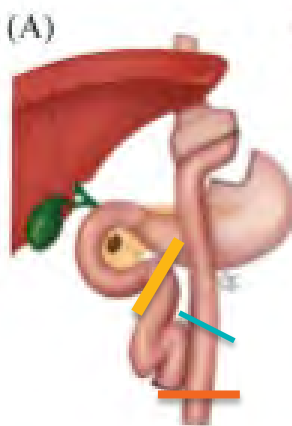
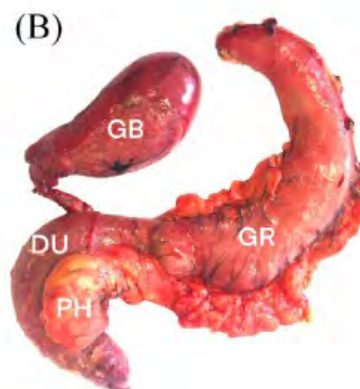
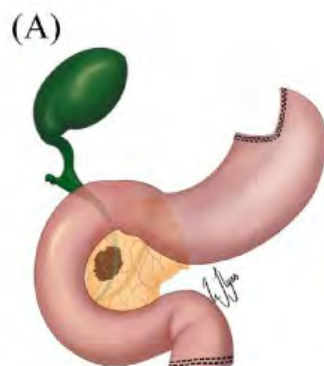
Median 5.5 years after RYGB

Median follow up 60 mo.



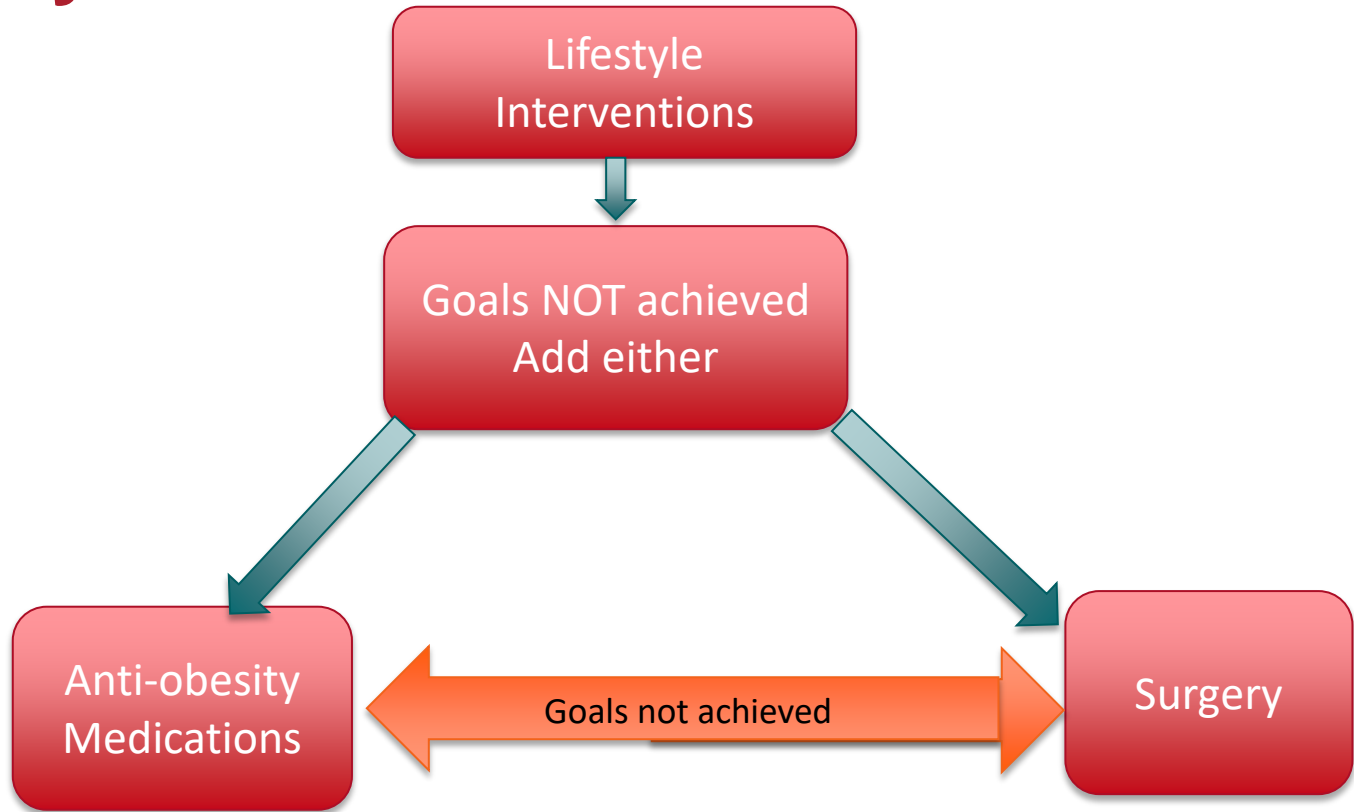
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RYGB Anatomy

Treatment Approach for Obesity



Conclusion

Obesity contributes to mortality

The higher the BMI the shorter the life expectancy

Obesity is linked to multiple malignancies

Heavier patients can be more difficult to diagnose, and treat

Obesity related co-morbidities can contribute to complications and long term mortality

Bariatric Surgery decreases the risk of getting and dying of cancer.

Bariatric Medicine and Surgery can decrease the risk of dying of obesity related complications

Surgery is more effective and cost effective.



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