

Critical Management Aspects of Bariatric Surgery in Transplant Patients

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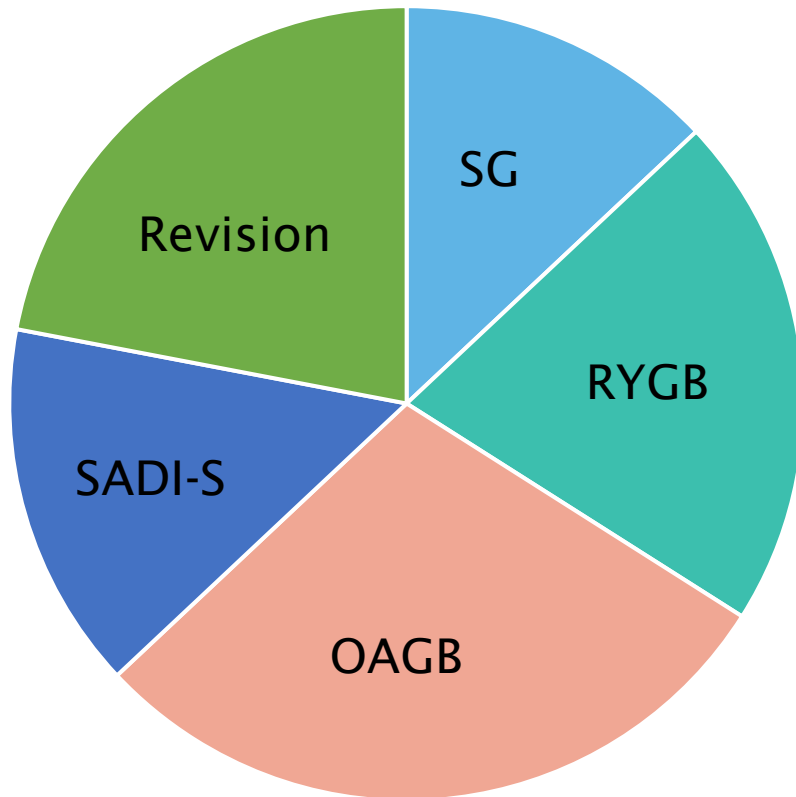


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Case Mix






LAGB	0%
SG	13%
RYGB	21%
OAGB	29%
SADI-S	15%
Revision	22%

MBS can serve as a bridge to Tx:

Morbid obesity = relative contraindication for transplantation

e.g.: The International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation has recommended that severely obese patients achieve a **BMI <30 kg/m² before listing for cardiac transplantation**

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- **Obesity: Significant challenges in access to transplant**

- **Negative impacts on outcomes after solid organ transplant**

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Addressing obesity in select patients with **bariatric surgery**
before transplant may
improve access,
facilitate an easier operation,
as well as improve benefits of transplant.

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Bariatric surgery **after** transplant may also help to enhance the benefits from transplant under certain situations.

e.g. kidney function, heart LVEF

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Bariatric surgery outcomes following organ transplantation: A review study

Outcomes of Bariatric Surgery Before, During, and After Solid Organ Transplantation

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SG>RYGB

Higher morbidity in Tx patients, **NO INCREASED mortality**

Significant weight loss and improvement of related conditions

Absence of serious graft rejection or dysfunction

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Critical Management Aspect in Tx Candidates:

Kidney – Liver – Heart – Lung

1. Obesity as a barrier to be listed
Weight Loss – patients can be listed
 2. Goal: Improvement of Organ function (heart, kidney, lung)
 3. To facilitate the Transplantation
- **Tight Cooperation with Tx-Unit**
(Cave: Decompensation!)

Critical Management Aspect in post Tx Patients:

Kidney – Liver – Heart – Lung

1. **Post Tx Obesity** leads to dysfunction of transplanted organ and **increased mortality**

Goal: Improvement/Preservation of Organ function (heart, kidney, lung) → survival

Sleeve Gastrectomy most commonly performed

→ Tight Cooperation with Tx-Unit

(**Cave: Immunosuppression → SG/Bypass/hypoabsorptive**)

Critical Management Aspect in **Tx Candidates & Patients:**

MBS should only be done in centers
(high risk patients)

Post Tx: Monitor organ function and
immunosuppression levels!

MBS: increased morbidity, no
increased mortality

**Future: Role of new AOM need to
be defined...**



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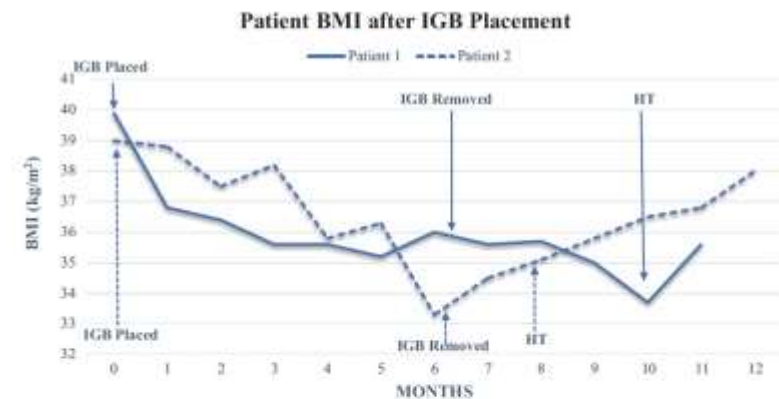
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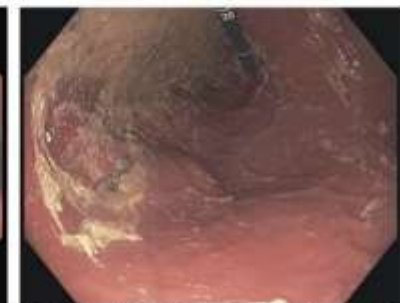
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class II obesity and end-stage CHF requiring left ventricular assist devices (LVAD)

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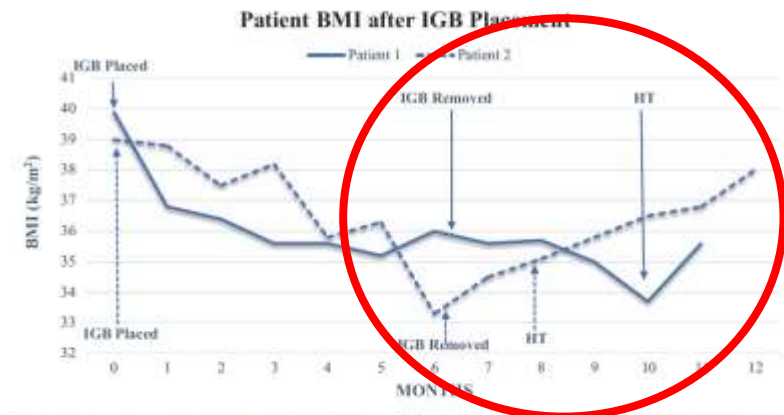
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Bariatric Surgery Outcomes in Patients with Prior Solid Organ Transplantation: an MBSAQIP Analysis

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336 transplant patients were compared with 157,413 patients without transplant

Longer operative time
Increased length of stay
More leaks

Prior Tx: → Higher Morbidity, same mortality

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Bariatric Surgery as a Bridge to Heart Transplantation in Morbidly Obese Patients

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11 studies with 98 patients

BMI preop 44.9 kg/m² → 33.2 kg/m²

Time MBS → HTX: 14 months

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MBS and Heart transplantation I:

- MBS enables/broadens access to HTX
- MBS in patients with low LVEF/LVAD should be done only in centers with high experience AND a cardiac surgical dept.
- Highest perioperative risk: bleeding (fully anticoagulated under LVAD)
- **MBS improves organ function AFTER transplantation**

MBS and Heart transplantation II:

- Future: closer collaboration between bariatric and cardiac surgeons
- Weight loss **before** Tx by MBS (SG, IGB, ESG?) or AOM
- MBS **AFTER** successful HTX in case of (recurrent) weight gain
- Fighting Obesity in the context of solid organ TX

One problem – several ways out



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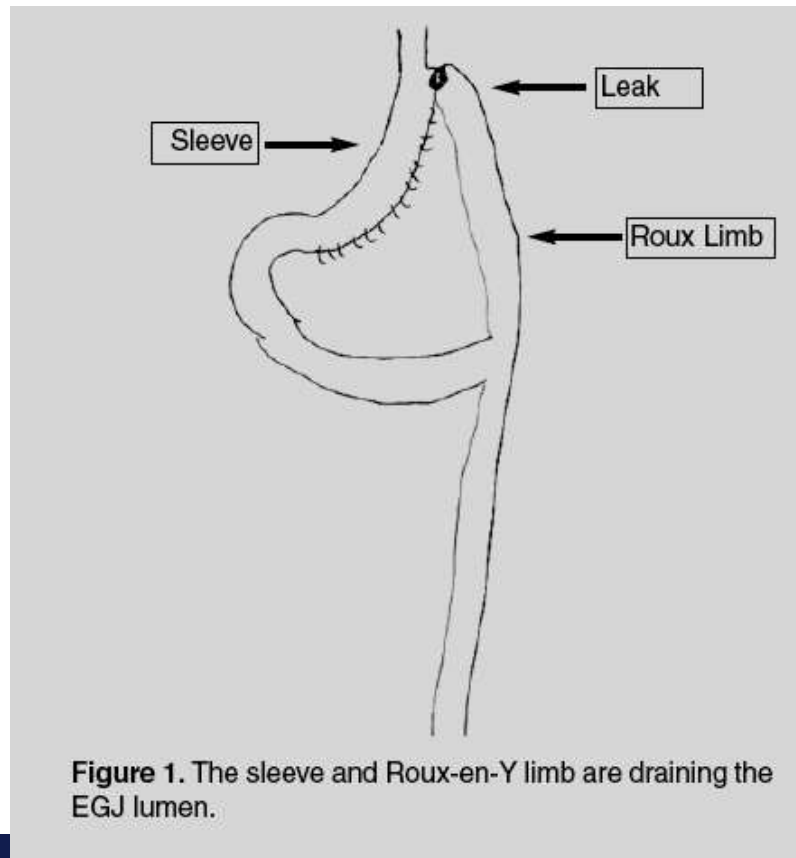
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