

MBS will (Continue to) Increase in the Future -

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A pair of hands is shown from the front, holding a large, glowing blue sphere. The sphere has a bright white center that fades into a deep blue at the edges. The hands are positioned as if they are supporting the sphere from below. The background is dark and out of focus.

Is There a Future at All??

The Future of Metabolic/Bariatric Surgery

# Changes in the Landscape of Obesity Care

(Anti-Obesity Drugs and other things)

Will Expedite an Ongoing *Shift in Focus* in Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery

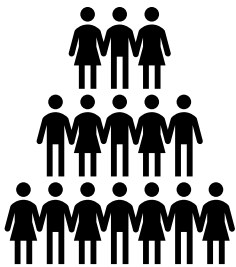


# Candidates for Traditional "Weight Loss Surgery" (Primary and Revisional)

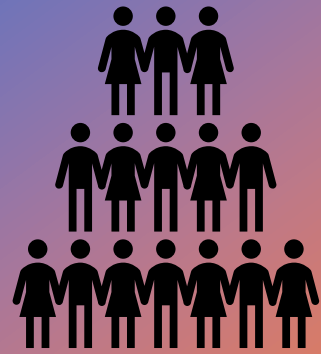
Severe Obesity  $\pm$  "Co-morbidities"

"Low-Risk" candidates (*"must be able to climb at least 2 flights of stairs"*)

Revisional surgery if "excess weight loss" (EWL) < 50%



Young, relatively "healthy", predominantly female patients



# Current/Future Candidates for Metabolic Surgery

- Older
- Sicker
- More balanced M/F ratio
- Multi/complex morbidity
- Higher disease-related risk
- Higher anesthetic and surgical risk



Anti-obesity drugs  
will not spell the  
demise of  
metabolic/  
bariatric surgery



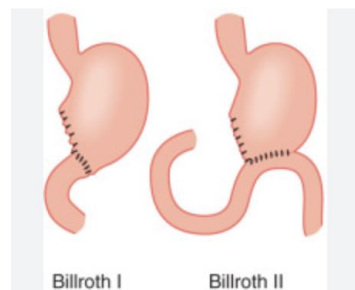
# The Rise and Fall of the Scalpel in Peptic Ulcer Surgery

George W Johnston OBE, MCh, FRCS

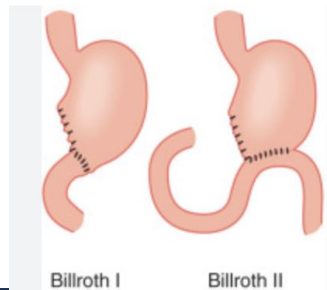
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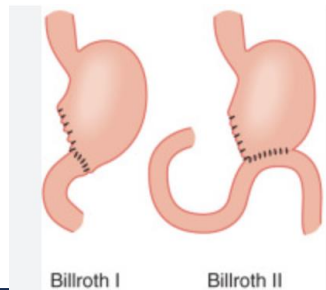
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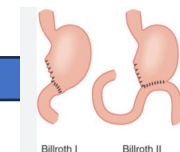


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The discovery of *H. Pylori* opened up the possibility of **curing** the **underlying disease** through an eradication regime in 90% of patients



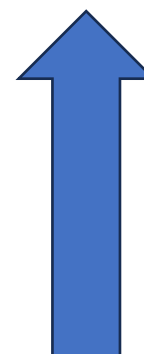
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Mid-1970s  
H<sub>2</sub> receptor  
Antagonists (i.e.  
Cimetidine)

1981  
H<sub>2</sub>-rec  
Antagonist  
Ranitidine  
commercialised



1982:  
Marshall's  
discovery of  
*H. Pylori*

1991

**A requiem for vagotomy**

*Despite the last ditch efforts of surgeons*

In the early years of this century Latarjet, a surgeon-anatomist from Lyons, proposed vagotomy for relieving the





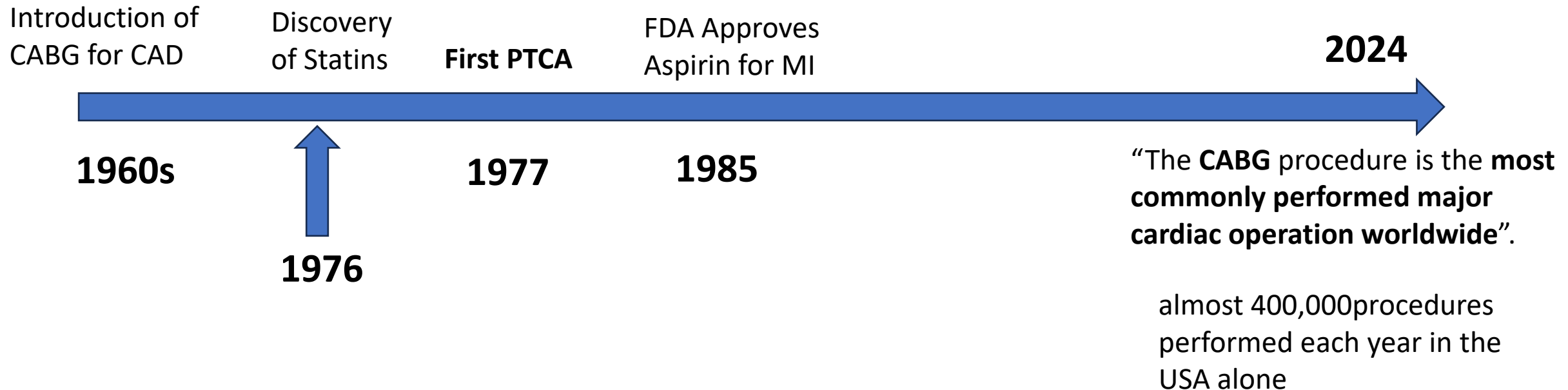
# Coronary Artery Surgery: Past, Present, and Future

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**Pharmacotherapy for CAD : Aspirin, Thienopyridines, Statins, Inhibitors of the renin-angiotensin system, and Beta-blockers**



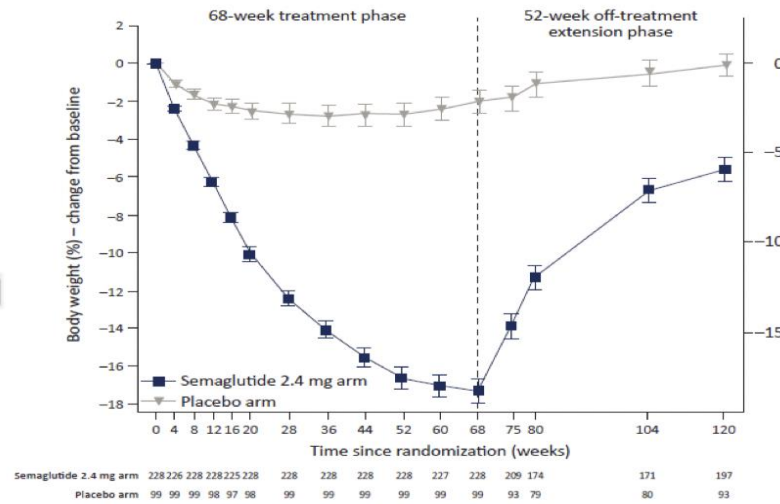
What is the Cause of Obesity??

Drugs do not cure obesity

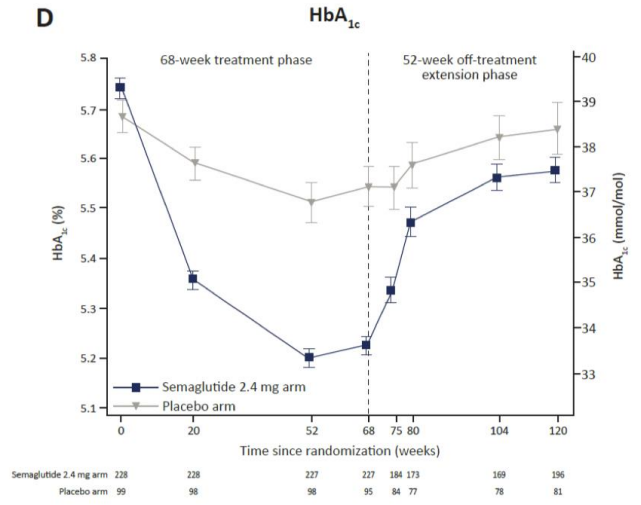
Life-long pharmacotherapy (not a short-cycle)

Statins, blood-pressure meds, chemotherapy, thyroid meds...  
**changed indications for surgery but did not make surgery obsolete**

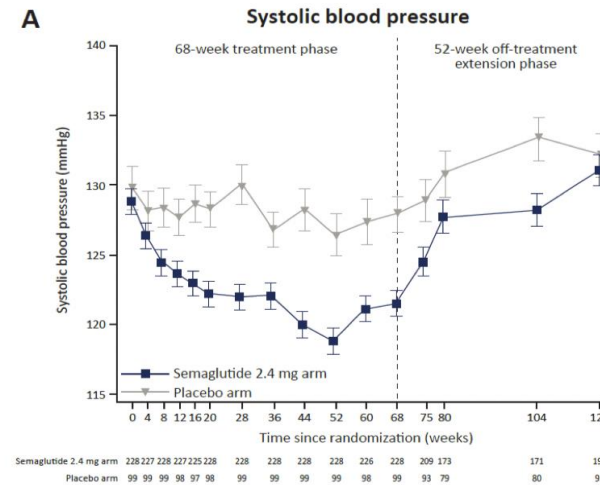
### A Body Weight



### D HbA1c



### Blood Pressure



STEP 1 Trial Extension

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Semaglutide and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Obesity without Diabetes

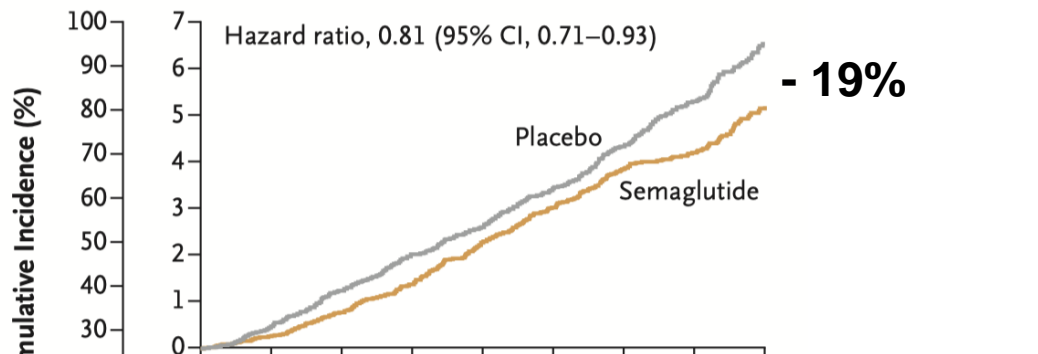
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Metabolic Surgery

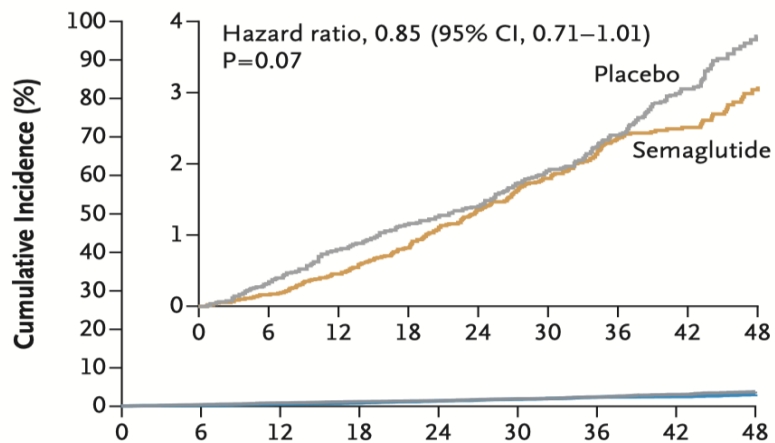
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n =13,722 cases and controls

D Death from Any Cause



B Death from Cardiovascular Causes



No. at Risk

Placebo	8801
Semaglutide	8803

No. at Risk

Placebo	8801	8733	8634	8528	8430	7395	5938	4250	1793
Semaglutide	8803	8748	8673	8584	8465	7452	5988	4315	1832

- 41% in death from any cause
- 62% in HF
- 31% incidence of Heart Disease
- 33% incidence of stroke
- 60% incidence of kidney failure
- 22% AF

# Research Survey August 2023

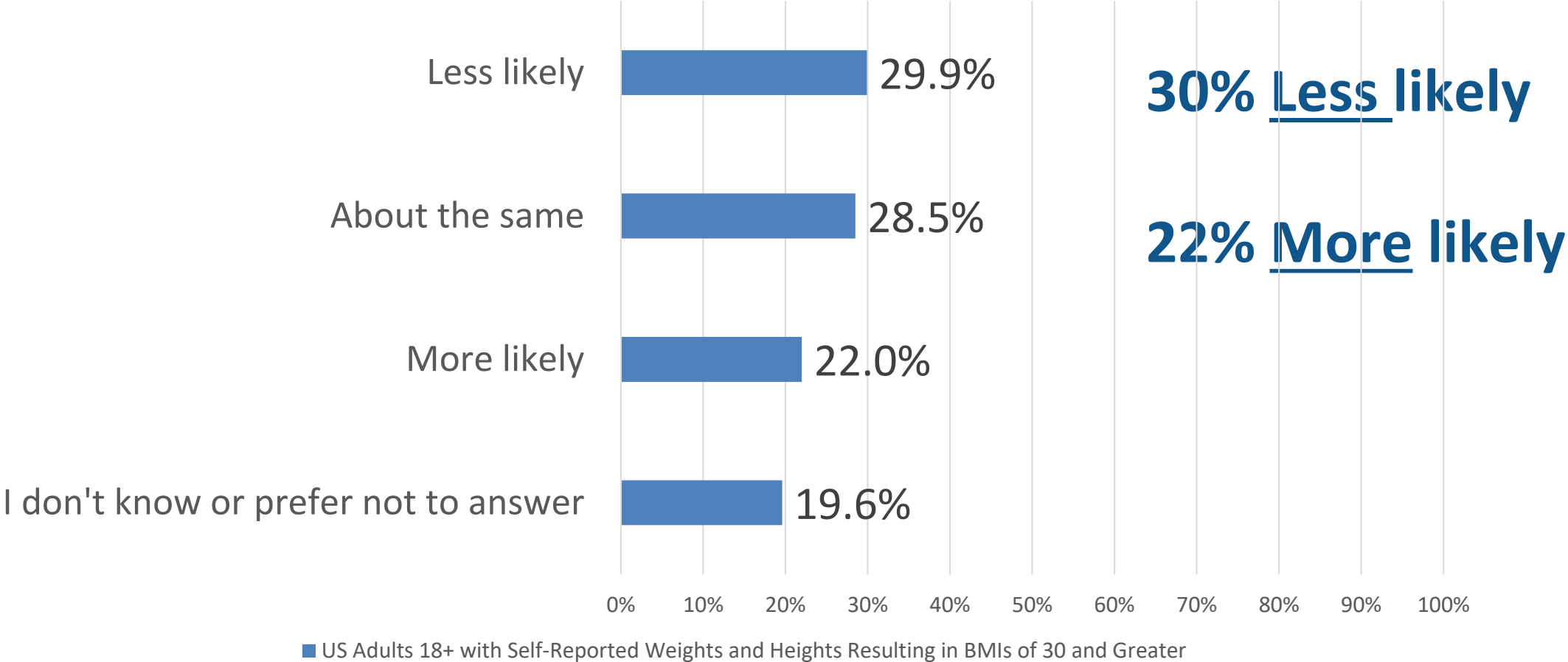
- 1,017 adults
- Self-reported BMI  $\geq 30$
- Convenience sample from Qualtrics
- Women over-represented



qualtrics<sup>XM</sup><sub>®</sub>

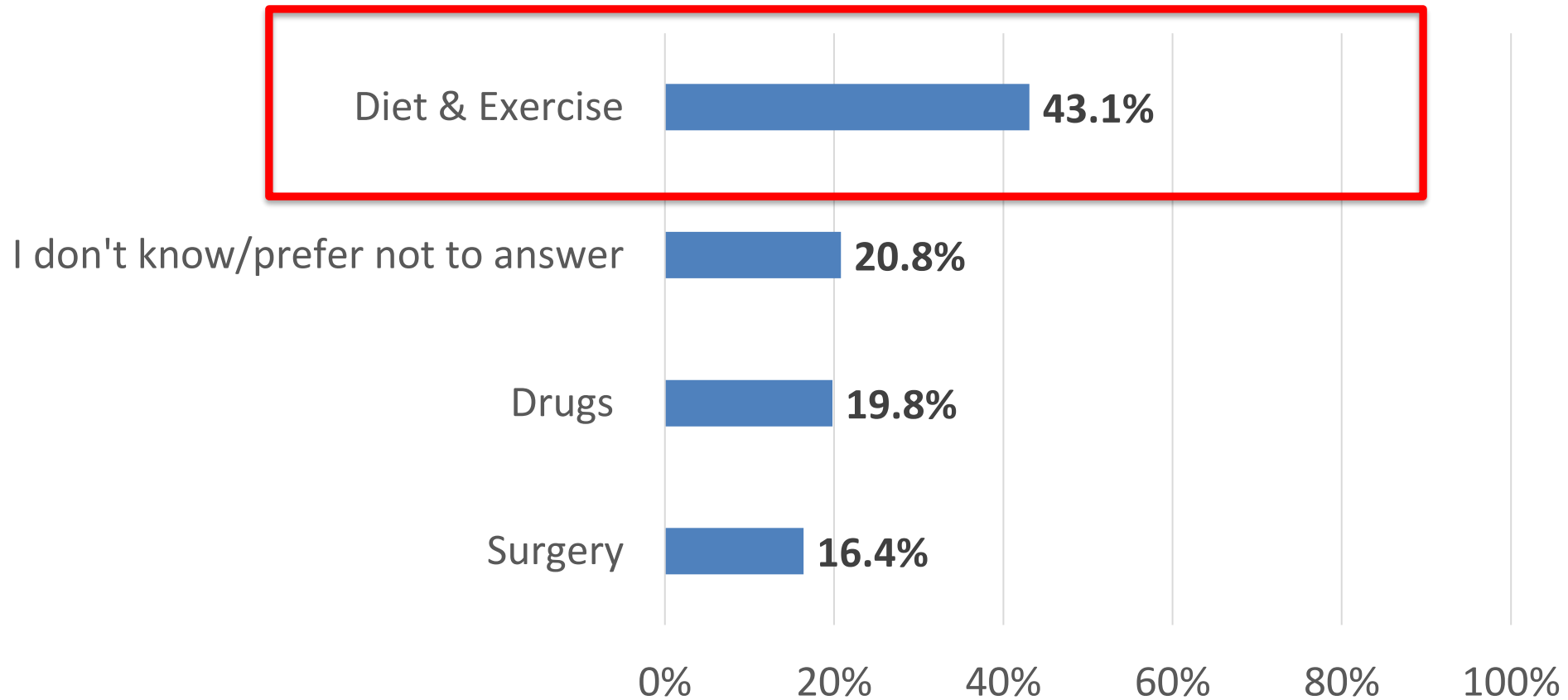
# Consideration of Surgery vs Five Years Ago

*Compared to 5 years ago, how likely are you to consider weight loss surgery (also called bariatric or metabolic surgery)? (Select one.)*



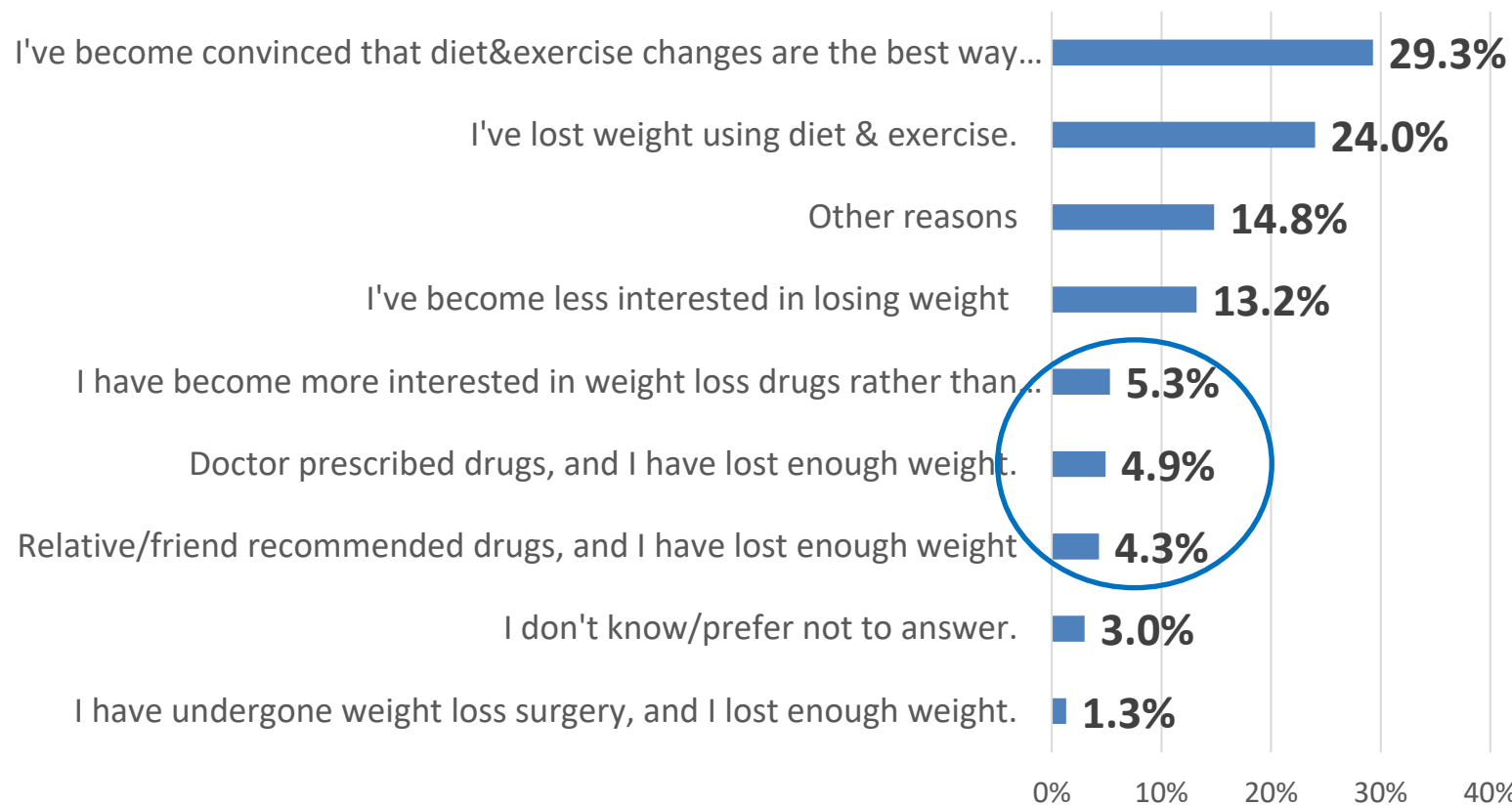
# Most People Prefer Diet & Exercise as a Treatment of Severe Obesity

*Which one of the following interventions would be best for someone like you as a treatment for severe obesity (BMI>35kg/m<sup>2</sup>)? (Select one.)*



## Question Asked to the responders who said they were less likely to consider surgery compared to 5 years ago]:

*What is the most important reason you are less likely now versus five years ago to consider bariatric/metabolic surgery? (Select one.)*



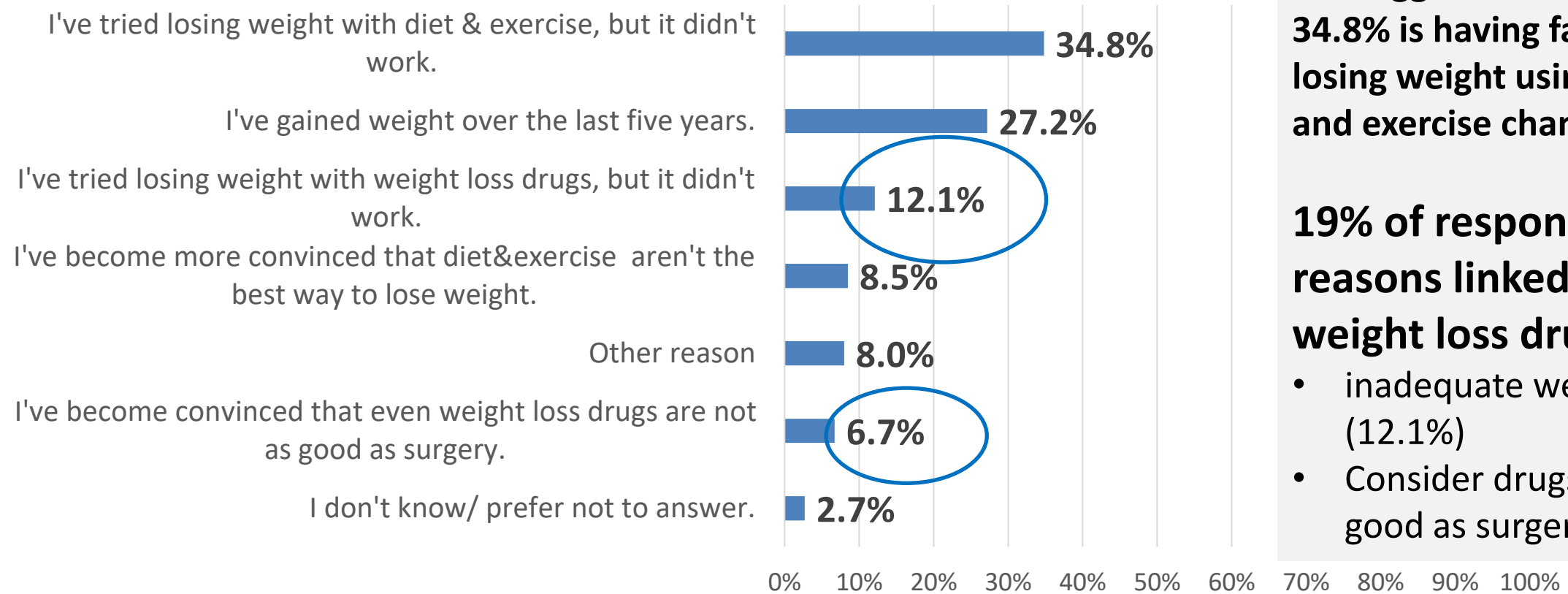
**A total of 14.5% of responders cite drugs-related reasons**

( 9.2% have lost weight with weight loss drugs and another 5.3% had growing interest in weight loss drugs)

**However, use and/or interest in diet/exercise is the most common reason (53%)**

## Question asked to responders who said they were more likely to consider surgery compared to 5 years ago]:

*What is the most important reason you are more likely now versus five years ago to consider bariatric/metabolic surgery)? (Select one.)*



■ US Adults 18+ with Self-Reported Weights and Heights Resulting in BMIs of 30 and Greater

**The biggest reason cited by 34.8% is having failed at losing weight using lifestyle and exercise changes.**

**19% of responders cite reasons linked to weight loss drugs**

- inadequate weight loss (12.1%)
- Consider drugs not as good as surgery (6.7%)

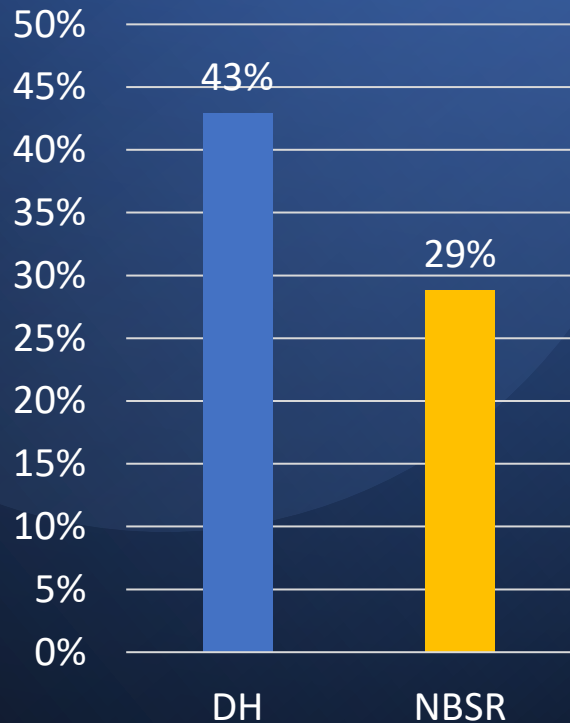




How is T2D Changing the Landscape of Surgery?

# Prevalence of T2D in Surgical Practice

Audit Personal  
National UK Average

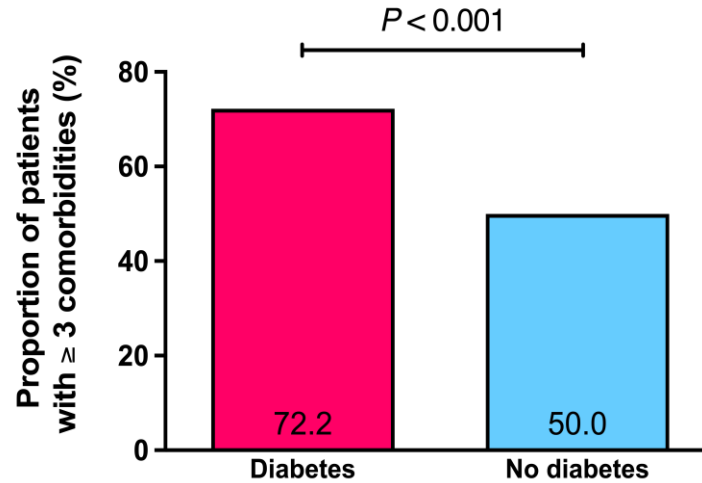


## Surgical Candidates With vs Without T2D

Audit Personal Practice @King's

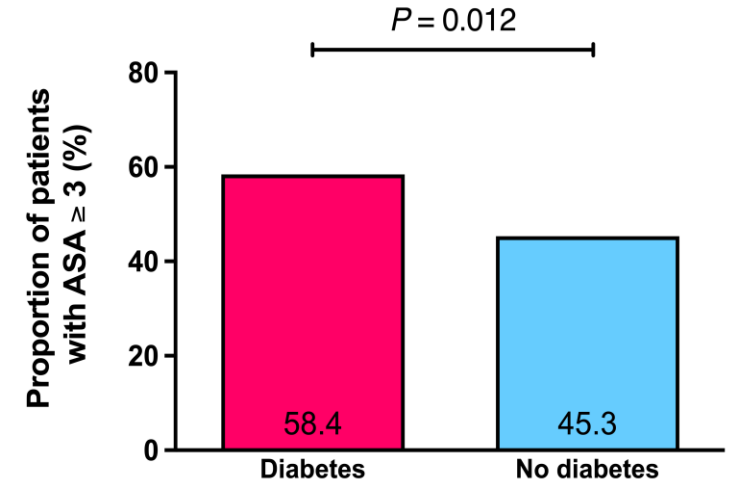
Pts with > 3 Co-morbidities

A



Pts with ASA score  $\geq 3$

B



# Diabetes Status

**Table 1. Summary of baseline characteristics in patients with diabetes vs no diabetes.**

Clinical Characteristics	All patients <i>n</i> = 723	Diabetes <i>n</i> = 301 (41.6%)	No Diabetes <i>n</i> = 422 (58.4%)	<i>p</i> -value
Age (years)	47 ± 12	51 ± 11	45 ± 12	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.001</b>
Gender, female (%)	518 (71.6%)	192 (63.8)	326 (77.3)	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.001</b>
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	48 ± 8	47 ± 8	49 ± 8	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.001</b>
CCI score	1.6 ± 1.6	2.5 ± 1.7	0.8 ± 1.1	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.001</b>
Estimated 10-year survival (%)	93.0	85.0	96.5	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.001</b>
ASA score	2.6 ± 0.5	2.7 ± 0.5	2.5 ± 0.6	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.001</b>
Number of comorbidities	3.8 ± 2.3	4.9 ± 2.1	3.0 ± 2.1	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.001</b>
Number of medications	1.7 ± 2.1	3.3 ± 2.1	0.6 ± 1.0	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.001</b>
BMI ≥ 50 (%)	270 (37.3%)	102 (33.9)	167 (39.8)	<i>p</i> = 0.105
CVD (%)	117 (16.2%)	68 (22.6)	49 (11.6)	<b><i>p</i> &lt; 0.001</b>

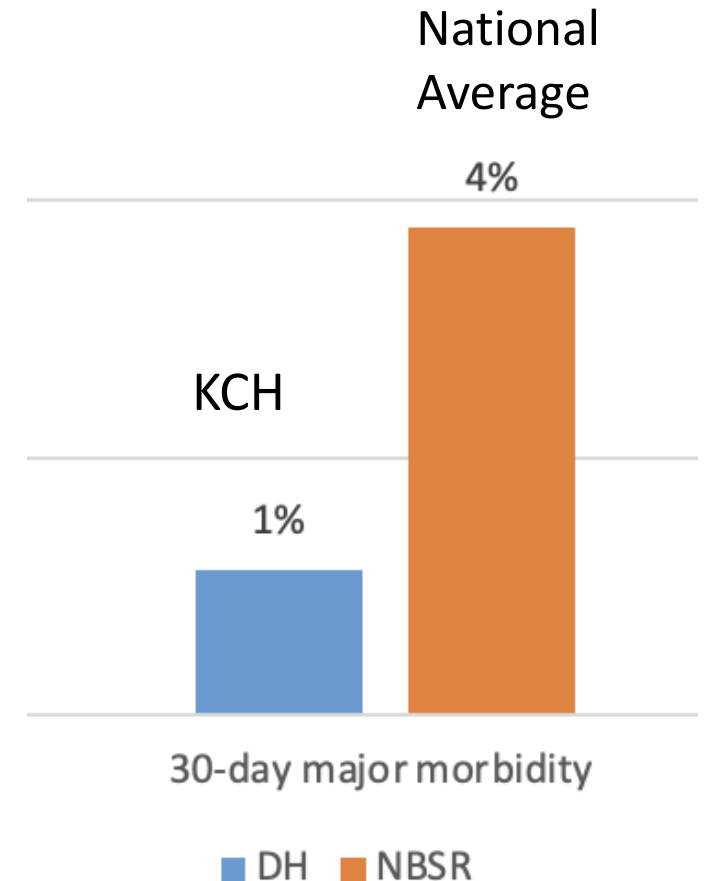
*Continuous data are presented as mean ± SD and analysed by two-sided T-test. Categorical data are presented as count (%) and analysed by Pearson's Chi-Square test. CVD, Cardiovascular Disease; CCI, Charlson Comorbidity Index; ASA, American Society of Anaesthesiologists.*

# Metabolic Surgery at King's

## Diseases and Conditions in Pts Undergoing Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery at KCH

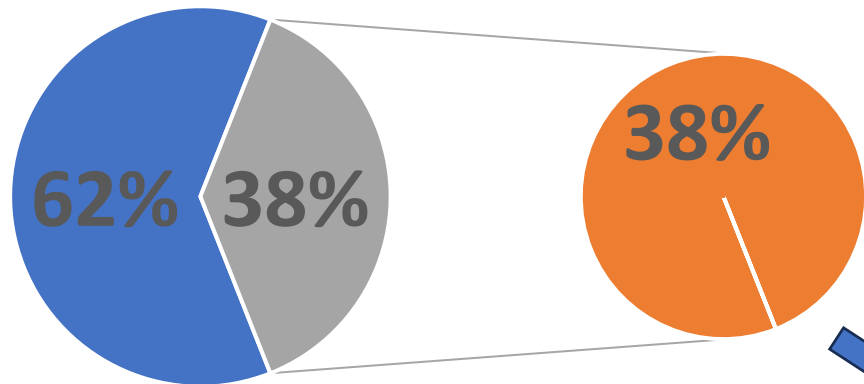
- Type 2 Diabetes
- Coronary Heart Disease
- Heart Failure
- NASH
- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Respiratory disease (Hypoventilation Syndrome)
- Patients awaiting other time-sensitive surgery (i.e. transplants, CABG, orthopedic surgery)
- Pre- or Post-Liver Transplant

## 30-Day Major Complications



# Prognosis (estimated 10-year survival based on CCI-Score)

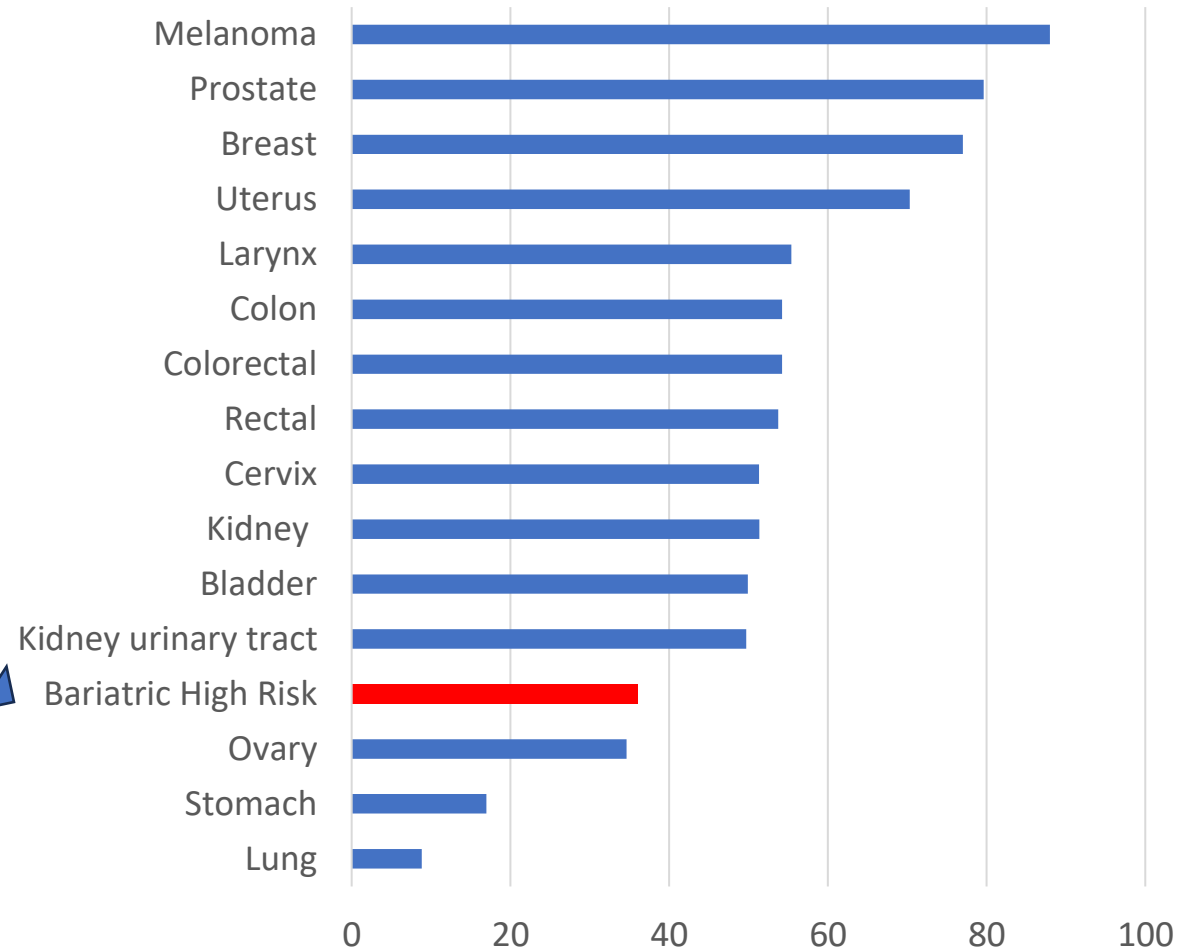
## CCI Score of Patients on Waiting List for Bariatric Surgery at KCH



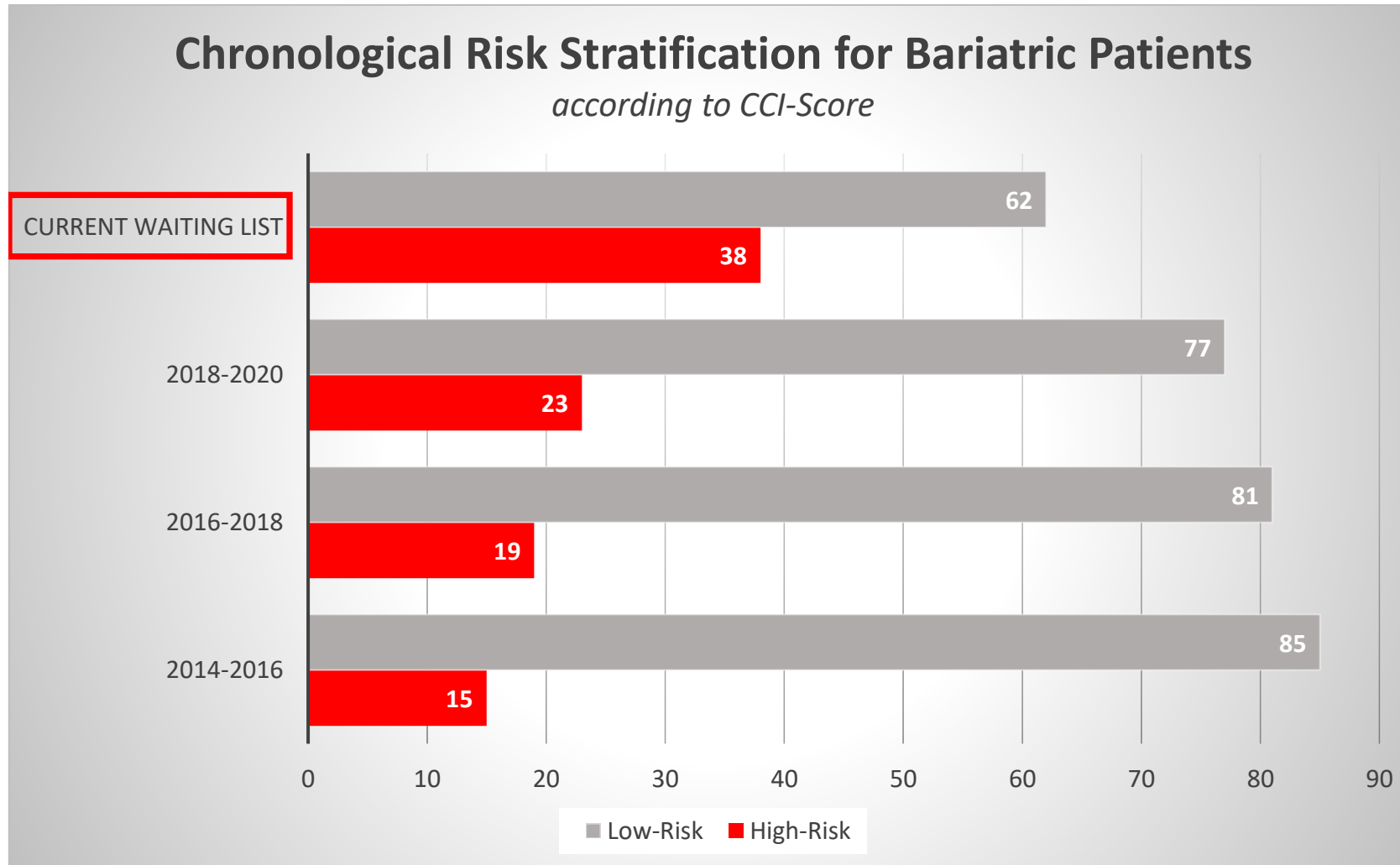
■ Average Risk ■ High Risk

**About 4 in 10 patients on WL have high mortality risk from their disease status (average 10-year survival 36%)**

## 10-year survival rates for cancer (Public Health England 2019)

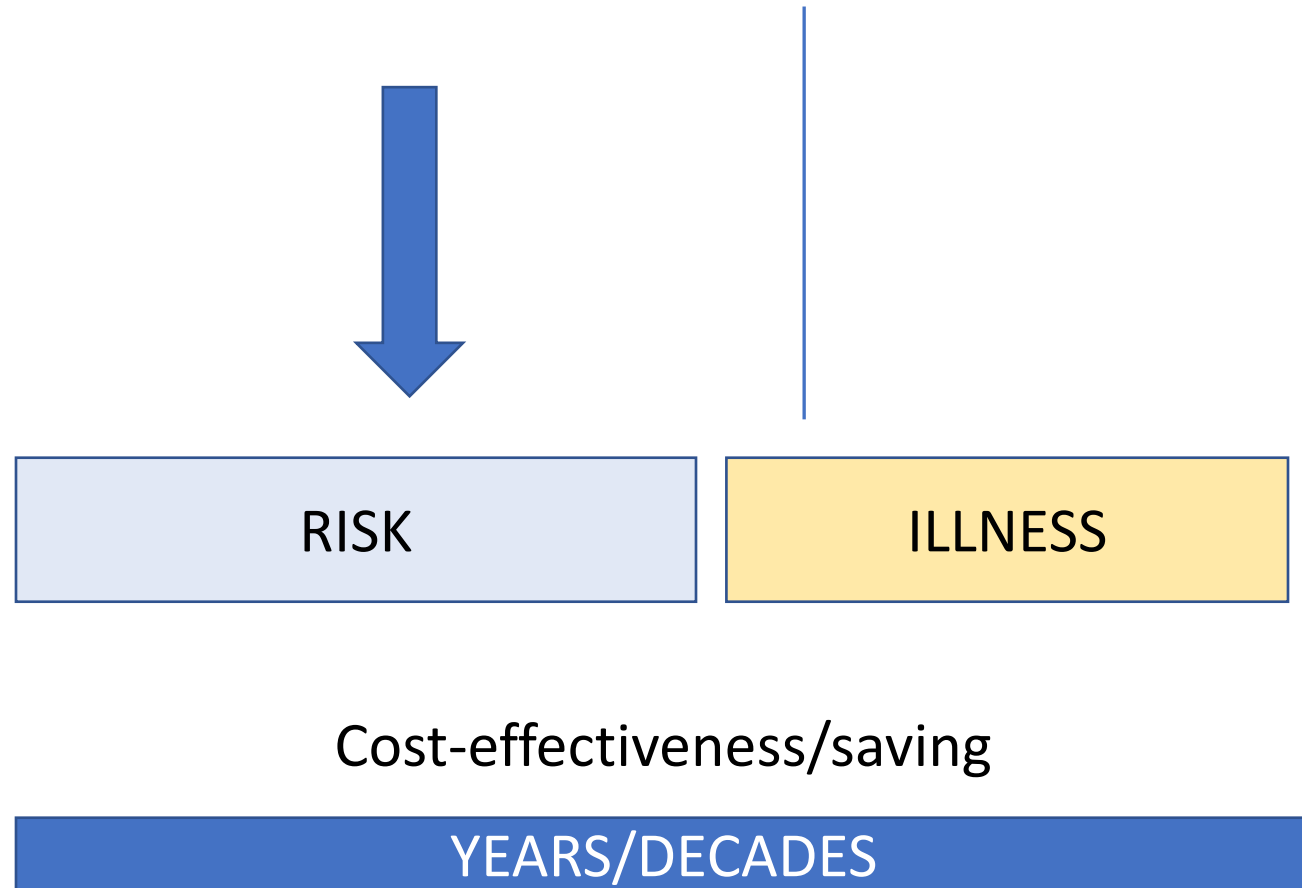
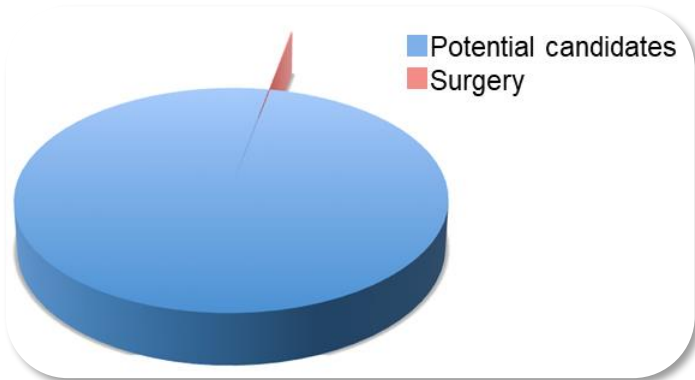


# Number of High-Risk Patients at King's College Hospital has Increased over the last decade



# TRADITIONAL “BARIATRIC” (WEIGHT-LOSS) SURGERY

Mean worldwide uptake: 0.82%



# METABOLIC SURGERY

*Shift in Focus*



RISK

ILLNESS

Cost-effectiveness/saving

MONTHS/YEARS



# Lancet Commission on Clinical Obesity



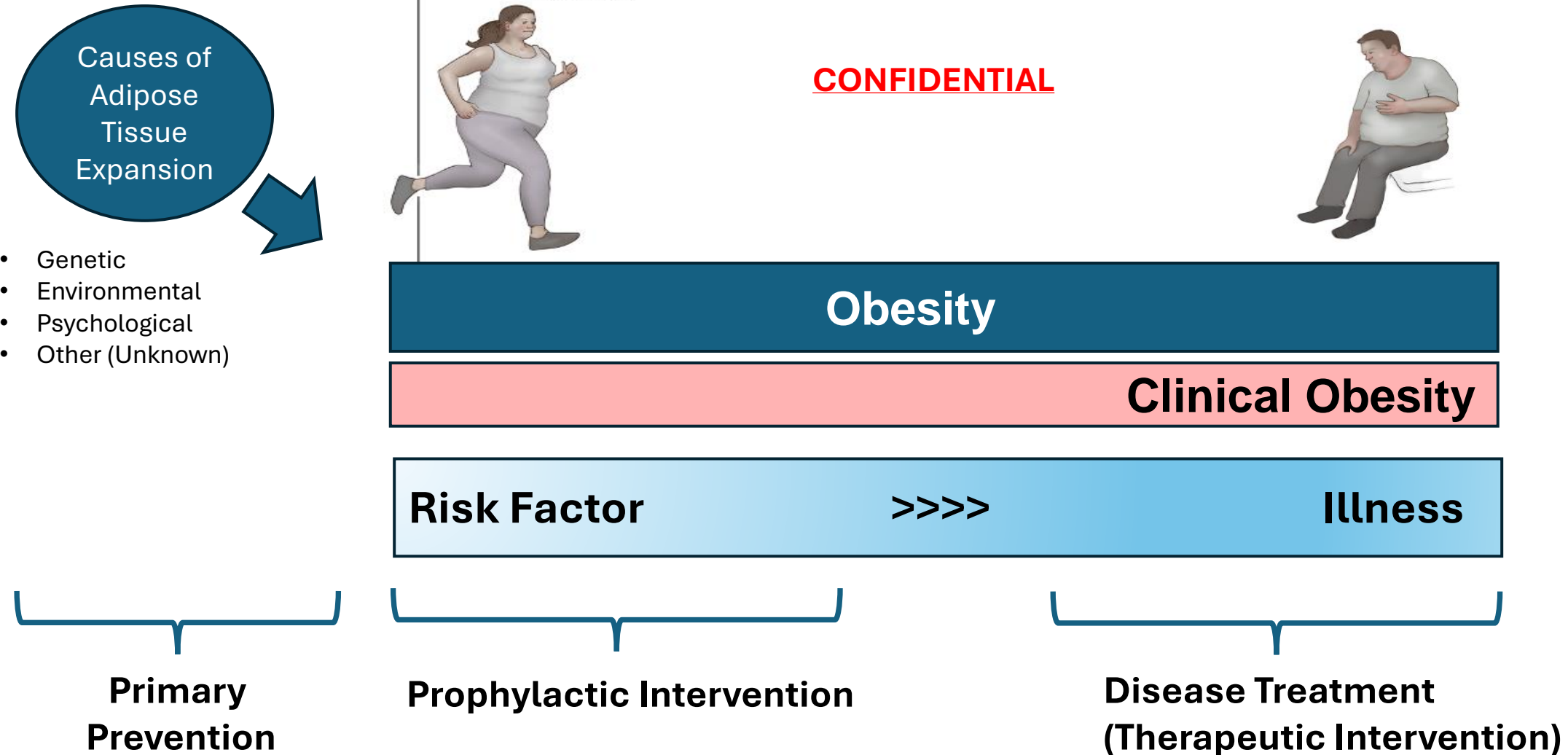
No ongoing illness



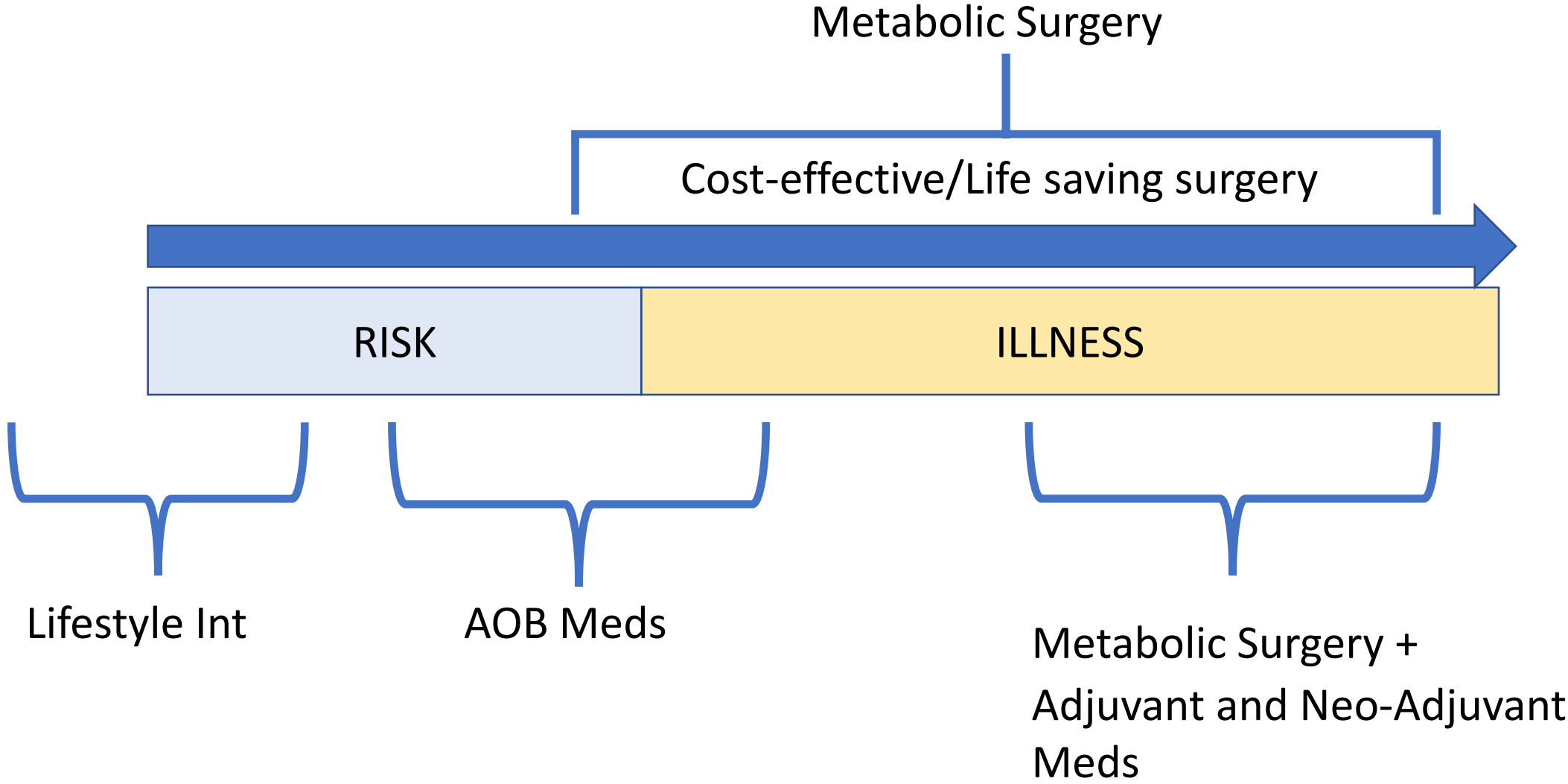
Ongoing illness

Report expected in Fall 2024

# Lancet Commission on Clinical Obesity (coming up soon) Reframing Obesity to Improve Care and Policy



# THE FUTURE OF METABOLIC SURGERY





Yes, there is a future for metabolic surgery