



BARIATRIC REVISION SURGERY

A SINGLE-INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW OF TRENDS AND INDICATIONS

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BACKGROUND

- Obesity stands as a global health crisis with its prevalence doubling over the past four decades.
- Since 2011, there has been a 311% increase in the prevalence of bariatric revision and conversion procedures, currently standing as the third most commonly performed MBS behind SG and RYGB [1].



DEFINING MBS REVISION

- *Bariatric revision surgery* is defined as a follow-up procedure intended to correct or modify a previous MBS.
- These procedures may revise, convert, or reverse a patient's bariatric surgical anatomy.

THE LANDSCAPE OF BARIATRIC REVISIONS

- The landscape of MBS revision procedures continues to change as our understanding of weight-loss surgery evolves
- Currently, no standardized guidelines exist for bariatric revision surgery
- Few studies exist discussing trends and indications for bariatric revision procedures

AIMS

- Evaluate bariatric revision procedures performed at a large academic institution over 25 years.
- Describe the trends in bariatric revisions pertaining to primary MBS procedures requiring revision, revision procedures performed, approaches to revisions, and indications.

PROJECT DESIGN

- Retrospective review of patients ≥ 18 who underwent a bariatric revision procedure at a single large academic institution between January 2000 and December 2023.
 - Institutional Review Board Protocol number: 24-001344
- Patients were excluded if they underwent a primary endoscopic bariatric procedure.

DATA COLLECTION

- The electronic medical record was reviewed for data pertaining to primary MBS, revisions, and indications.
- Patients with primary AGB surgery were included if they underwent a revision or conversion procedure at our institution
 - Patients who underwent band removal after primary AGB followed by later conversion to a new MBS procedure were grouped together as one revision procedure

BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS

Patient Baseline Characteristics	n (%)		
	Surgical revision	Endoscopic revision	Total
Patients	336 (57.1%)	252 (42.9%)	588
Female sex	287 (85.4%)	215 (85.3%)	502 (81.6%)
White race	309 (92.0%)	232 (92.1%)	541 (88.0%)
Age at primary surgery, years (range)	39.0±12.2 (18-77)	38.6±10.2 (18-69)	38.8±11.4 (18-77)
BMI at primary surgery, kg/m ² (range)	49.1±11.0 (26.3-98.7)	49.3±9.1 (32.9-86.0)	49.2±10.1 (26.3-98.7)
Age at revision surgery, years (range)	50.7±12.6 (21-81)	51.1±10.1 (24-79)	50.9±11.6 (21-81)
BMI at revision surgery, kg/m ² (range)	37.6±11.1 (17.8-86.7)	41.0±8.1 (25.0-65.8)	39.2±10.0 (17.8-86.7)

- 588 patients were identified who underwent revision after primary MBS
 - Surgical revision (n=336, 57.1%)
 - Endoscopic revision (n=252, 42.9%)

REVISION TRENDS

- RYGB, AGB, and SG were the most common primary MBS procedures requiring revision, respectively.
- Overall, surgical revisions were mostly performed via laparoscopy.
- Strikingly, 76 (22.3%) of patients required more than one surgical revision.

All Revisions	n (%)
Total revisions	588 (100%)
Surgical revisions	336 (57.1%)
Endoscopic revisions	252 (42.9%)
Multiple revision surgeries	76 (22.6%)
Primary Bariatric Surgeries Requiring Revision Surgery	
RYGB	116 (34.5%)
AGB	65 (19.3%)
SG	60 (17.9%)
VBG	52 (15.5%)
Loop gastric bypass	22 (6.5%)
BPD-DS	6 (1.8%)
Vertical banded RYGB	6 (1.8%)
Jejunioileal bypass	4 (1.2%)
SADI-S	2 (0.6%)
Other/unknown	3 (0.9%)
Surgical Approach to Revision Surgery	
Laparoscopic	196 (61.8%)
Open	116 (36.6%)
Robotic	5 (1.6%)

REVISIONS SUBDIVIDED BY PRIMARY MBS

- Primary RYGB was most likely to undergo a revision procedure whereas SG, AGB, and VBG were more likely to undergo conversion to new surgical anatomy.
- Interestingly, 1 in 4 patients who underwent primary RYGB or VBG and required MBS revision went on to receive a subsequent revision surgery.

Revision	n (%)	% Open	% MIS	Requiring additional revision surgery
Primary RYGB (n=116)		43.6%	56.4%	31 (26.7%)
Revision	100 (86.2%)	62.6%	37.4%	
Reversal	9 (7.8%)			
Conversion to SG	2 (1.7%)			
Conversion to other	5 (4.3%)			
Primary SG (n=60)		1.7%	98.3%	6 (10%)
Revision	0 (0%)	10.0%	90.0%	
Reversal	0 (0%)			
Conversion to RYGB	52 (86.7%)			
Conversion to other	8 (13.3%)			
Primary AGB (n=65)		0.0%	100.0%	11 (16.9%)
Revision	0 (0%)	1.6%	98.4%	
Reversal (band removal)	1 (1.5%)			
Conversion to RYGB	46 (70.8%)			
Conversion to SG	17 (26.2%)			
Conversion to other	1 (1.5%)			
Primary VBG (n=52)		78.7%	21.3%	15 (28.9%)
Revision	2 (3.9%)	63.3%	36.7%	
Reversal	0 (0%)			
Conversion to RYGB	47 (90.4%)			
Conversion to SG	0 (0%)			
Conversion to other	2 (3.9%)			

INDICATIONS FOR REVISIONS

- Weight-related indications (insufficient weight loss or weight regain) were the most common reason for revision (31.6%)

Indication	n (%)
Weight-related	105 (31.6%)
Reflux symptoms	57 (17.2%)
Dysphagia symptoms	32 (9.6%)
Anastomotic stricture	29 (8.7%)
Ulcer	24 (7.2%)
Malabsorption or nutritional deficiency	19 (5.7%)
Gastrogastic fistula	17 (5.1%)
Bile reflux	14 (4.2%)
Internal hernia or torsion	9 (2.7%)
Band-related complications (slip/erosion)	8 (2.4%)
Leak or dehiscence	5 (1.5%)
Perforation	4 (1.2%)
Gastroparesis	4 (1.2%)
Dumping syndrome	3 (0.9%)
Intussusception	2 (0.6%)

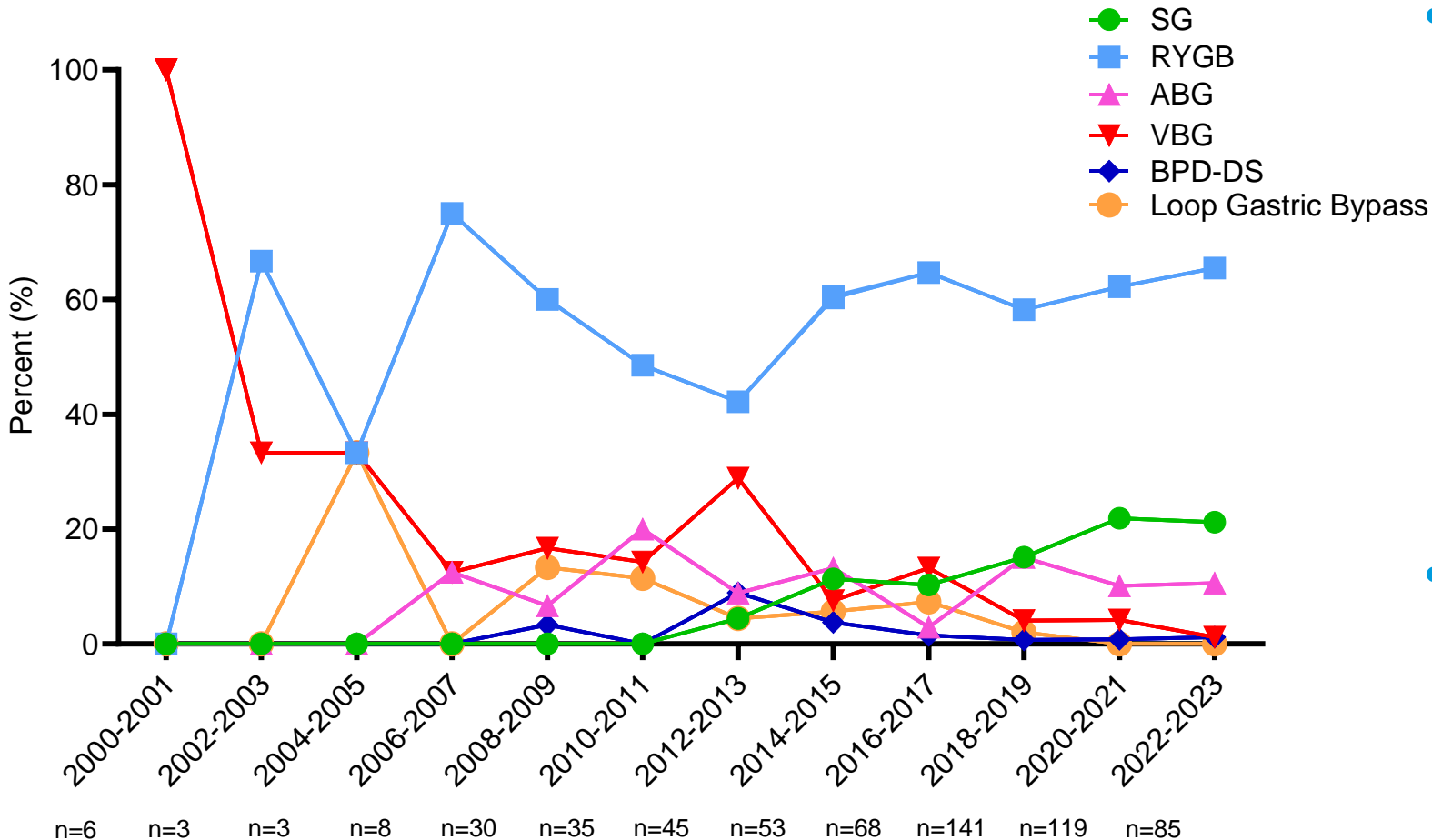
INDICATIONS SUBDIVIDED BY PRIMARY MBS

- The most common indication for revision after primary SG was reflux symptoms and this procedure had the shortest interval of time from primary MBS to revision

Indications for Revision Surgery	%	Time to Revision (years)
Primary RYGB (n=116)		
Ulcer	17.2	9.4±6.6
Anastomotic narrowing/stricture	16.4	
Dysphagia	11.2	
Primary SG (n=60)		
Reflux	55.0	5.0±4.3
Weight-related	33.3	
Sleeve stenosis	5.00	
Primary AGB (n=65)		
Weight-related	72.3	9.3±4.5
Reflux	9.2	
Dysphagia	9.2	
Primary VBG (n=52)		
Weight-related	41.5	20.3±9.5
Reflux	15.1	
Dysphagia	11.3	

TRENDS IN PRIMARY MBS REQUIRING REVISION

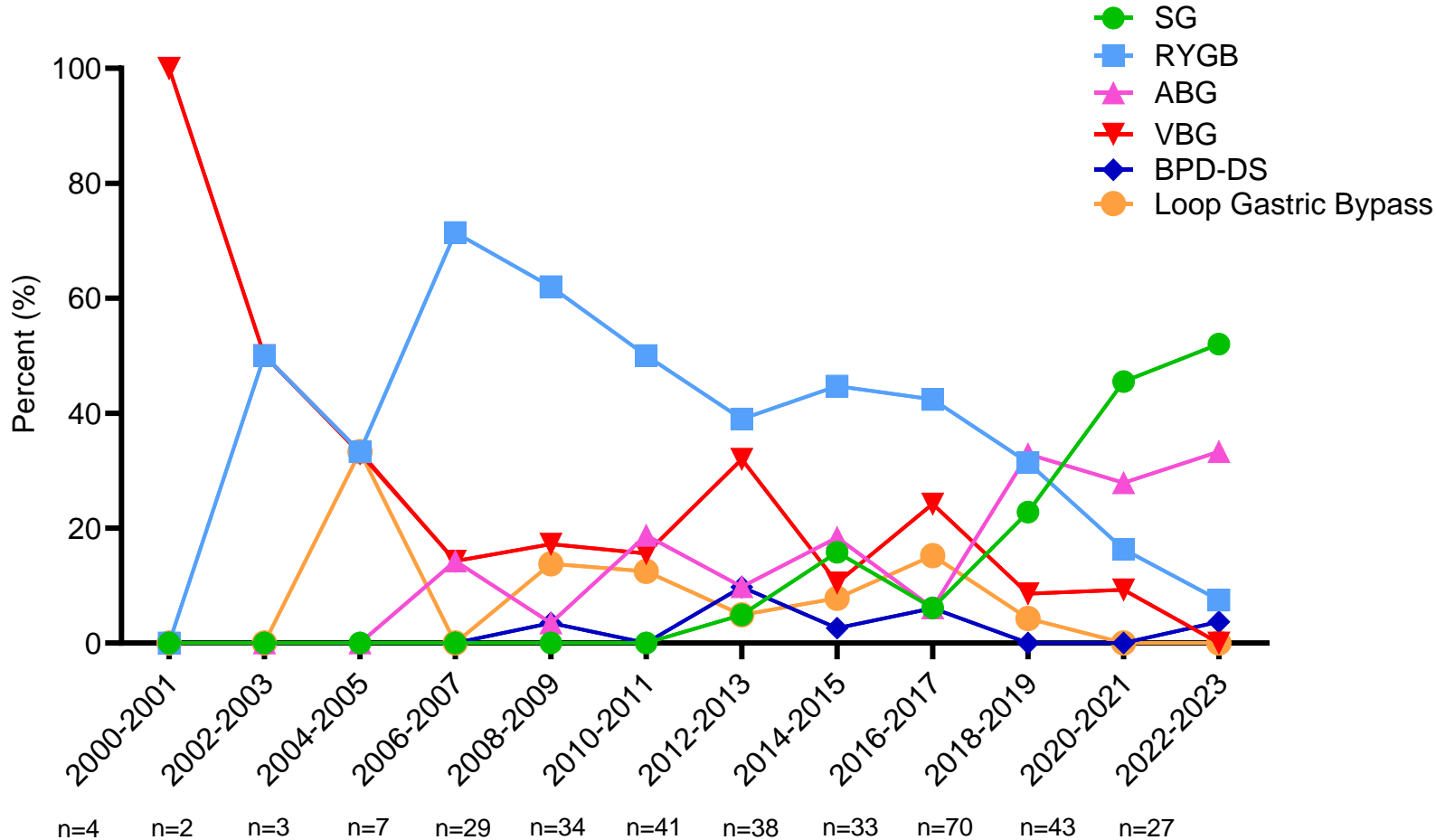
Trends in Bariatric Surgeries Requiring Revision



- Evaluating all primary MBS revisions (surgical and endoscopic), RYGB has consistently been the most common primary MBS procedure requiring revision
- We observed a recent rise in primary SG revisions

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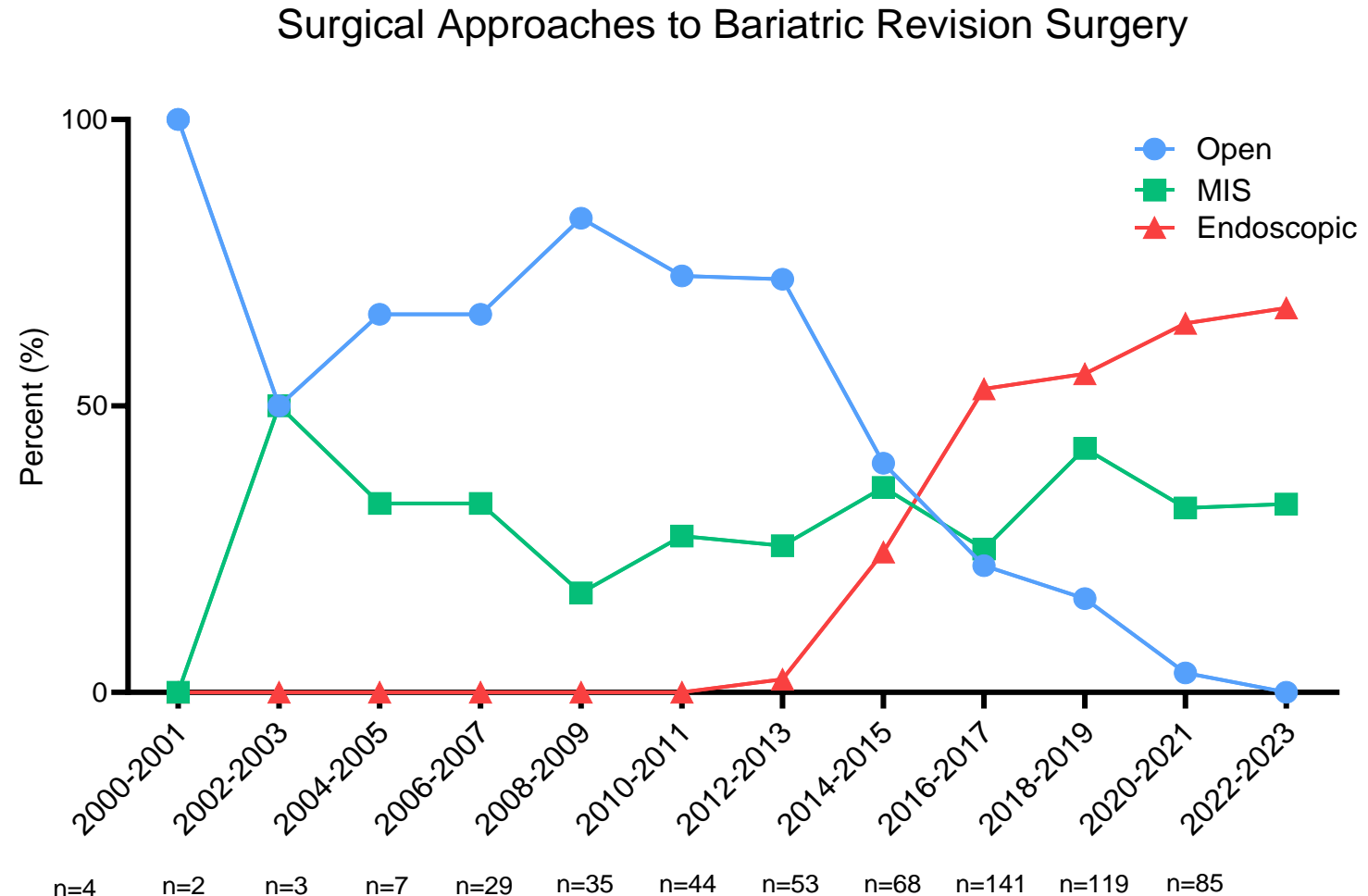
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- Excluding endoscopic MBS revisions, we found that SG has recently surpassed RYGB as the most common primary MBS requiring surgical revision.

TRENDS IN APPROACHES TO MBS REVISION

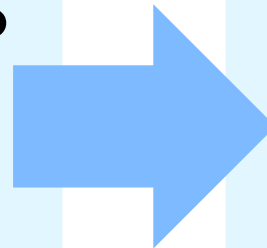
- MIS has largely replaced open surgery as the approach to revision surgery since approximately 2015.
- Strikingly, we observed a dramatic increase in the prevalence of endoscopic revisions performed since 2015



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

FACTORS

- Patient-dependent factors (i.e. primary MBS surgery)
- Surgeon preference
- Indications for revision



POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

- Increasing our understanding of indications for and safety of approaches to MBS revisions

CONCLUSION

- The prevalence of bariatric revision surgery continues to grow and is now one of the most common MBS procedures performed
- MIS and endoscopic approaches are becoming increasingly popular
- Standardized guidelines for MBS revision procedures are lacking and more research is required to better understand indications for and outcomes following these complex revision procedures

LIMITATIONS

- Retrospective nature
- Difficult data abstraction due to many patient's undergoing primary MBS at outside hospitals over a wide period of time
- Lacking outcomes data related to MBS revision surgery

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QUESTIONS?

