

# Management of Post-Sleeve GERD in People without Obesity

## The role of Stretta, Linx and OAGB



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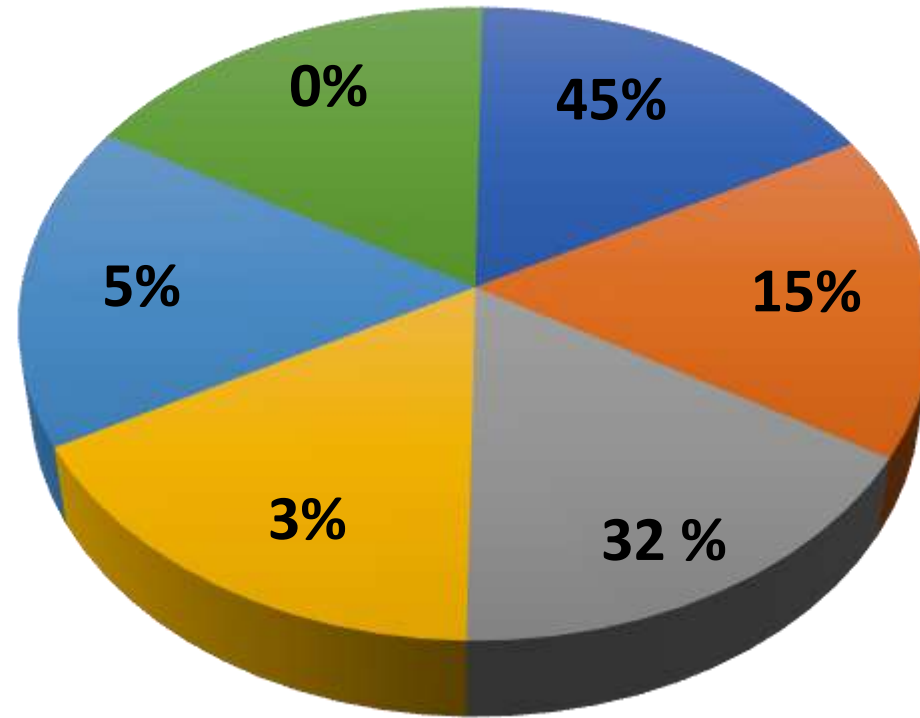


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- RYGB
- SG
- OAGB
- SASJ/SASI
- REVISIONAL
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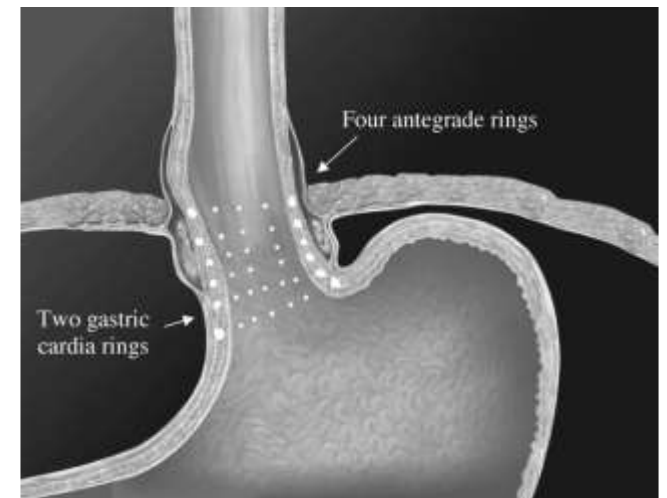
## Stretta



Stretta Procedure: Low-power, temperature-controlled RF energy by way of an endoluminal approach to the gastroesophageal junction for the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD).

## Stretta

- Outpatient basis (endoscopy unit or ambulatory surgery center) using intravenous conscious sedation.
- Collagen tissue contraction, remodeling, and modulation of the triggering threshold for transient LES relaxations.
- Thickening of the LES



# Stretta

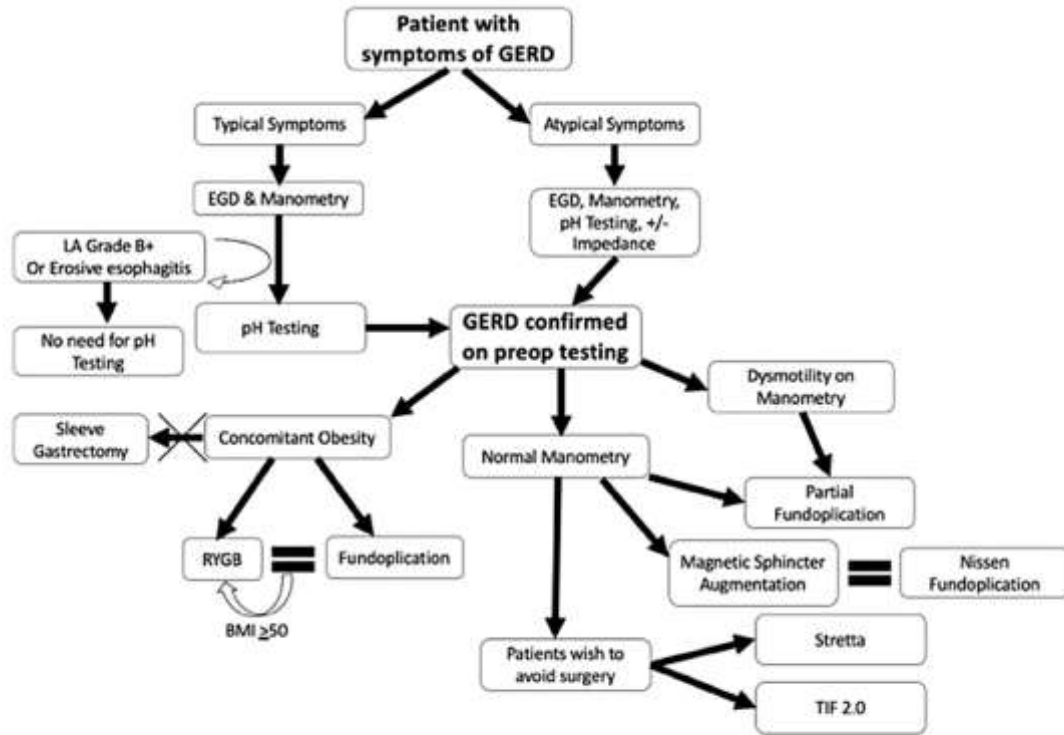


Fig. 1 Treatment Algorithm for adult patients with gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)

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GUIDELINES



## Multi-society consensus conference and guideline on the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)

Bethany J. Slater<sup>1</sup> · Amelia Collings<sup>2</sup> · Rebecca Dirks<sup>2</sup> · Jon C. Gould<sup>2</sup> · Alia P. Qureshi<sup>4</sup> · Ryan Juza<sup>5</sup> · Maria Rita Rodriguez-Luna<sup>6</sup> · Claire Wunker<sup>7</sup> · Geoffrey P. Kohn<sup>8</sup> · Shanu Kothari<sup>9</sup> · Elizabeth Carlson<sup>10</sup> · Stephanie Worrell<sup>11</sup> · Ahmed M. Abou-Setta<sup>12</sup> · Mohammed T. Ansari<sup>13</sup> · Dimitrios I. Athanasiadis<sup>2</sup> · Shaun Daly<sup>14</sup> · Francesca Dimou<sup>15</sup> · Ivy N. Haskins<sup>16</sup> · Julie Hong<sup>17</sup> · Kumar Krishnan<sup>18</sup> · Anne Lidor<sup>5</sup> · Virginia Little<sup>19</sup> · Donald Low<sup>10</sup> · Anthony Petrick<sup>20</sup> · Ian S. Soriano<sup>21</sup> · Nirav Thosani<sup>22</sup> · Amy Tyberg<sup>23</sup> · Vic Velanovich<sup>24</sup> · Ramon Vilallonga<sup>25</sup> · Jeffrey M. Marks<sup>26</sup>



ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

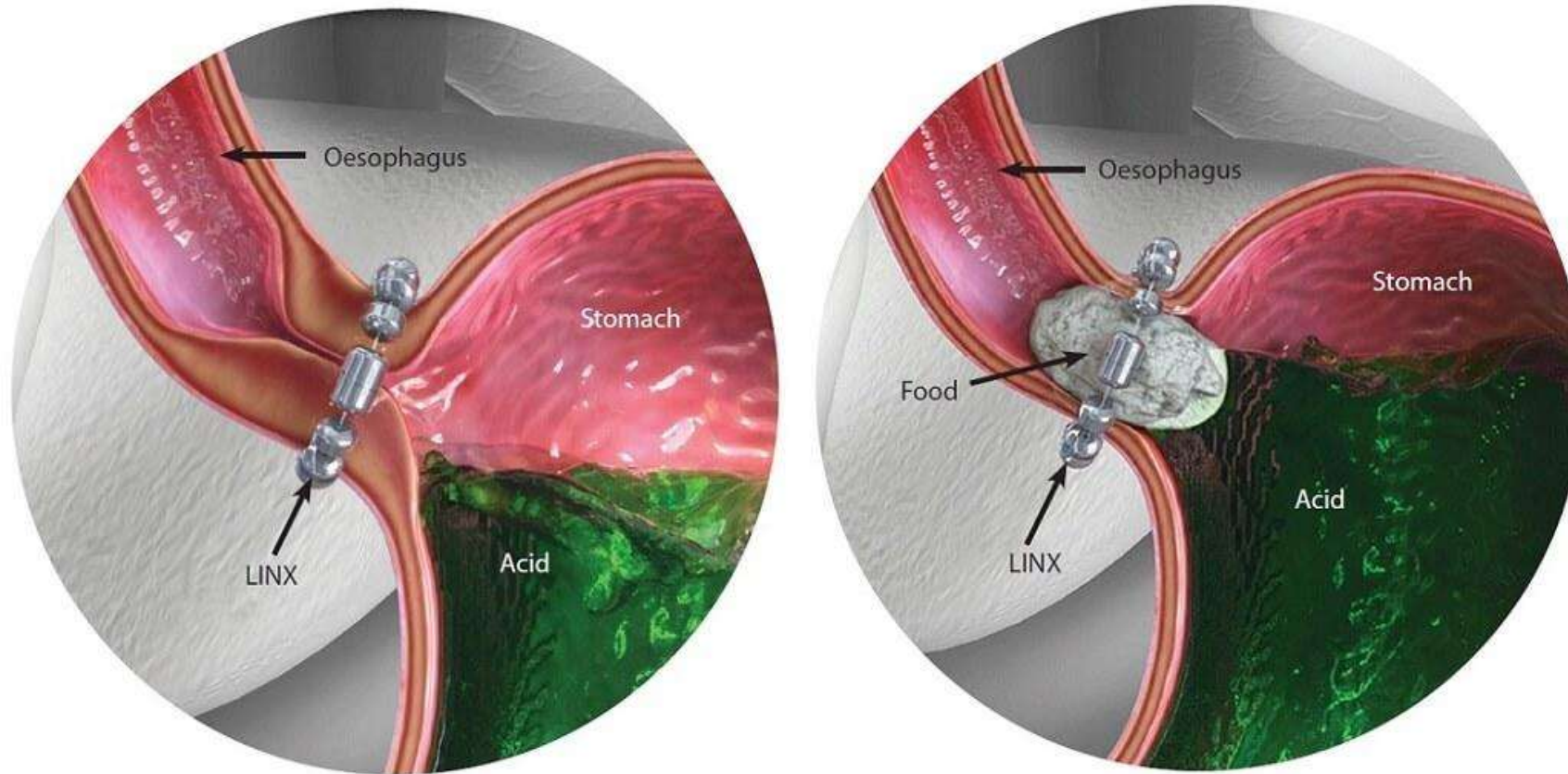
## Initial Experience of Endoscopic Radiofrequency Waves Delivery to the Lower Esophageal Sphincter (Stretta Procedure) on Symptomatic Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease Post-Sleeve Gastrectomy

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### Fifteen patients: (6 months FU)

**66.7%** of patients were **not** satisfied, the PPI medications decreased in **27%** and ceased in **20%** of patients. Two patients (13.3%) underwent RYGB at 8 months post-Stretta to relieve symptoms. The significant complication rate of **6.7%**.

# Linx





# Linx

The LINX device uses magnetic titanium beads linked together to form a dynamic ring augmenting the LES barrier function.

Less intraoperative and postoperative morbidity.

Is **not licensed** for use in severe erosive esophageal disease or large Hiatal hernias.



# Linx

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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS



### Esophageal Magnetic Sphincter Augmentation as a Novel Approach to Post-bariatric Surgery Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease

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28 patients with preoperative testing confirming normal motility and presence of GERD. The post-bariatric PB group (N = 10) (8 SG and 2 RYGB) compared to the standard indications (SI) group. Outcomes were no different with a percent improvement between pre- and post-operative G-QOL survey scores with **70%** improvement for PB and 84% for SI (p = 0.13).

Medication cessation was possible in **90%** for PB versus 94% for SI (p = 0.99). Rates of postoperative dysphagia were similar between the two groups



# Linx


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### Magnetic sphincter augmentation: a viable rescue therapy for symptomatic reflux following bariatric surgery

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13 patients underwent LINX placement after bariatric surgery: 8 LSG, 4 LRYGB, and 1 duodenal switch. The average BMI was 30.1.

The average pre-operative DeMeester score was 24.8.

They noted decreased medication usage post-operatively, with 4 patients taking daily PPI, and 9 off medication Completely.

A GERD-HRQL score was obtained pre- and post-operatively in 6 patients with an average reduction from 25 to 8.5 ( $p$  value 0.002).

Two patients experienced complications requiring endoscopic dilation after LINX placement. **100%** of patients reported overall satisfaction post-procedure.



# Linx

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Gastroesophageal Reflux Management with the LINX® System for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease Following Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy

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Seven patients with a history of SG.

**All** patients were noted to have self-reported greatly **improved** gastroesophageal reflux symptoms (GERD score questionnaire) 2–4 weeks after their procedure.

They were all noted to have **statistically significant improved** severity and frequency of their reflux, regurgitation, epigastric pain, sensation of fullness, dysphagia, and cough symptoms in their postoperative GERD symptoms compared with their preoperative evaluation.



### Linx

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NEW CONCEPT



### Feasibility and Efficacy of Magnetic Sphincter Augmentation for the Management of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease Post-Sleeve Gastrectomy for Obesity

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30 patients after SG who underwent MSA implantation were followed 12 months post-implant.

**No** unanticipated adverse device effects were observed.

There were **two adverse events** deemed serious (dysphagia, pain, 6.7%) which **resolved without sequelae**.

GERD-HRQL scores showed **significant improvement** (**80.8%**,  $P < 0.001$ ), and a reduction in daily PPI usage was seen (**95.8%**,  $P < 0.001$ ).

**44%** of patients demonstrated normalization or  $\geq 50\%$  reduction of total distal acid exposure time (baseline 16.2%, 12 months 11%;  $P = 0.038$ ).



# Linx

➤ Am J Surg. 2019 Mar;217(3):496-499. doi: 10.1016/j.amjsurg.2018.10.040. Epub 2018 Oct 29.

## Laparoscopic placement of the LINX<sup>®</sup> system in management of severe reflux after sleeve gastrectomy

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13 patients with a mean BMI of  $33 \pm 6$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>. The mean time between SG and placing the LINX<sup>®</sup> system was  $43 \pm 19$  months.

**One** patient developed **severe dysphagia** post-operatively requiring removal of the LINX<sup>®</sup> after 18 days and one patient was lost to follow up.

The mean follow-up in the remaining 11 patients was  $26 \pm 12$  months.

The mean GERD-HRQL score dropped **significantly** from  $47/75 \pm 17/75$  to  $12/75 \pm 14/75$  ( $p = .0003$ )

# OAGB

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



## Comparison of the Long-term Outcomes of RYGB and OAGB as Conversion Procedures After Failed LSG — a Case–Control Study

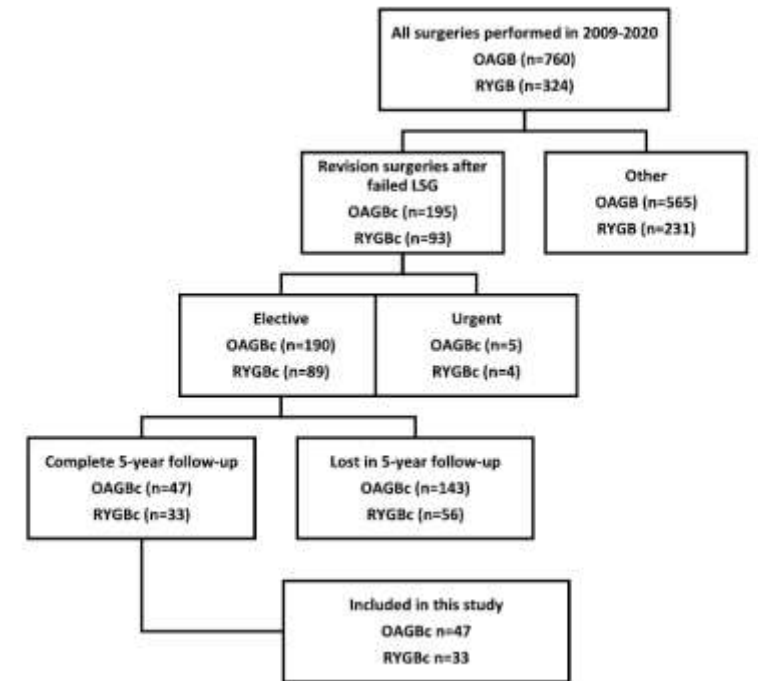
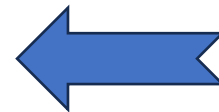
Maciej Wilczyński<sup>1</sup> · Piotr Spychalski<sup>1</sup> · Monika Proczko-Stepaniak<sup>1</sup> · Justyna Bigda<sup>1</sup> · Michał Szymański<sup>1</sup> · Małgorzata Dobrzycka<sup>1</sup> · Olga Rostkowska<sup>1</sup> · Łukasz Kaska<sup>1</sup>

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**Table 1** Demographic characteristics before conversion. OAGBc – one anastomosis gastric bypass conversion. RYGBc – Roux-en-Y gastric bypass conversion. BMI – body mass index. WBC – white blood count. DM2 – diabetes mellitus type 2. HT – hypertension. OSAS – obstructive sleep apnea syndrome. DL – dyslipidemia. GERD – gastroesophageal reflux disease

	RYGBc (n = 33)	OAGBc (n = 47)	p value
Age (mean ± SD)	41.24 ± 8.906	45.02 ± 10.71	0.100
Sex (F/M)	27 / 6	34 / 13	
Weight ± SD (kg)	105.52 ± 18.1	115.17 ± 20.81	0.036
BMI ± SD (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	38.70 ± 6.84	40.44 ± 5.8	0.228
Albumin ± IQR (mg/dl)	38 ± 3	39.79 ± 3	0.146
Creatinine ± IQR (mg/dl)	0.75 ± 0.1	0.8 ± 0.15	0.033
Hemoglobin ± SD (g/dl)	13.5 ± 1.22	14.37 ± 1.3	0.012
WBC ± SD (10 <sup>3</sup> /ul)	7.331 ± 1.77	7.52 ± 1.53	0.658
DM2 n (%)	6 (18%)	12 (25.5%)	0.438
HT n (%)	10 (30%)	22 (47%)	0.138
OSAS n (%)	1 (3%)	5 (11%)	0.203
DL n (%)	6 (18%)	22 (47%)	0.008
GERD n (%)	10 (30%)	7 (15%)	0.097
Conversion reason			
Unsatisfactory weight loss	20 (60.6%)	44 (93.6%)	
Weight regain	5 (15.2%)	2 (4.3%)	
Symptomatic reflux	8 (24.2%)	1 (2.1%)	

The remission rate of GERD:  
 between RYGB:40% and OAGB: 71.4% ( $p > 0.99$ ).



## OAGB

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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION



### Mini/One Anastomosis Gastric Bypass Versus Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass as a Second Step Procedure After Sleeve Gastrectomy—a Retrospective Cohort Study

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	<i>n</i> = 55	RYGB ( <i>n</i> = 21)	OAGB-MGB ( <i>n</i> = 34)	<i>p</i> value
Age (years)	46.5 ± 11.1 (22–68)	46.14 ± 10.8 (22–61)	46.76 ± 11.48 (25–68)	<i>p</i> = 0.84
BMI before SG (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	53.4 ± 9.5 (36.3–72.6)	49.8 ± 9.3 (36.3–68.6)	56.5 ± 8.8 (38.4–72.6)	<i>p</i> = 0.0097
BMI at conversion (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	42.2 ± 8.7 (22.3–62.7)	36.6 ± 6.9 (22.2–51.9)	45.7 ± 8 (30.1–62.9)	<i>p</i> = 0.0001
BMI drop at 12 months (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )		3.6 ± 3.3 (–3.3–9.3)	9.7 ± 5.8 (1.9–23.3)	<i>p</i> = 0.0001

Intractable GERD (*n* = 18, 33%); 13/18 patients underwent RYGB and 5/18 underwent OAGB-MGB, while in these 5 patients, BMI was  $\geq 50$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>). Due to a giant hiatal hernia, additional hiatoplasty was performed in eight patients during RYGB and in four during OAGB-MGB.

At the 1-year FU, **4.8%** of the RYGB and **11.8%** of the OAGB-MGB patients had still reflux symptoms, but a statistically significant reduction of GERD symptoms was seen after RYGB.



# OAGB

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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS



## Outcome of Sleeve Gastrectomy Converted to Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass and One-Anastomosis Gastric Bypass

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**29.9%** of patients (n = 13/45) had still GERD symptoms after RYGB and **53.8%** (n = 7/13) after OAGB

# OAGB

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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS



## The Effect of Revisional One Anastomosis Gastric Bypass After Sleeve Gastrectomy on Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease, Compared with Revisional Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass: Symptoms and Quality of Life Outcomes

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**Table 1** Demographic and clinical characteristics of patients with post-SG GERD undergoing OAGB and RYGB

	OAGB (n=31)	RYGB (n=47)	p value
Age (years)	43.8 ± 11.5	50.3 ± 13.4	0.03
Males (n, %)	8 (25.8%)	9 (19.1%)	0.26
BMI before SG (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	45.9 ± 8.4	42.9 ± 7.2	0.14
BMI at date of surgery (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	39.9 ± 8.8	30.6 ± 6	<0.001



	OAGB (n=31)	RYGB (n=47)	p value
Follow-up time (months)	36 ± 16.4	28.8 ± 17.1	0.08
BMI at last follow-up (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	33 ± 7.6	29 ± 4.6	0.003
Total weight loss (%)	22 ± 12.9	4.4 ± 14.6	<0.001
GERD resolution (n, %)	24 (77.4%)	43 (91.5%)	0.03
PPI cessation (n, %)	24 (77.4%)	43 (91.5%)	0.03
GERD-HRQL preoperative score**	9.6 ± 7.2	13.1 ± 8	0.06
GERD-HRQL follow-up score**	1.7 ± 4.5	1.7 ± 2.7	0.94


# OAGB

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ORIGINAL SCIENTIFIC REPORT

## Roux-en-Y Versus One Anastomosis Gastric Bypass as Redo-Operations Following Sleeve Gastrectomy: A Retrospective Study

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Jonel Trebicka<sup>4</sup> · Maximilian Joseph Brol<sup>4</sup> · Andreas Kroh<sup>2</sup> · Sophia Schmitz<sup>2</sup> · Chetan Parmar<sup>5</sup> ·  
Ulf Peter Neumann<sup>2</sup> · Tom Florian Ulmer<sup>2</sup>

Anti-reflux effectiveness of RYGB (56 remissions out of 63) and OAGB (39 out of 45) (89% and 87%), was almost **identical** ( $p = 0.475$ ), 12 months after Redo-surgeries.



## Summary

Stretta, Linx, and OAGB can play a significant role in the management of post-sleeve GERD in selected cases



