

# The Scientific Evidence Supporting the New Guidelines

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IFSO-ASMBS Guidelines on Indication for MBS

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- BMI > 40 kg / m<sup>2</sup>
- BMI > 35 kg / m<sup>2</sup> in the presence of specific comorbidities:
  - Hypertension
  - Ischemic heart disease
  - Type 2 diabetes
  - Obstructive sleep apnea syndrome
  - Obesity syndrome / hypoventilation (Picwick syndrome)
  - Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and steatohepatitis
  - Dyslipidemia
  - Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease
  - Asthma
  - Venous stasis
  - Severe urinary incontinence
  - Disabling arthropathy
  - Severely reduced quality of life
- Between 18 and 60 years of age
- Proven failure of nutritional and behavioral therapy and longstanding obesity (> 5 years)
- Patients must be motivated and able to provide a valid consent, are willing to undergo periodic inspections and follow an established dietary regime
- Absence of major contraindications (very high operative risk, limited life expectancy due to illness, severe cirrhosis, alcohol abuse / drugs etc.).

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I) 1991 NIH Consensus described:

*Dominant procedures VBG and RYGB mainly open*

II) Currently:

- SG and RYGB mainly laparoscopically and robotically
- VBG is of historical interest and no longer performed
- Other procedures performed include AGB ↓, standard BPD ↓, BPD-DS ↓, OAGB ↑, SADI-S ↑

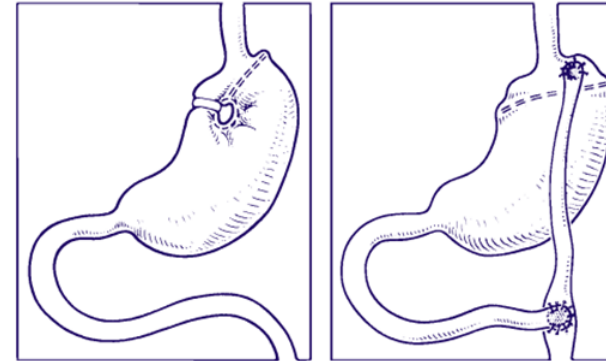


Figure 1. Vertical banded gastroplasty

Figure 2. Roux-en-Y gastric bypass

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**2022: in light of significant advances in the understanding of the disease of obesity and in MBS, the leadership of the ASMBS and IFSO have convened to produce this joint statement.**

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SURGERY FOR OBESITY  
AND RELATED DISEASES

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**Major updates to 1991 National Institutes of Health guidelines for bariatric surgery**

MBS is recommended for individuals **with BMI >35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, regardless of presence, absence, or severity of comorbidities.**

MBS is recommended **in patients with T2D and BMI >30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>**

**MBS should be considered in individuals with BMI of 30–34.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> who do not achieve substantial or durable weight loss or co-morbidity improvement using nonsurgical methods**

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## Major updates to 1991 National Institutes of Health guidelines for bariatric surgery

Clinical obesity in **the Asian population** is recognized in individuals with **BMI >25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>**

**Children and adolescents** with BMI >120% of the 95th percentile and a major co-morbidity, or a BMI >140% of the 95th percentile, should be considered for MBS after evaluation by a multidisciplinary team in a specialty center

There is **no** evidence to support an **age limit** on patients seeking MBS, but careful selection that includes assessment of **frailty** is recommended

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## Major updates to 1991 National Institutes of Health guidelines for bariatric surgery

Studies failed to demonstrate a significant difference in perioperative complications, length of obesity surgery stay, 30-day mortality, or long-term outcomes after MBS when individuals with **BMI >60 kg/m<sup>2</sup>** were compared with those with BMI <60 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Furthermore, studies have shown that **MBS can be performed safely in patients with BMI >70 kg/m<sup>2</sup>**

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## Major updates to 1991 National Institutes of Health guidelines for bariatric surgery

There are reports to suggest that MBS may be effective as a **bridge to total joint arthroplasty** in individuals with class II/III obesity when performed >2 years prior to joint surgery

In patients with severe obesity and an **abdominal wall hernia** requiring elective repair, MBS should be considered first to induce significant weight loss

MBS is associated with an **88% risk reduction of progression of MAFDL to cirrhosis**

Patients with endstage organ disease can achieve meaningful weight loss and **improve their eligibility to receive an organ transplant**

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**DOMAIN 3: RIGOUR OF DEVELOPMENT**

Systematic methods were used to search for evidence.

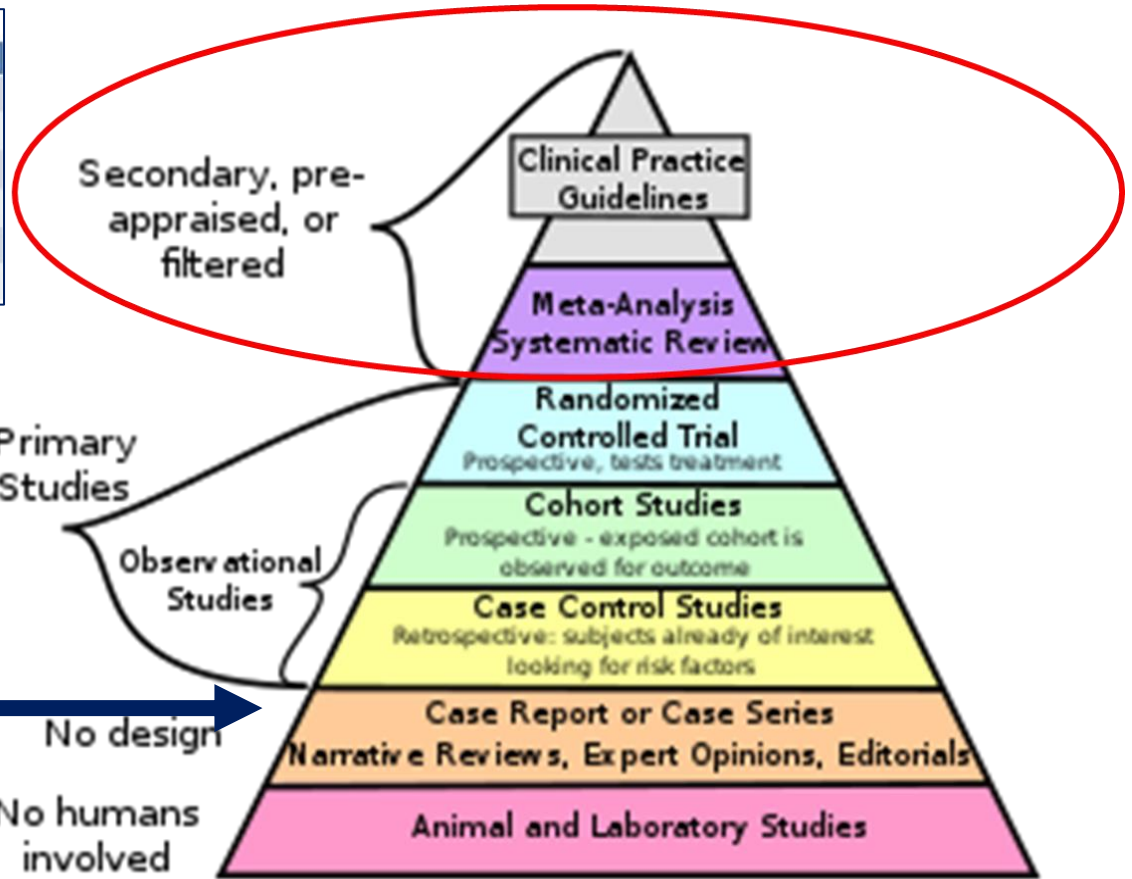
There is an explicit link between the recommendations and the supporting evidence.

The guideline has been externally reviewed by experts prior to its publication.

A procedure for **updating** the guideline is provided.

*USER'S MANUAL page 7*

DOMAINS	No. of Items
1 Scope & Purpose	3
2 Stakeholder Involvement	3
<b>3 Rigour of Development</b>	<b>8</b>
4 Clarity & Presentation	4
5 Applicability	3
6 Editorial Independence	2



**a generally accepted opinion or decision among a group of people:** The general consensus in the office is that he can't do his job. Could we reach a consensus on this matter? Let's take a vote. Thesaurus: synonyms, antonyms, and examples. 1 Feb 2023

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## Methods

- In order to *methodologically support* the previously published ASMBS/IFSO 2022 guidelines, **2 international teams of researchers** were created.
- **One team** of seven researcher (MDL, GM, AI, GP, ST, SC, AV) *performed systematic reviews for different items, according to the PRISMA*s
- **13 PRISMA**s were carried out (for 13 items) with **12 different systematic reviews**
  - PRISMA on **item 2** (*BMI 35-40 kg/m<sup>2</sup> without obesity-associated medical problems*) produced no studies
  - Systematic review on **item 6** (*MBS prior to joint arthroplasty*) produced controversial results

TWO INDEPENDENT RESEARCHERS  
FOR EVERY ITEM ANALYZED EACH  
ARTICLE

IN CASE OF DISAGREEMENT A  
THIRD RESEARCHER (MDL) WAS  
CONSULTED

Level of Evidence Supporting the ASMBS/IFSO 2022 Guidelines

- **The second team** (MDL, MK, ST) was tasked to resolve any issues that were not answered by the PRISMA (item 2) and systematic review (item 6).
- **Delphi survey** was constructed and consisted of two consecutive rounds.
- 49 recognized MBS experts from 18 different countries participated in this Delphi survey

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## Delphi survey

- 9 statements regarding 2 items were analysed:
  - *BMI 35-40 kg/m<sup>2</sup> without obesity-associated medical problems and (item 2)*
  - *MBS prior to joint arthroplasty (item 6)*
- Consensus was reached when the agreement/disagreement rate was equal to or greater than 70%
- An online platform (Survey Monkey) was used.
- 7 statements reached consensus in the first round and 2 statements reached consensus in the second round of voting



GRADE OF RECOMMENDATION	LEVEL OF EVIDENCE	TYPE OF STUDY
A	1a	Systematic review of [homogeneous] randomized controlled trials
A	1b	Individual randomized controlled trials [with narrow confidence intervals]
B	2a	Systematic review of [homogeneous] cohort studies of "exposed" and "unexposed" subjects
B	2b	Individual cohort study / low-quality randomized control studies
B	3a	Systematic review of [homogeneous] case-control studies
B	3b	Individual case-control studies
C	4	Case series, low-quality cohort or case-control studies
D	5	Expert opinions based on non-systematic reviews of results or mechanistic studies



## Recommendations

➤ **13 recommendations were expressed from the panel**

➤ **12 different systematic reviews from the 13 PRISMA were carried out.**

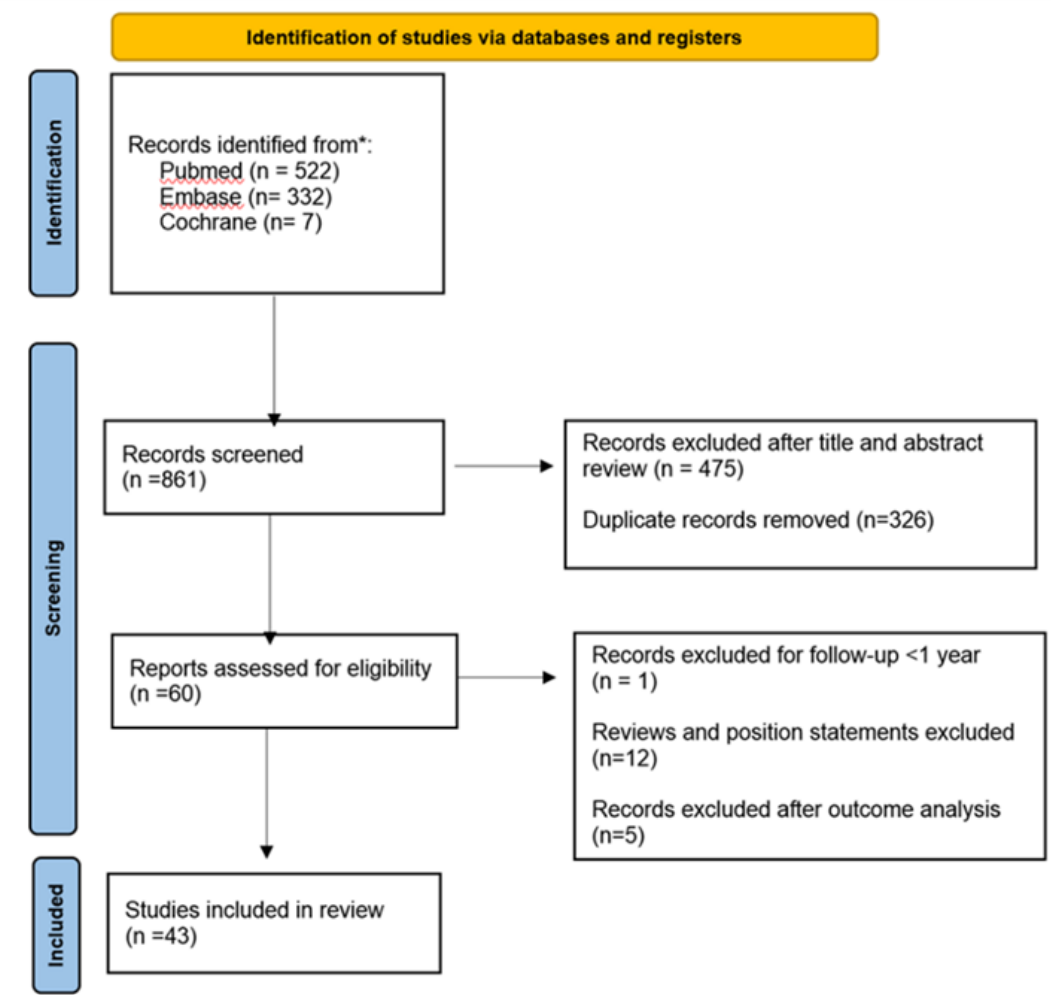
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Criteria	PRISMA and DELPHI	Level of Evidence	Grade of Recommendation
MBS for BMI 30 - 34.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	PRISMA	2a	B
MBS for BMI 35-40 kg/m <sup>2</sup> without obesity-associated comorbidities	PRISMA Insufficient data  DELPHI	5	D
BMI thresholds in the Asian population	PRISMA	2a	B
MBS in the older population	PRISMA	2a	B
MBS for the pediatric and adolescents	PRISMA	1b	A
MBS prior to joint Arthroplasty	PRISMA Conflicting data  DELPHI	2b	B
MBS and abdominal wall hernia repair	PRISMA	2b	B
MBS prior to organ transplantation	PRISMA	2b	B
MBS for BMI ≥ 60 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	PRISMA	2a	B
MBS in patients with liver cirrhosis	PRISMA	2b	B
MBS in patients with heart failure	PRISMA	2b	B
Multidisciplinary care	PRISMA	2c	B
Revisional surgery	PRISMA	2b	B

Level of Evidence Supporting the ASMBS/IFSO 2022 Guidelines

- 43 articles were included in the present review, 29 (69%) were conducted on non-Asian patients and 13 (31%) on Asian patients.
- Operative time and length of stay (LOS) appeared comparable to available data in the literature for MBS in BMI  $\geq 35$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>.



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## 1- MBS for BMI 30 - 34.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

### Recommendation:

*MBS is recommended for patients with T2DM and BMI of 30-34.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.*

*MBS is recommended for patients with BMI of 30-34.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and one obesity-associated medical problem.*

*MBS should be considered in patients with BMI of 30-34.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> who do not achieve substantial or durable weight loss or co-morbidity improvement using nonsurgical methods.*

Level of Evidence 2a

Grade of recommendation B

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### Summary of recommendations with their grade and level of evidence

Criteria	PRISMA and DELPHI	Appendix/Table	Level of Evidence	Grade of Recommendation	Recommendation	References
MBS for BMI 30 - 34.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	PRISMA	1	2a	B	MBS is recommended for patients BMI 30 – 34.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup> with T2DM and/or other obesity-associated medical problems	7-35
MBS for BMI 35-40 kg/m <sup>2</sup> without obesity-associated comorbidities	PRISMA Insufficient data DELPHI	2	5	D	MBS is recommended regardless of the presence, absence, or severity of obesity-associated medical problems	-
BMI thresholds in the Asian population	PRISMA	3	2a	B	Access to MBS should not be denied solely based on the BMI	36-54
MBS in the older population	PRISMA	4	2a	B	There is no evidence to support an age limit	55-72
MBS for pediatric and adolescents	PRISMA	5	1b	A	MBS is safe in the population younger than 18 years, produces durable weight loss, and improvement obesity-associated medical problems	76-117
MBS prior to joint Arthroplasty	PRISMA Conflicting data DELPHI	6	2b	B	MBS can be considered a bridge to joint arthroplasty in patients with BMI ≥ 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	120-141
MBS and abdominal wall hernia repair	PRISMA	7	2b	B	In patients with severe obesity and an abdominal wall hernia, MBS-induced weight loss is suggested before hernia repair	143-165
MBS prior to organ transplantation	PRISMA	8	2b	B	Published data supports considering patients in need of SOT first to undergo MBS to improve their eligibility for transplantation	166-189
MBS for BMI ≥ 60 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	PRISMA	9	2a	B	MBS is safe and effective in patients BMI ≥ 60 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	192-238
MBS in patients with liver cirrhosis	PRISMA	10	2b	B	MBS is associated with a reduction of progression of MAFDL to cirrhosis	239-253
MBS in patients with heart failure	PRISMA	11	2b	B	MBS can be a useful treatment adjunct in patients with obesity and heart failure	254-271
Multidisciplinary care	PRISMA	12	2c	B	Despite the low evidence level, MDT is at present the unmodifiable core of pre and post-operative obesity management	272-284
Revisional surgery	PRISMA	13	2b	B	Revisional MBS induces satisfactory metabolic outcomes with acceptable rates of complications and mortality	285-310

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## SNLG – Sistema Nazionale Linee Guida

### National System of Guidelines

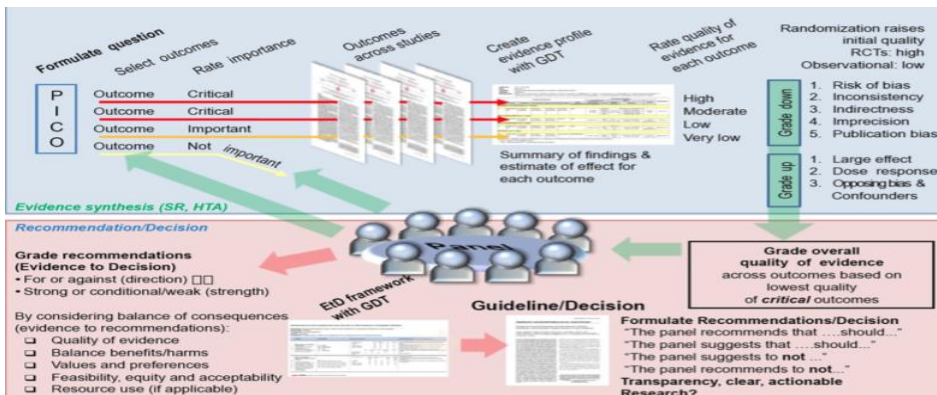
The Law of 8 March **2017**, n.24, provides that "the health professions...comply with the Recommendations provided for by the Guidelines published and drawn up by public and private bodies and institutions as well as by scientific societies and technical-scientific associations of the health professions registered in the appropriate list".

Reimbursement for Public and private hospitals depends on the acceptance of Guidelines by Minister of Health

### ITALIAN MBS GUIDELINES

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- 14 scientific societies involved
- 64 authors
- 4 methodologists



## LINEE GUIDA DELLA SICOB SOCIETÀ ITALIANA DI CHIRURGIA DELL'OBESITÀ E DELLE MALATTIE METABOLICHE

*La terapia chirurgica dell'obesità e delle complicanze associate*



La seguente linea guida è stata sviluppata da SICOB in collaborazione con:

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- AME: Associazione Medici Endocrinologi
- ANSISA: Associazione Nazionale Specialisti in Scienze dell'Alimentazione
- ASAND: Associazione Scientifica Alimentazione Nutrizione e Dietetica
- SIC: Società Italiana di Chirurgia
- SICE: Società Italiana di Chirurgia Endoscopica e nuove tecnologie
- SID: Società Italiana di Diabetologia
- SIO: Società Italiana dell'Obesità
- SIEC: Società Italiana Endocrinologia
- SIMG: Società Italiana di Medicina Generale e delle Cure Primarie
- SIP: Società Italiana di Pediatria
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## RATING QUALITY OF EVIDENCE AND STRENGTH OF RECOMMENDATIONS

## GRADE: an emerging consensus on rating quality of evidence and strength of recommendations

Guidelines are inconsistent in how they rate the quality of evidence and the strength of recommendations. This article explores the advantages of the GRADE system, which is increasingly being adopted by organisations worldwide

### PICO

The PICO Principle assists you in organizing and focusing your question into a searchable query.

#### P

Participants / Population  
Who are the relevant patients?

#### I

Intervention / Indication  
What is the management strategy, diagnostic test or exposure that you are researching?

#### C

Comparator / Control  
Is there a control or alternative management strategy, test, or exposure?

#### O

Outcome  
What are the patient-relevant consequences?

### Box 1 | Advantages of GRADE over other systems

- Developed by a widely representative group of international guideline developers
- Clear separation between quality of evidence and strength of recommendations

### Box 2 | Quality of evidence and definitions

**High quality**— Further research is very unlikely to change our confidence in the estimate of effect

**Moderate quality**— Further research is likely to have an important impact on our confidence in the estimate of effect and may change the estimate

**Low quality**— Further research is very likely to have an important impact on our confidence in the estimate of effect and is likely to change the estimate

**Very low quality**— Any estimate of effect is very uncertain

**Strong recommendation** The panel is confident that the desirable effects of adherence to the recommendation outweigh the undesirable effects.

**Weak recommendation:** The desirable effects to adherence to the recommendation probably outweigh the undesirable effects, but the panel is less confident.

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AGREE (Appraisal of Guidelines for Research and Evaluation) - II

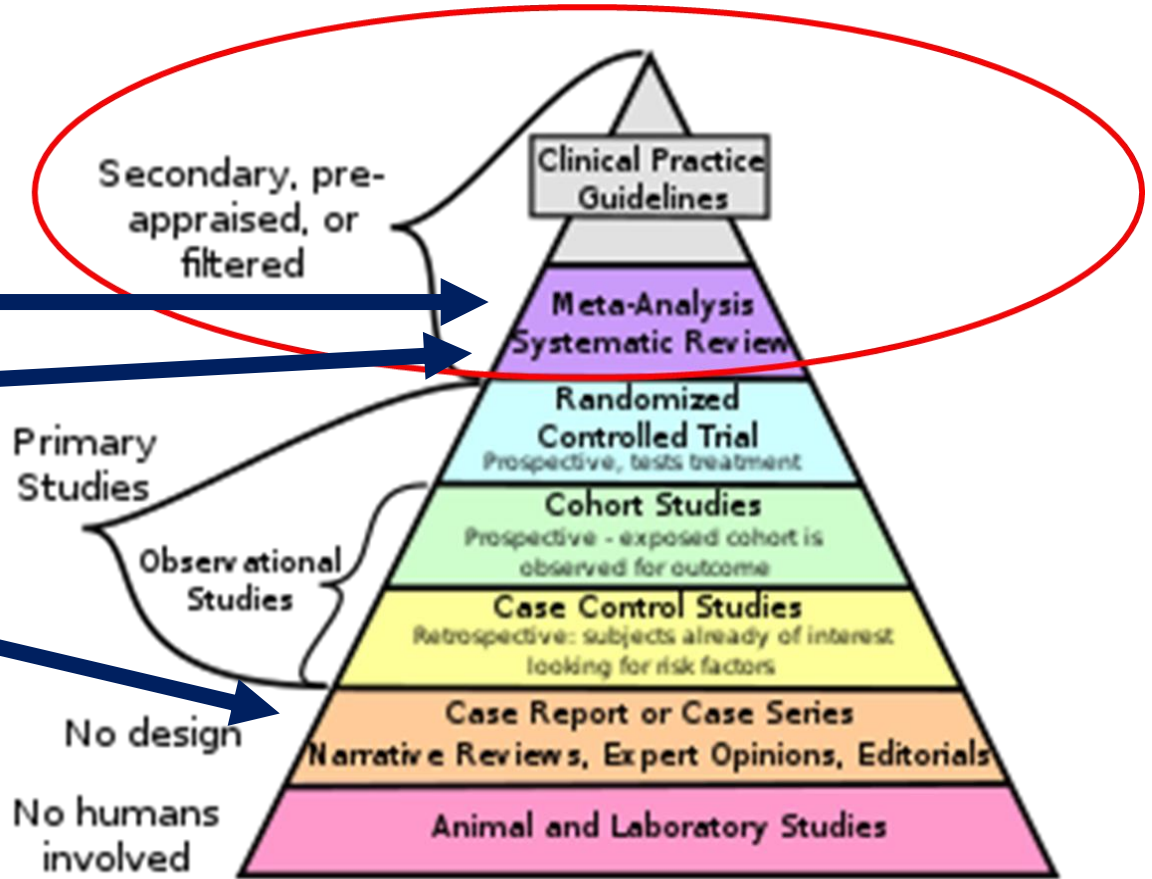
GRADE Methodology

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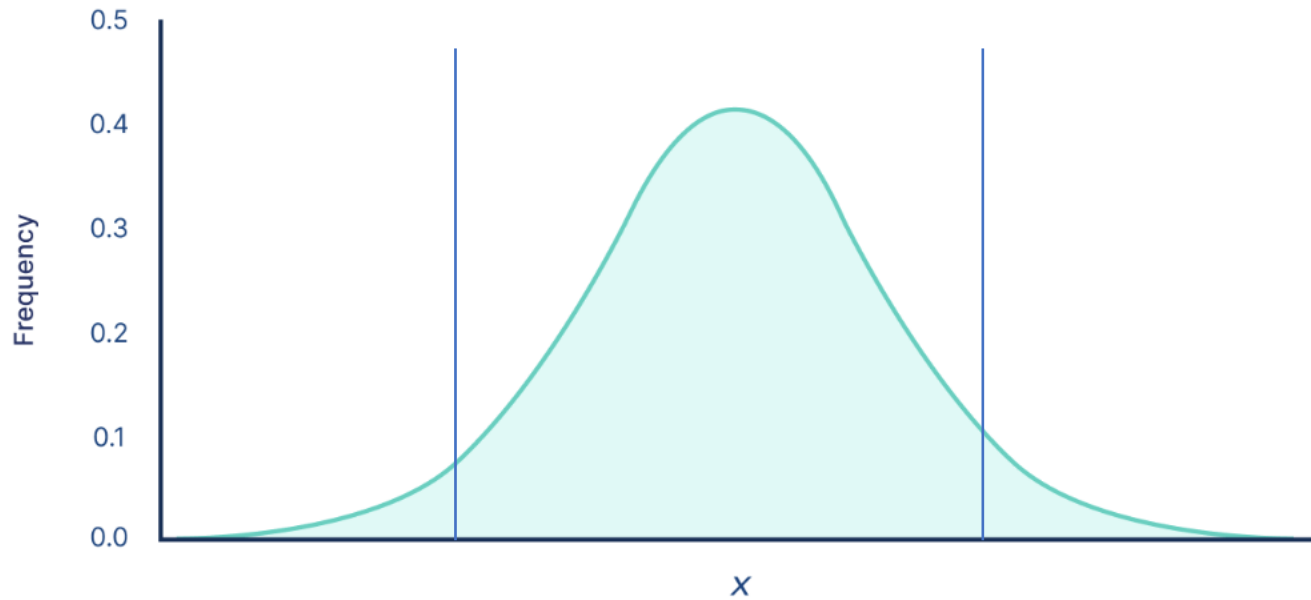
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# TRADITIONAL MEDICINE vs. **PRECISION MEDICINE**

Traditionally, radiation, chemotherapy, and surgery were the only means by which doctors could treat cancer.  
With precision medicine, doctors use a patient's genes to uncover clues for treating the disease.

## RADIATION

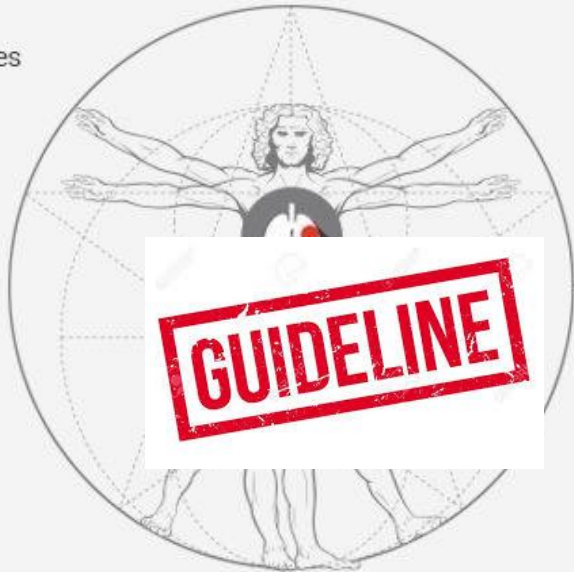
- High-energy particles damage or destroy cancer cells

## CHEMOTHERAPY

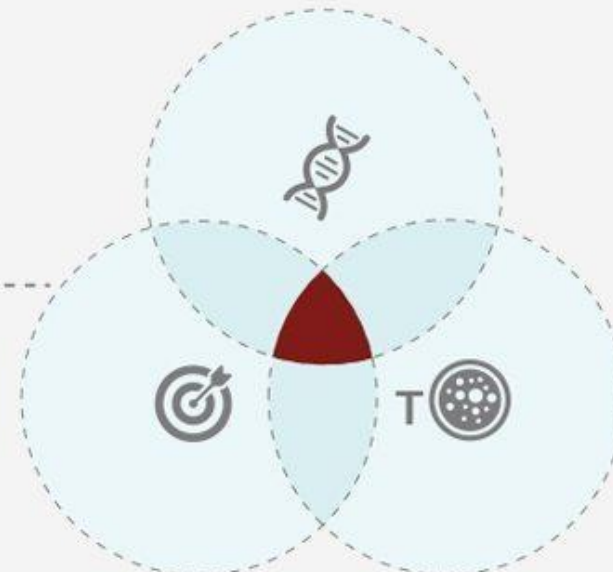
- Chemicals attack cancer

## SURGERY

- Operate on part of the body to diagnose or treat cancer



Advanced Personalized Treatment



## GENETICS

- Gene sequencing
- Locate cancer-causing genes

## IMMUNOTHERAPY

- Identify ways to customize treatment
- Find ways to turn immune system on
- Personalize treatment with immune-activating drugs

## TARGETED THERAPIES

- Drugs turn specific genes on or off

+ TRADITIONAL THERAPIES

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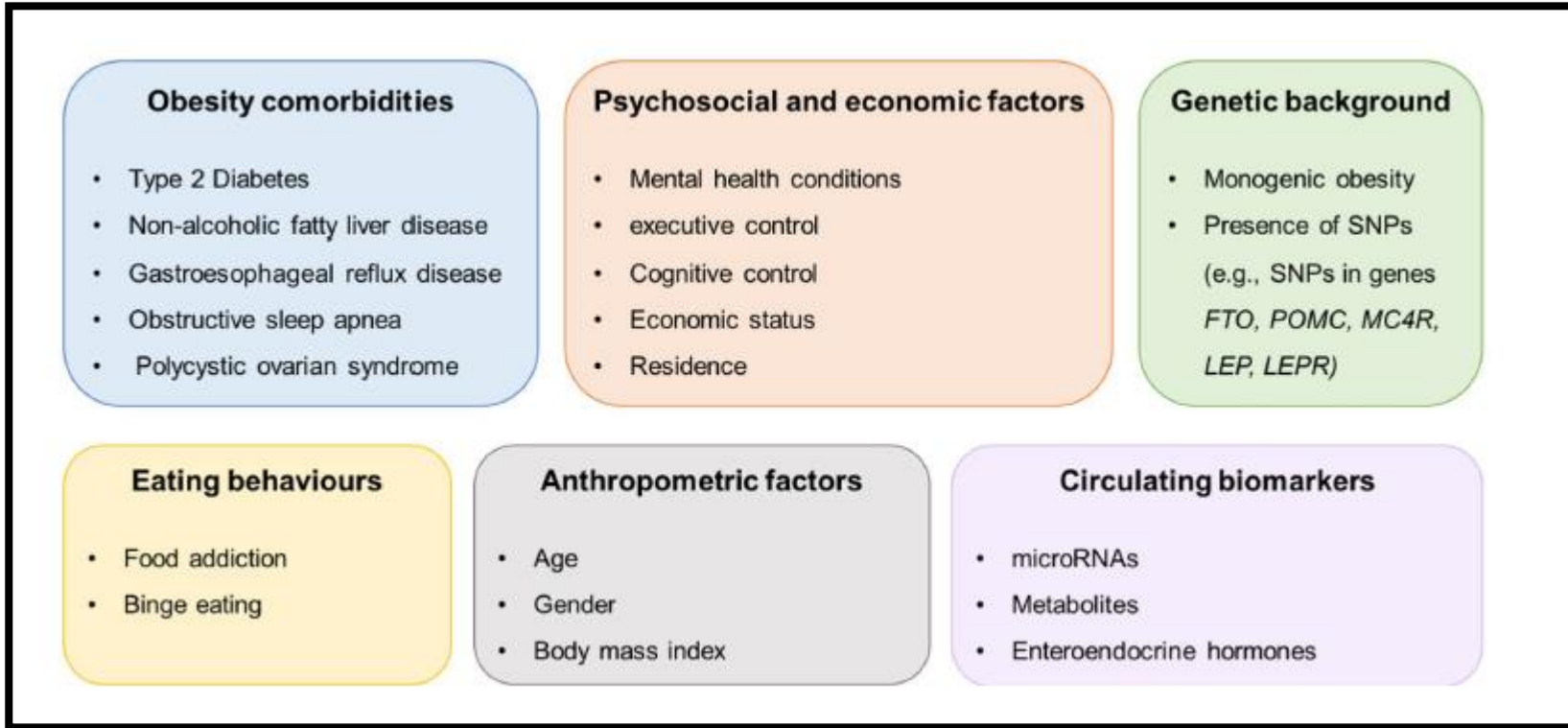
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## Take Home Message

- The new IFSO/ASMB 2022 indication to MBS **have made history**
- A methodological upgrade has allowed them to be called **Guidelines**
- GRADE method on some analyzed items does not allow us to express good level of recommendation as the literature is not robust
- **There are no defined criteria** for the use of a **specific treatment** for a **patient-tailored decision** in order to optimize MBS outcomes

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