

# Surgical Outcomes, Choice of Procedure or Something Else

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# Potential of Surgery for Curing Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

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FEATURE

## Effect of Duodenal–Jejunal Exclusion in a Non-obese Animal Model of Type 2 Diabetes *A New Perspective for an Old Disease*

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**Background:** The Roux-en-Y gastric bypass and the biliopancreatic diversion effectively induce weight loss and long-term control of type 2 diabetes in morbidly obese individuals. It is unknown whether the control of diabetes is a secondary outcome from the treatment of obesity or if it is a direct effect of the bypass procedure.

## Is Type 2 Diabetes an Operable Intestinal Disease?

A provocative yet reasonable hypothesis

FRANCESCO RUBINO, MD

**TYPE 2 DIABETES: IS IT AN INTESTINAL DISEASE?**— The rapid resolution of diabetes after Roux-en-Y gastric bypass (RYGB) has led to the hypothesis that the disease may be an intestinal disease. This hypothesis is supported by the fact that the resolution of diabetes after RYGB is not related to weight loss, but to the bypass procedure itself. The hypothesis is further supported by the fact that the resolution of diabetes after RYGB is not related to the bypass procedure itself, but to the bypass procedure itself.

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**Newsweek**

## “A surgical Cure of Diabetes?”

...“Rubino's idea boils down to one impolite word used to refer to the excrement of cows” ....“BS”

Leslie Stahl:

## Can Surgery Cure Diabetes? Yes/No

FR: ...I can't answer the question as a yes or no

LS: You only have yes and no for an answer

FR: ...I should say no then....



# Is Surgery a Cure of Type 2 Diabetes?

October 2009

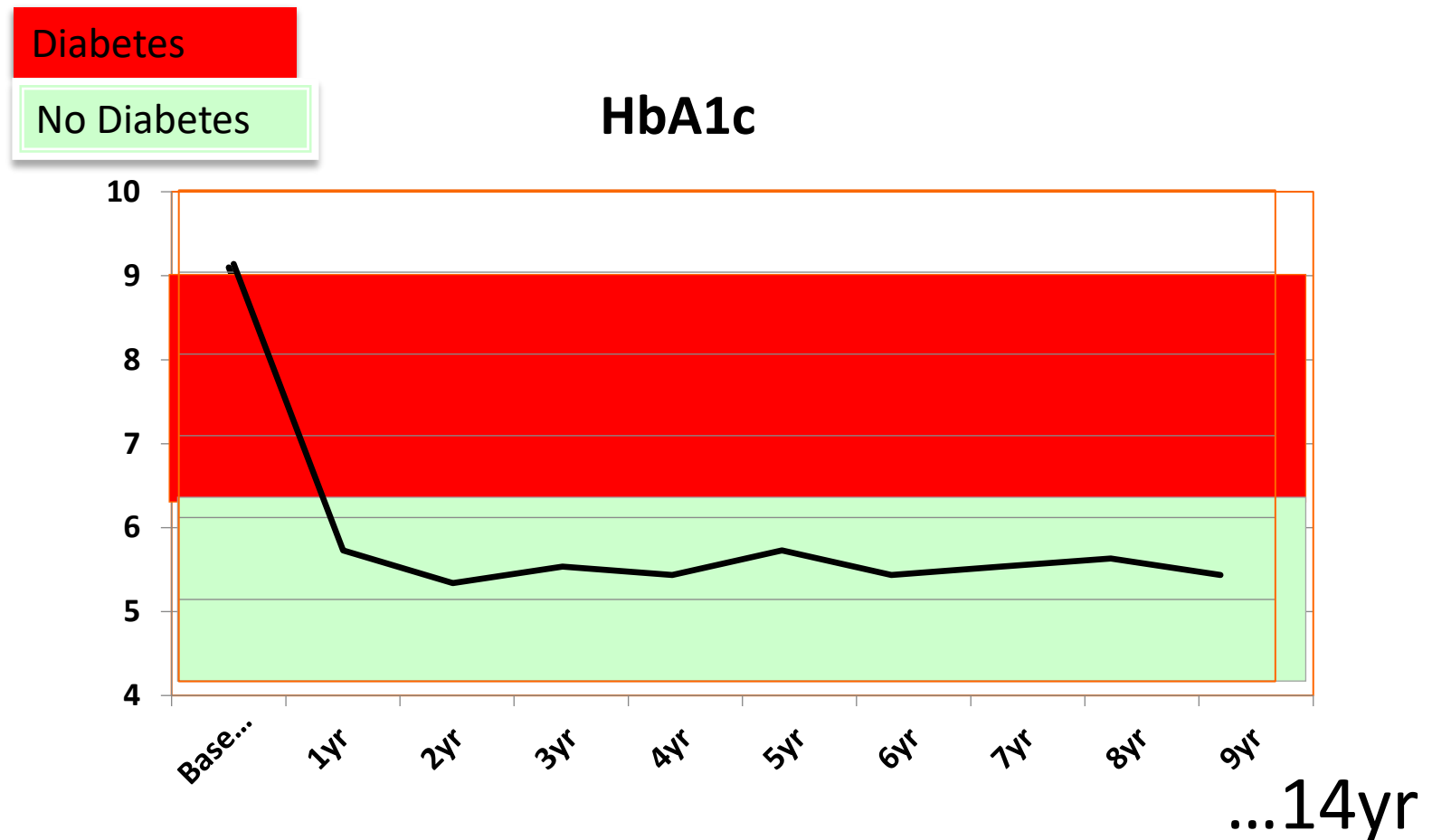
> RYGB

October 2021

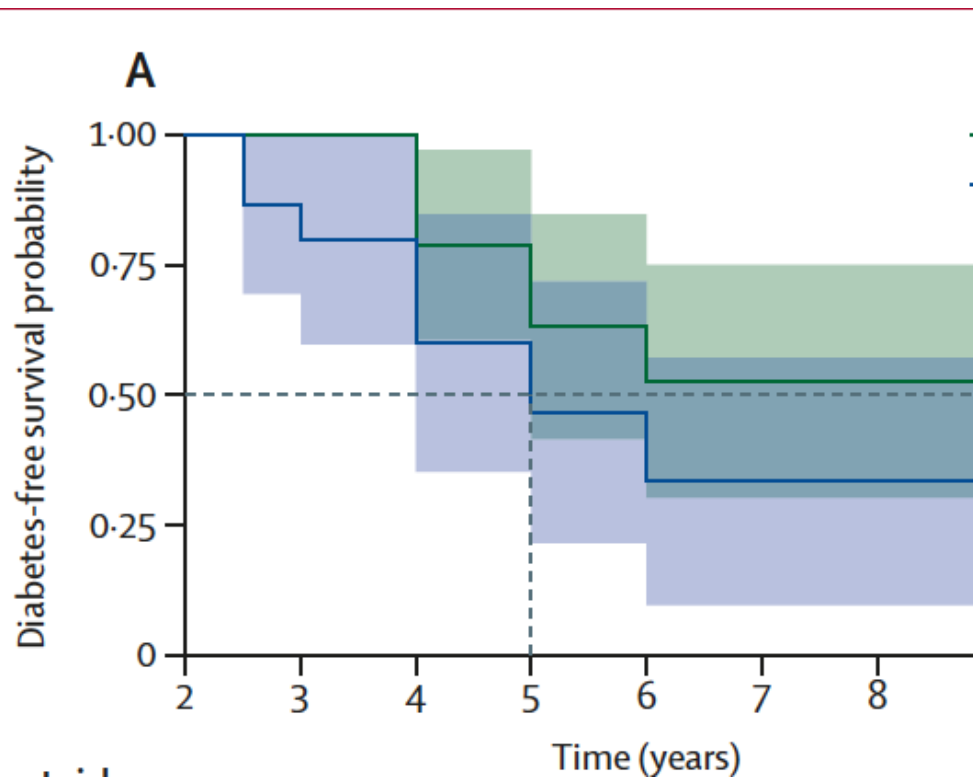
Normal Glycemia  
Meds: Multivitamins

42yo F- Type 2-Diabetes  
> 8-year disease duration

Preop Medications: Insulin + Liraglutide + Metformin  
Preop HbA1c 9.1



# 10-year Remission of Diabetes



## PP analysis,

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BPD (50%; CI: 30.0; 70.1),  
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(P=0.19, Fisher exact test between surgical procedures)

## Weight Loss and Diabetes

Weight changes did not predict diabetes remission or relapse among surgical patients.

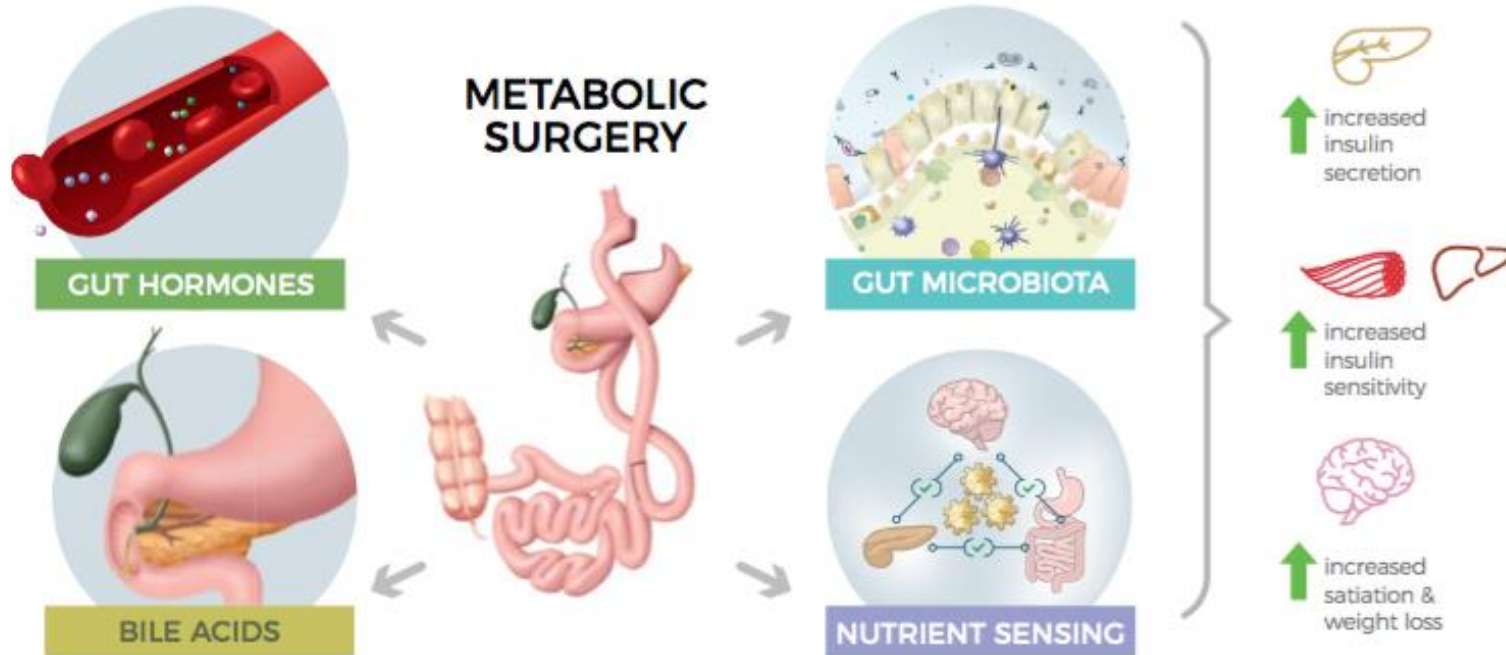
### Weight regain at 10-year:

- Pts with Remission:  $7.05 \pm 6.89\%$
  - Pts with Relapse:  $8.21 \pm 6.15\%$
- (P= NS)

**Supporting weight-independent mechanisms of GI bypass procedures**

## How does surgery improve diabetes

Metabolic Surgery changes various mechanisms of GI physiology involved in metabolic regulation<sup>(3,4)</sup>



*"Given its role in metabolic regulation, the GI tract constitutes a clinically and biologically meaningful target for the management of T2D."* DSS-II<sup>(2)</sup>

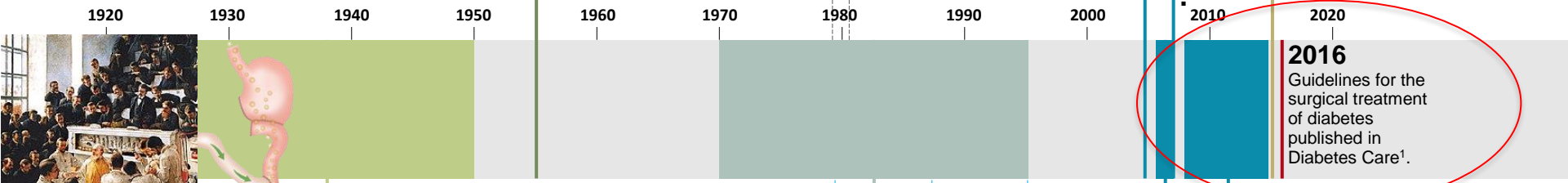




Weight independent effects of GI Surgery in rodents

### A LONG ROAD

Observations that diabetes can be improved or even resolved by surgical operations have been reported for almost a century.



**1925-50**  
Several reports document diabetes resolution after stomach surgery.

**World's heaviest family in 1929.**

**1955**  
Weight-loss (bariatric) surgery introduced.

**Jejuno-ileal bypass**  
**1978** Ahmad et al; Diabetes Care  
**1981** Ackerman NB. Surg Gynecol Obstet.

**2004**  
Experimental evidence in rats links gastrointestinal surgery and glucose metabolism<sup>6</sup>.

**2007**  
**First DSS**

**2015**  
Second Diabetes Surgery Summit.

**2016**  
Guidelines for the surgical treatment of diabetes published in Diabetes Care<sup>1</sup>.

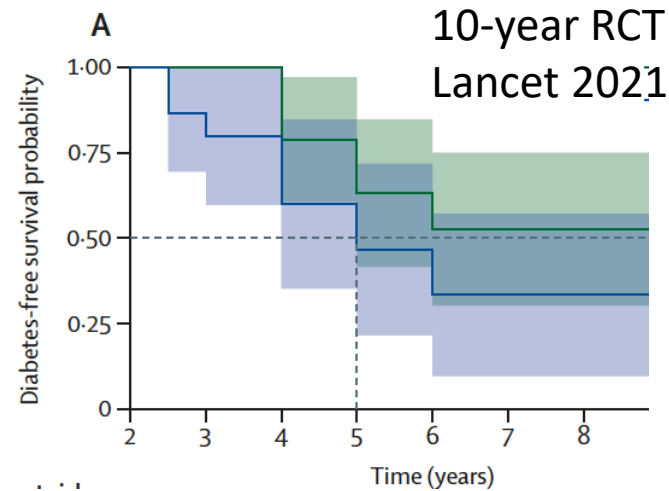
**1970-95**  
Several reports consistently document remission of diabetes after bariatric surgery

**2006-07**  
Studies in humans start to explore the use of surgery as an intentional treatment of diabetes<sup>10</sup>.

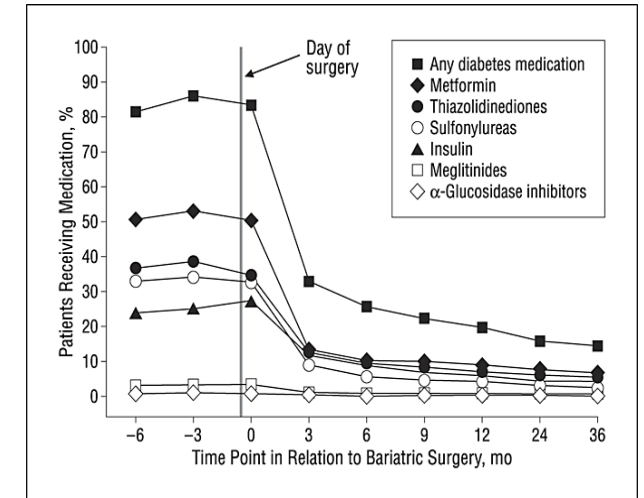
**2008-15**  
Publication of several randomized clinical trials demonstrates effects of surgical treatment of diabetes.

**Gastric Bypass**  
**1979** Printen et al; Ann Surg  
**1987** Pories et al; Ann Surg.  
**1995** Pories et al; Ann Surg.: "Who would have thought..."

## Durable Remission (>10Yr) "Cure" of T2D



## Use of diabetes medication (> 60% reduction within 3 months)

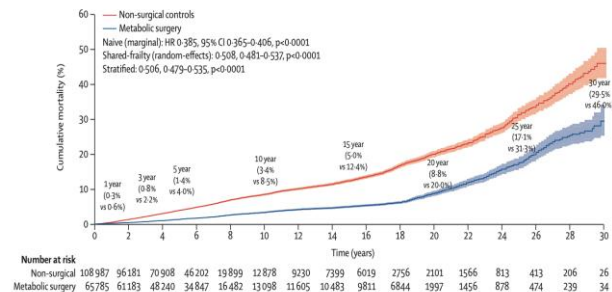


# Outcomes of Surgical Treatment in pts with T2D

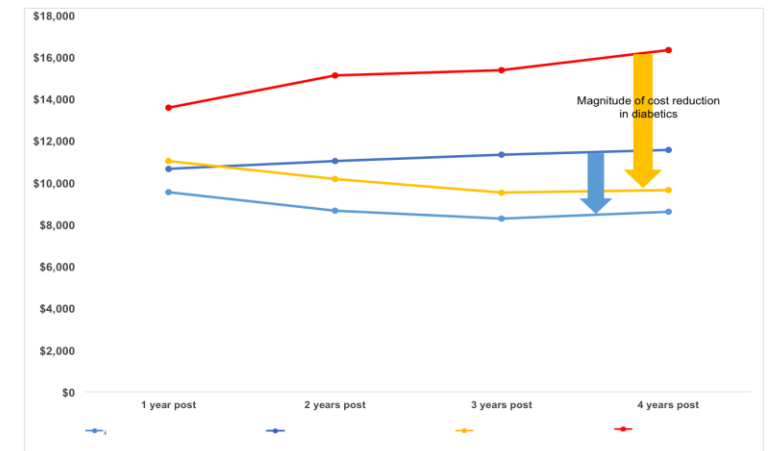
## Greater Reduction All Cause-Mortality (60% vs 30% reduction T2D vs no T2D)

### Association of metabolic-bariatric surgery with long-term survival in adults with and without diabetes

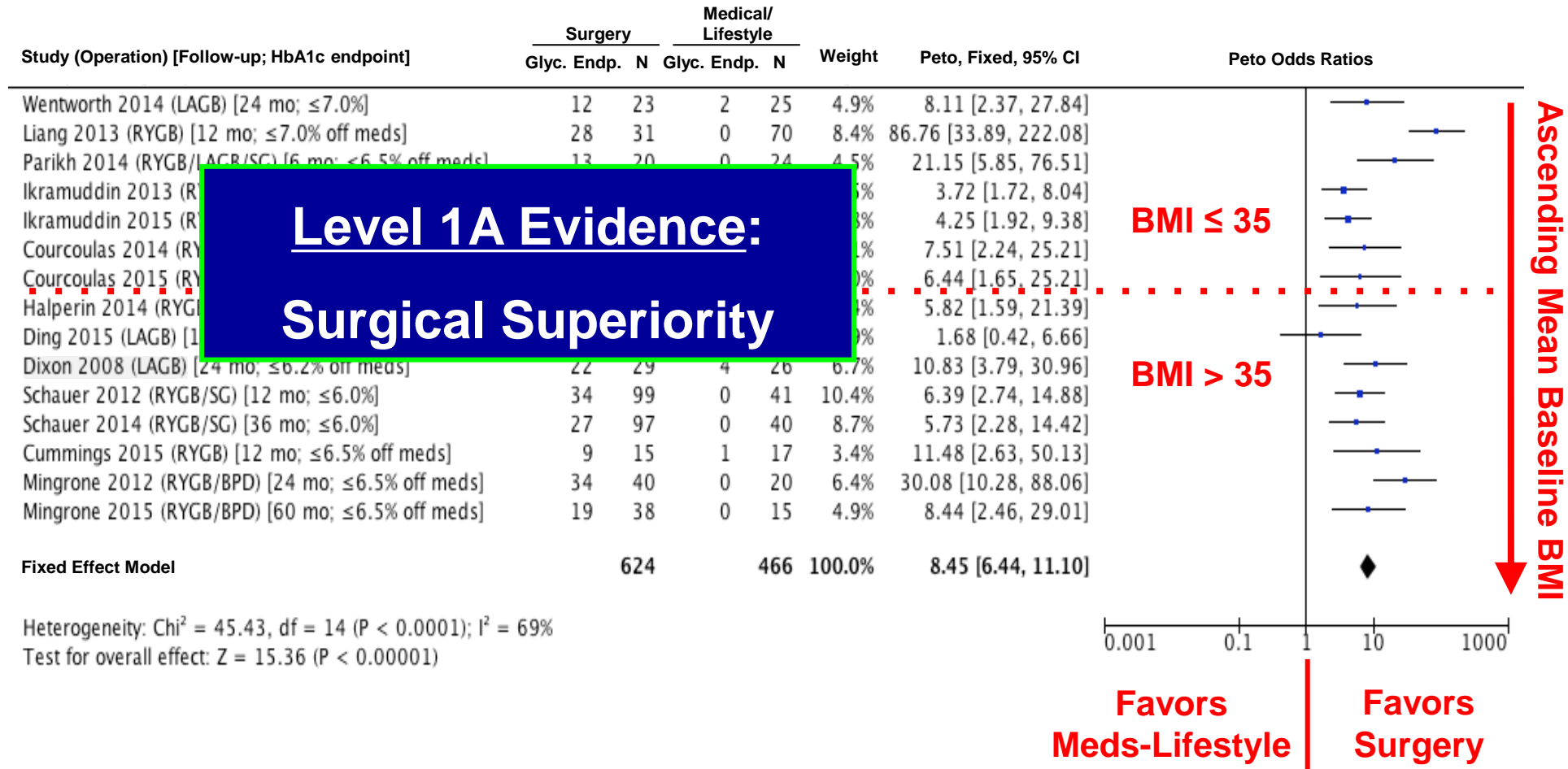
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## Greater Cost-effectiveness (greater magnitude of cost-reduction)

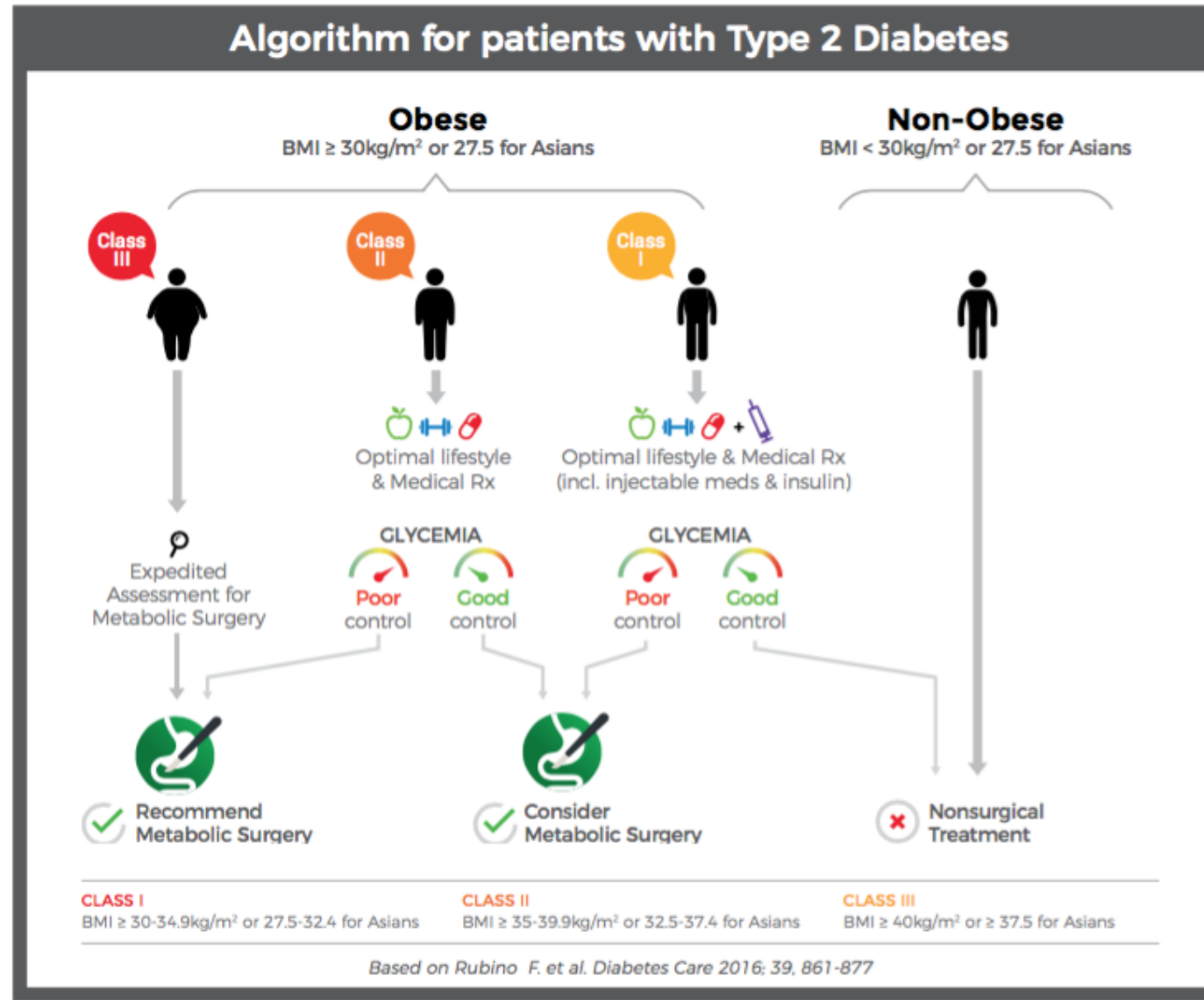


# RCTs of Surgery vs. Meds/Lifestyle Care for T2DM



# Indications for Surgical Treatment

"There is now sufficient clinical and mechanistic evidence to support inclusion of metabolic surgery among antidiabetes interventions for people with T2D and obesity." DSS-II<sup>(2)</sup>



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*“Why surgery is the next big thing for Type 2 Diabetes”*

Nature (cover page) 26 May 26, 2016

nature

*“Surgery should be an option for diabetics”*

time.com/4345470/gastric-bypass-surgery-diabetes/

TIME

*“One of the most significant changes in treating diabetes since the discovery of insulin in 1921”*

New Scientist, 28 May, 2016

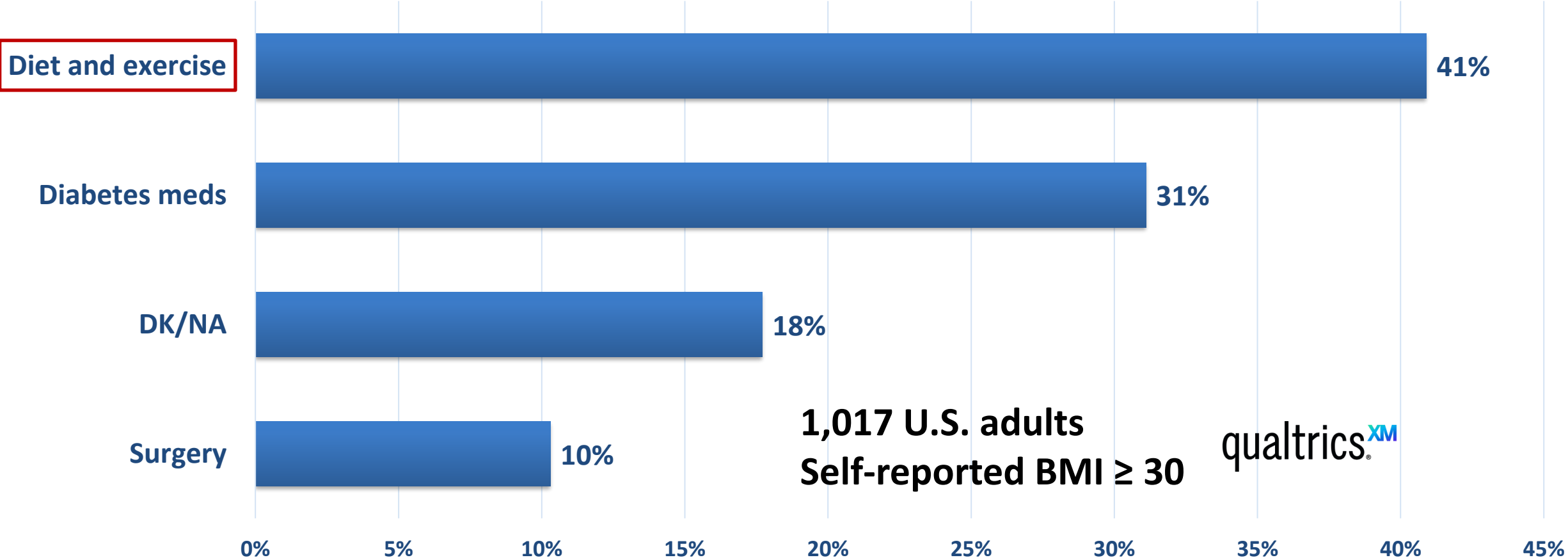
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*“Metabolic Surgery for Type 2 Diabetes: Changing the Landscape of Diabetes Care”*

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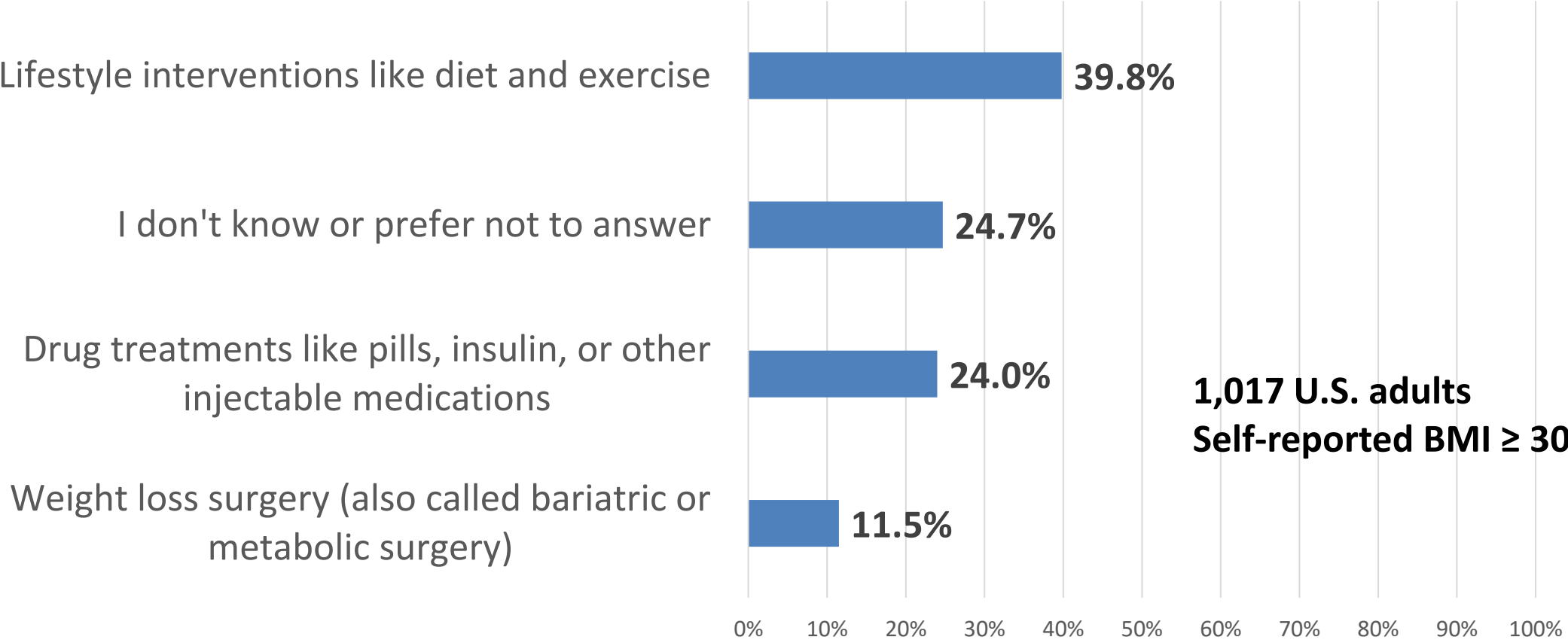
Diabetes Care

# “What is most effective treatment today for type 2 diabetes?”



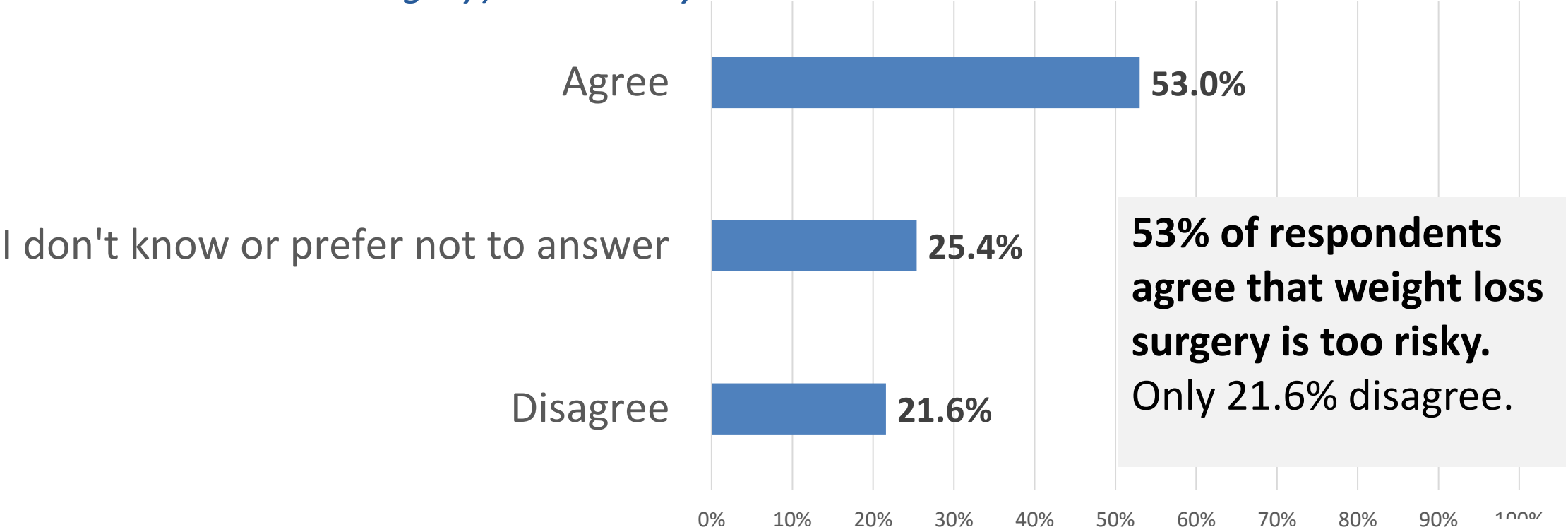
# Most People Prefer Lifestyle Interventions or Medications as a Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes

*Which one of the following interventions would be best for someone like you as a treatment for Type 2 diabetes? (Select one.)*



# Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery Continues to be Seen as “Too Risky”

*Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Weight loss surgery (also known as bariatric or metabolic surgery) is too risky."*



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



**SAFETY PROFILE AND HEALTHCARE USAGE OF  
BARIATRIC-METABOLIC SURGERY COMPARED TO  
COMMONLY PERFORMED ELECTIVE PROCEDURES**

G. Chamseddine, R. McIntyre, S. Panagiotopoulos, A. Assiri, J. Crane, F Rubino

# Safety of Bariatric Surgery Compares Favorably with Other Elective Surgery

## 30-Day Post-Operative Safety Outcomes (Data from NHS Digital)

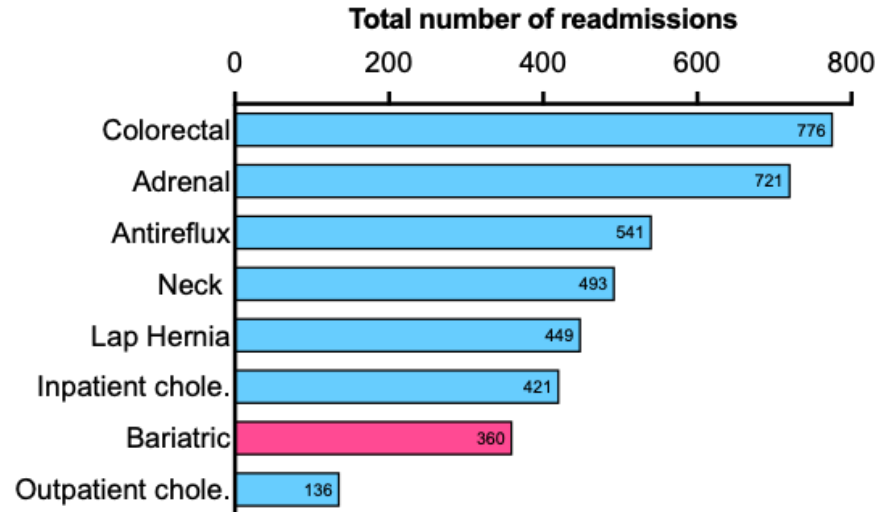
		Bariatric	Adrenal	GEJ	Colorectal	Inpatient Cholecystectomy	Lap Hernia	Neck	Outpatient Cholecystectomy
Morbidity	Major morbidity (%)	0	1	8 **	6 *	2	1	1	1
	Reoperation rate (%)	0	0	3	4	1	1	1	1
Readmission rate	All causes (%)	7	26 *	13	21 *	10	7	8	8
	Procedure-related (%)	4	14 *	7	15 *	7	3	2	5
Readmissions Length of stay	All causes (days)	0.3 ± 0.4	1.1 ± 1.0	1.9 ± 1.0 **	2.6 ± 1.9**	1.9 ± 1.1 **	1.8 ± 2.5	5.1 ± 2.3 **	1.1 ± 1.1
	Procedure-related (days)	1.0 ± 1.2	1.0 ± 0.9	2.4 ± 1.5	3.6 ± 2.6	2.4 ± 1.2	1.0 ± 0.8	3.7 ± 3.8	1.7 ± 1.8
Total cost for all re-dmissions	All causes (£)	10,067	64,651	25,624	51,186	16,599	16,212	40,618	12,954
	Procedure-related (£)	9,405	39,345	15,980	41,027	14,142	10,532	2,180	6,681
Cost per re-admission	All causes (£)	719 ± 734	1,658 ± 351**	1,602 ± 657**	1,765 ± 523**	1,037 ± 256**	1,474 ± 664*	2,389 ± 664**	1,295 ± 504*
	Procedure-related (£)	2,351 ± 2,236	1,874 ± 570	1,776 ± 968	2,051 ± 703	1,088 ± 312	1,505 ± 593	1,090 ± 6,772	1,114 ± 706

Mean Data are represented as means ± 95% confidence intervals. \*\*denotes different from bariatric surgery,  $P < 0.01$ ; \*denotes different from bariatric surgery,  $P < 0.05$ .

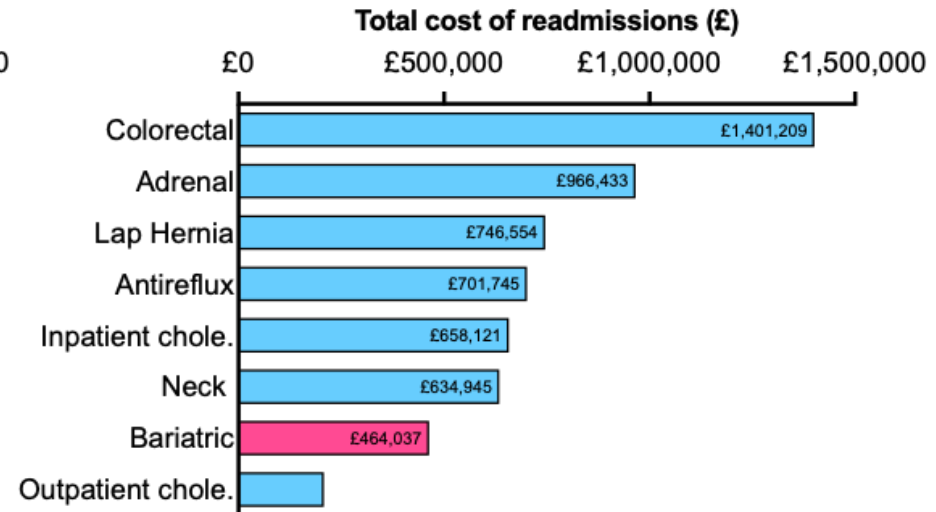
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# Overall Readmissions Over 5-Year

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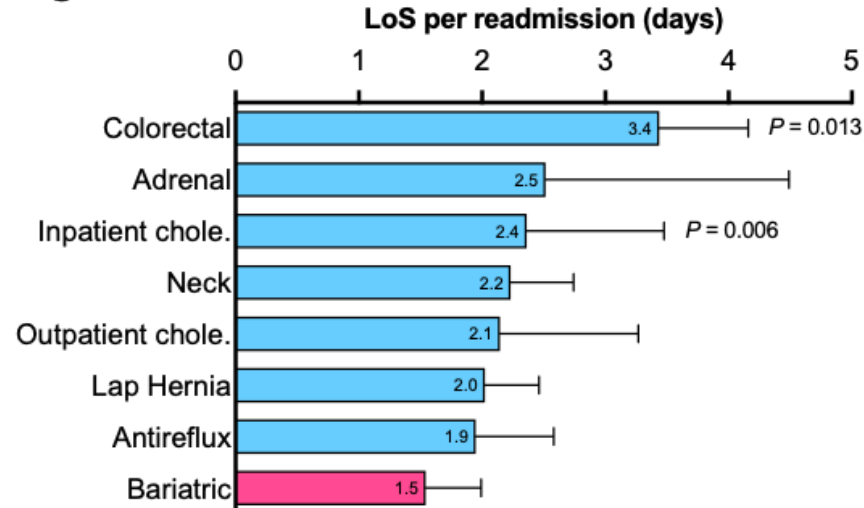


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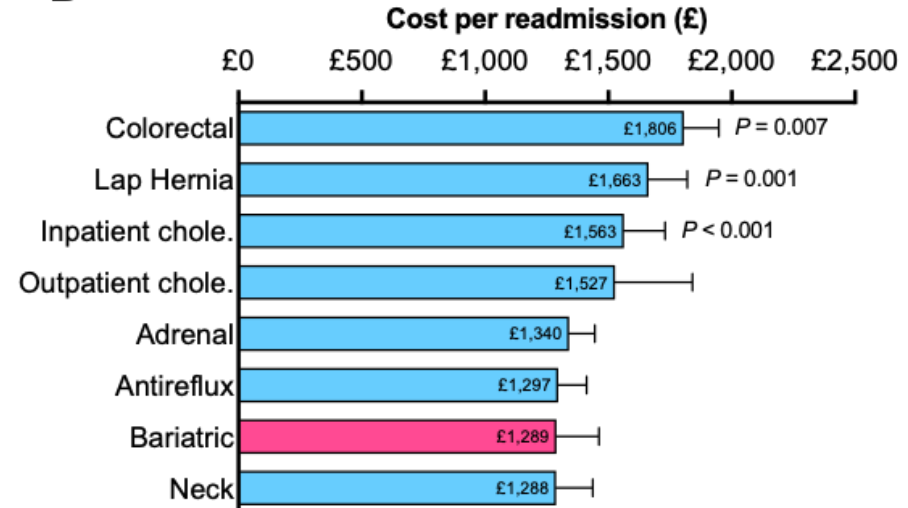


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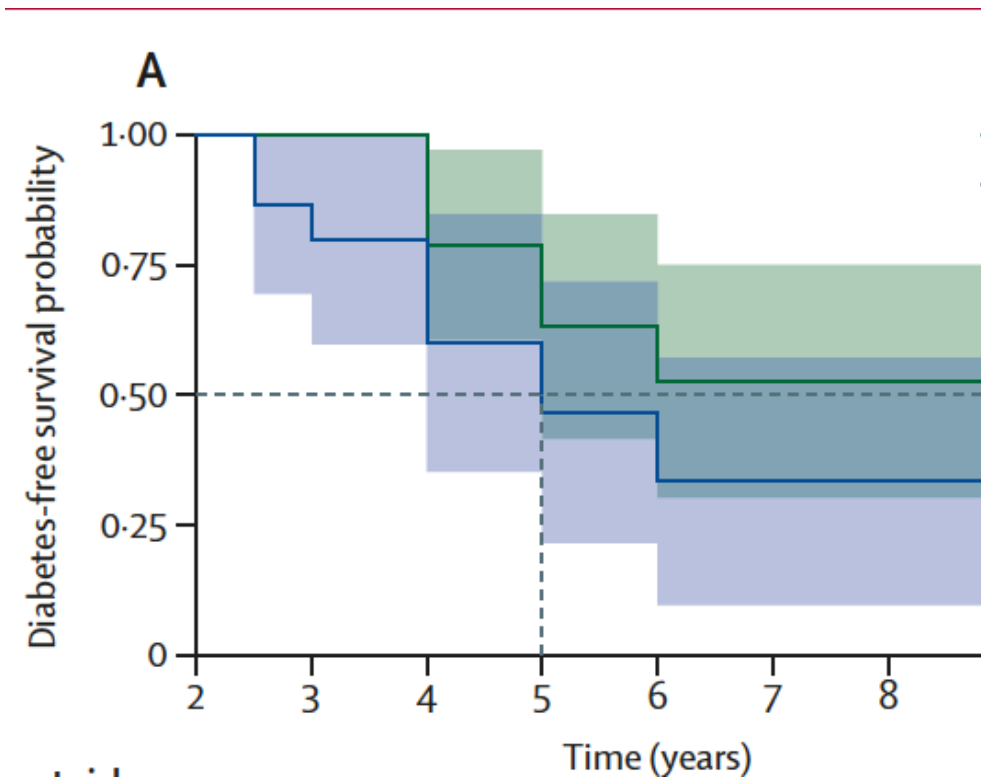


**D**



# Choosing the Procedure for T2D

# 10-year Remission of Diabetes



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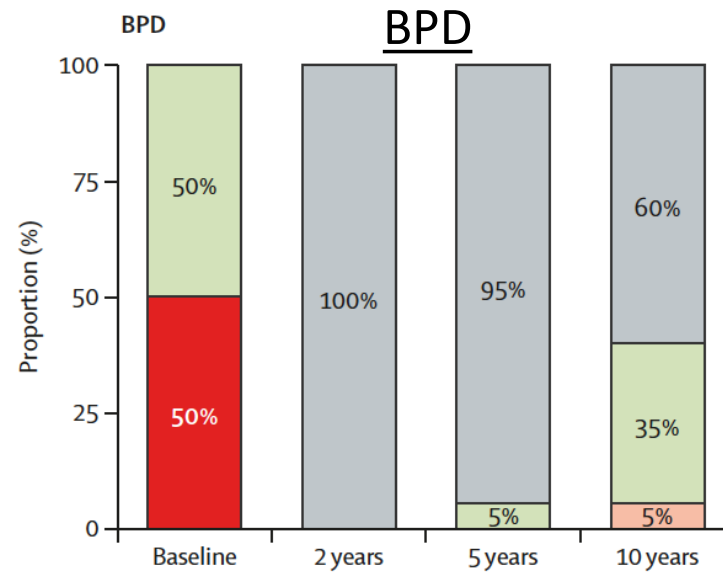
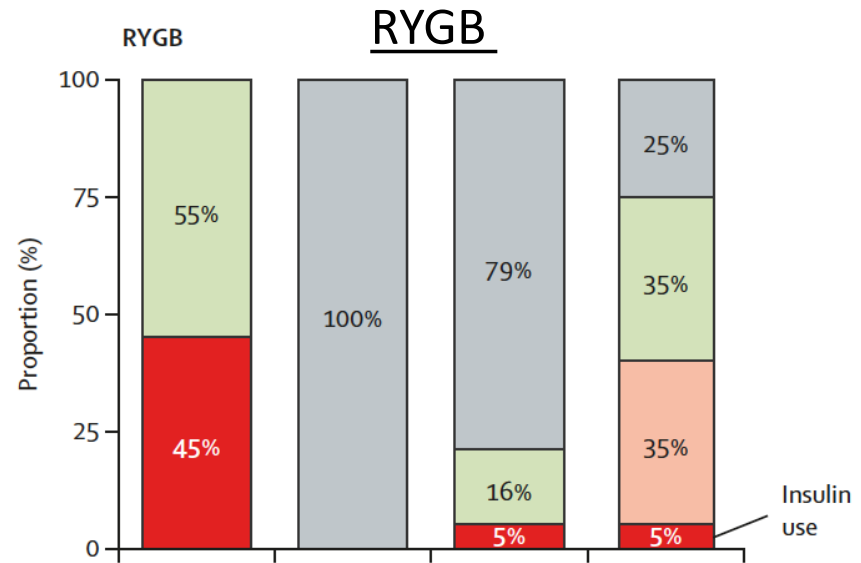
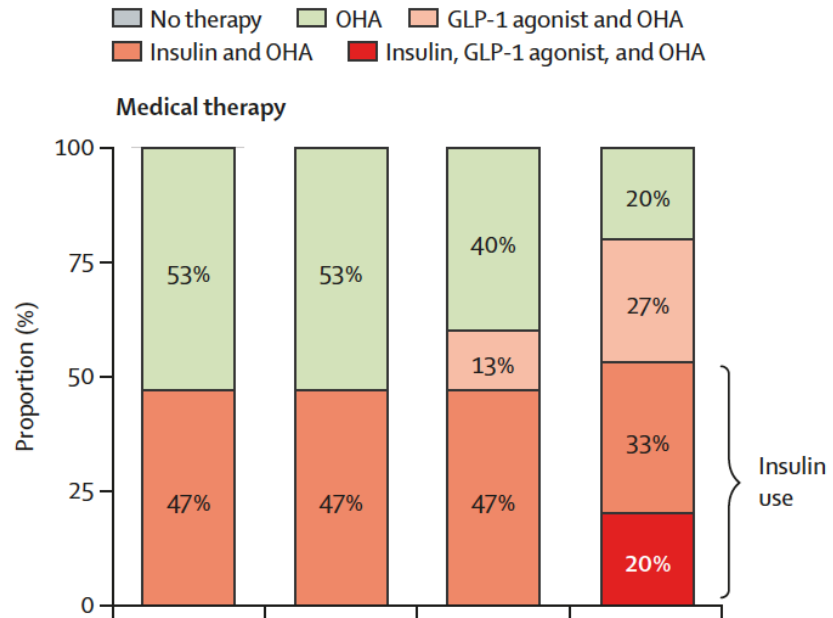
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# Medications Usage (Diabetes)

## MT Group



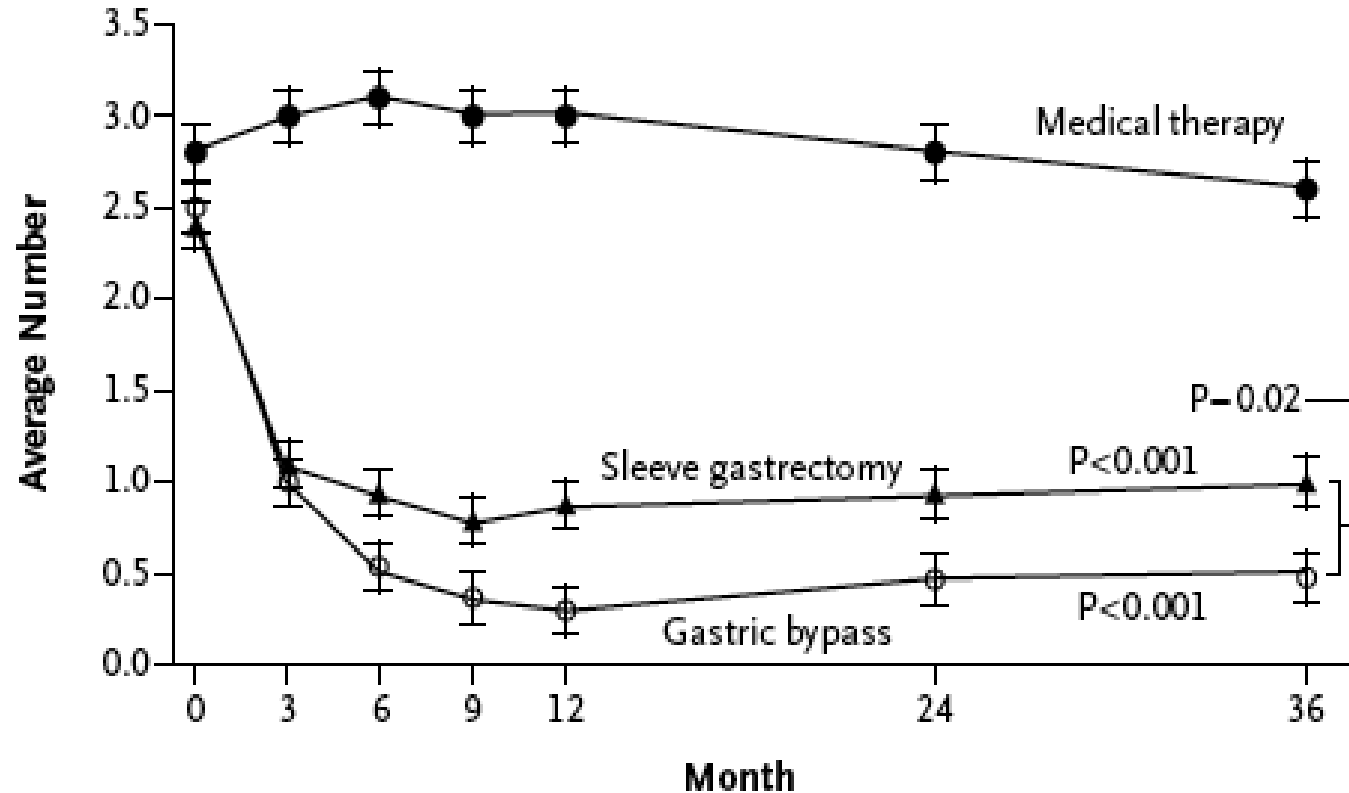
# Early and Late Surgical Complications

	BPD group				RYGB group				Medical therapy group			
	0-2 years	2-5 years	5-10 years	10-year total	0-2 years	2-5 years	5-10 years	10-year total	0-2 years	2-5 years	5-10 years	10-year total
<b>Major 30-day postoperative complications</b>												
Deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Atrial fibrillation episode	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Late surgical complications</b>												
Intestinal occlusion	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Incisional hernia	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recurrent or chronic diarrhoea	12	10	8	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Nutritional or metabolic complications</b>												
Iron-deficiency anaemia	0	5	3	8	0	3	2	5	0	0	0	0
Hypoalbuminaemia, plasma albumin <3.5 mg/dL	0	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Osteopenia*	0	3	3	6	0	1	1	2	0	1	2	0
Osteoporosis†	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transient nyctalopia	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Renal calculus	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Symptomatic hypoglycaemia‡	0	0	0	0	0	2§	0	2	0	0	0	0

# Stampede Trial

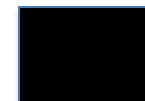
## SG vs RYGB @ 36 months

### C Diabetes Medications



#### Value at Visit

Medical therapy	2.8	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.6
Sleeve gastrectomy	2.4	0.94	0.88	0.94	1.0
Gastric bypass	2.5	0.54	0.3	0.47	0.48





# RYGB results in greater reduction of CV medications compared to sleeve gastrectomy

CV medications – number (%)	Medical Therapy (n=40)	Bypass (n=48)	Sleeve (n=49)
<b>Baseline</b>			
None	0 (0)	3 (6.3)	2 (4.1)
1 - 2	19 (47.5)	17 (35.4)	28 (57.1)
≥ 3	21 (52.5)	28 (58.3)	19 (38.8)
<b>Month 36</b>			
None	1 (2.5)	<b>33 (68.8) *</b>	<b>21 (42.9) *</b>
1 - 2	18 (45)	14 (29.2)	25 (51)
≥ 3	21 (52.5)	1 (2.1)	3 (6.1)

# Comparing the 5-Year Diabetes Outcomes of Sleeve Gastrectomy and Gastric Bypass

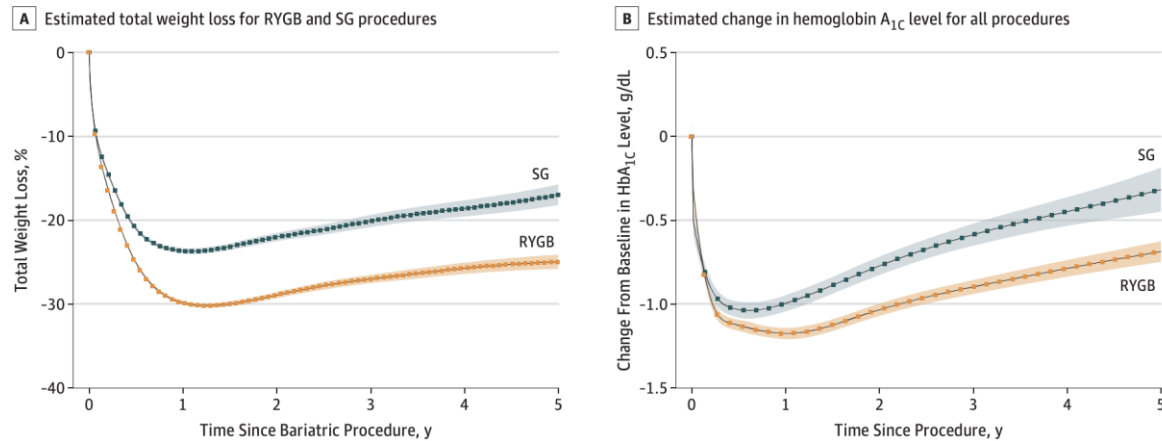
## The National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network (PCORNet) Bariatric Study

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cohort study in 34 US health system sites

9710 Adult patients with T2DM who had bariatric surgery between January 1, 2005, and September 30, 2015,

Figure 1. Adjusted Total Weight Loss and Change in Hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> Level by Procedure Over 5 Years of Follow-up



Shaded areas represent 95% pointwise CIs for procedure-specific changes in hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> levels. RYGB indicates Roux-en-Y gastric bypass; SG, sleeve gastrectomy.

- Roux-en-Y gastric associated with
- 10% higher T2DM remission rates
  - better glycaemic control
  - fewer T2DM relapse events

# RCT Surgery vs MT for T2DM

- Surgery more effective than MT
- Gradient BPD > RYGB > Sleeve
- Efficacy for BMI above and below 35kg/m<sup>2</sup>

# Examples of operated cases



**46 yo male; T2D - BMI: 47Kg/m<sup>2</sup>P**

**Poorly Controlled T2D on insulin**

**Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) requiring Lung transplant – but patient ineligible due to excess weight & diabetes**

- **Breathless on minimal exertion**
- **Resting Spo<sub>2</sub> on air is 91%, 70% on mild exertion**
- **Requires Continuous oxygen on activity at 10L/min**
- **Estimated complication rates of ILD surgery (26% for lung and 11% non-lung surgery)**

## • **Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy**

- Operative time: 65 min
- Extubated at end of Procedure. 24-hour HDU Level 2 bed
- Total Length of Stay: 4 days
- No postoperative complications

## **2.5 years Postoperatively**

Weight: 84 Kg, BMI: 27.1 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>

**Weight loss: 62Kg, (42% TWL)**

**Diabetes in remission**

OFF CPAP,

**No oxygen at rest**

**No longer indication to lung transplant**

# LAPAROSCOPIC SLEEVE POST LIVER TRANSPLANT

- T2D on insulin
- Liver Transplant
- NASH on graft
- Massive ventral hernia
- Hypertension
- Dyslipidemia



# Metabolic Surgery Changes the Landscape of Diabetes Care

Diabetes Care Volume 39, June 2016

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## Metabolic Surgery for Type 2 Diabetes: Changing the Landscape of Diabetes Care

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The accelerating pandemic of diabetes is recognized as one of the greatest global public health threats of our time (1). When one reviews the latest estimates for diabetes prevalence and projections worldwide, it is easy to appreciate the magni-

William T. Cefalu,<sup>1</sup> Francesco  
David E. Cummings<sup>3</sup>



Surgery can be an effective treatment for type 2 diabetes.

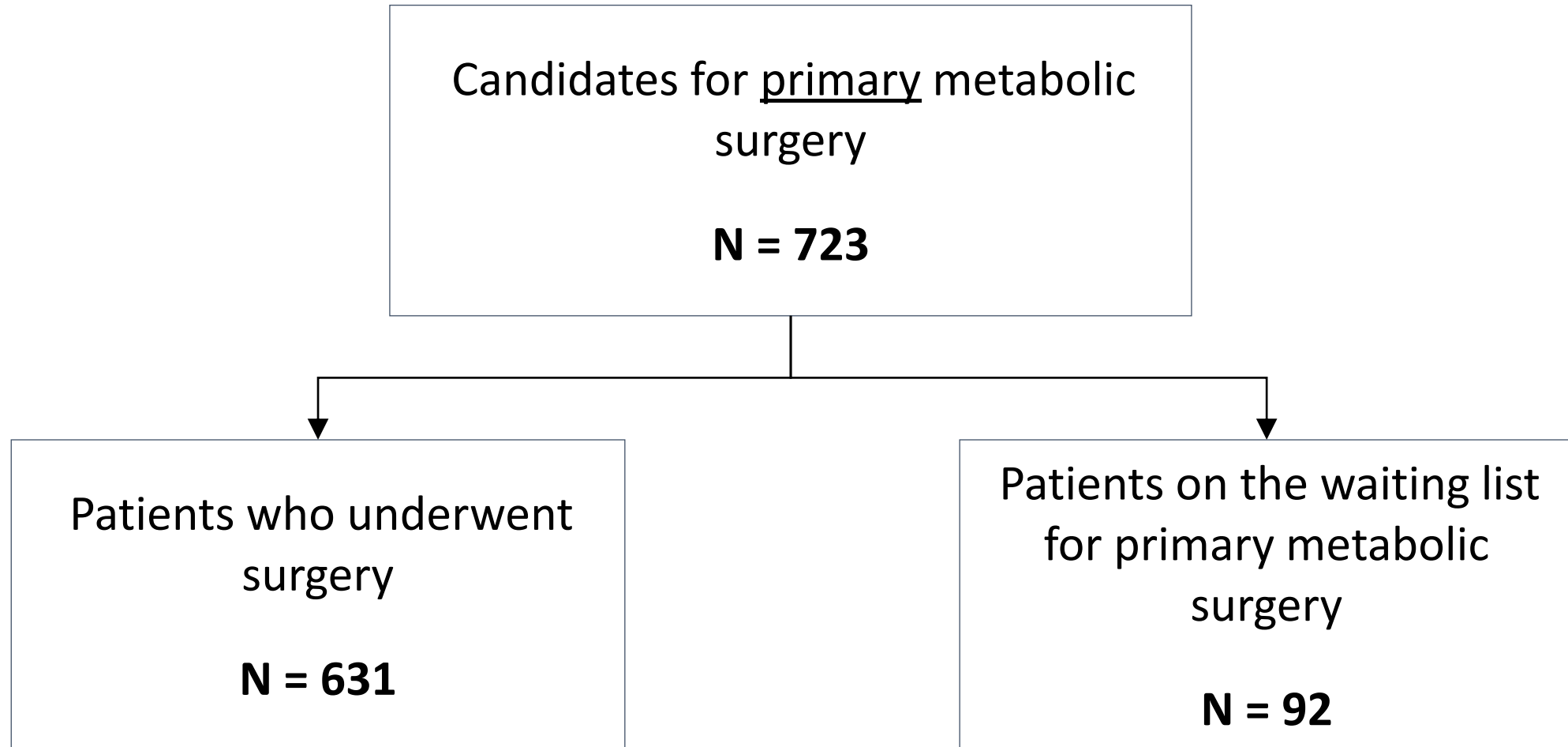
## Time to think differently about diabetes

New guidelines for the surgical treatment of type 2 diabetes bolster hopes of finding a cure, writes **Francesco Rubino**, but long-standing preconceptions must be put aside.



How Does Diabetes Change the Landscape of Surgery?

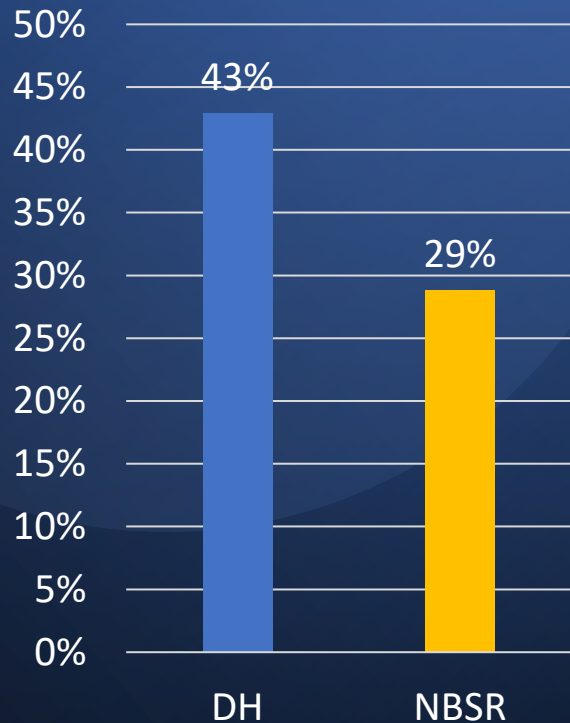
# Audit Personal Practice @ King's





# Prevalence of T2D in Surgical Practice

Audit Personal  
National UK Average

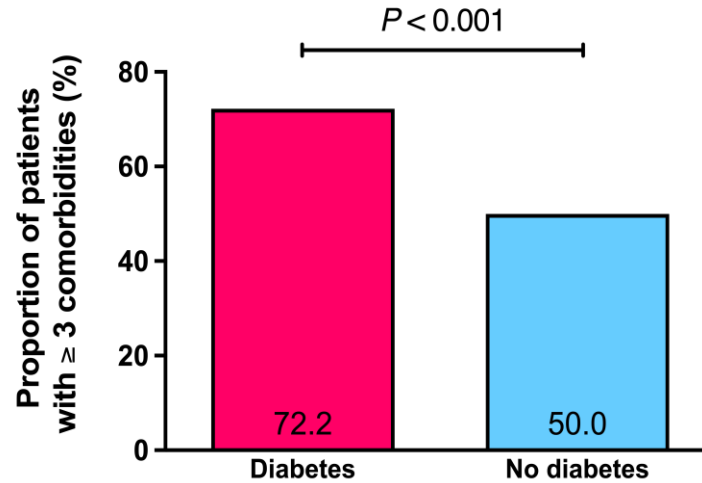


## Surgical Candidates With vs Without T2D

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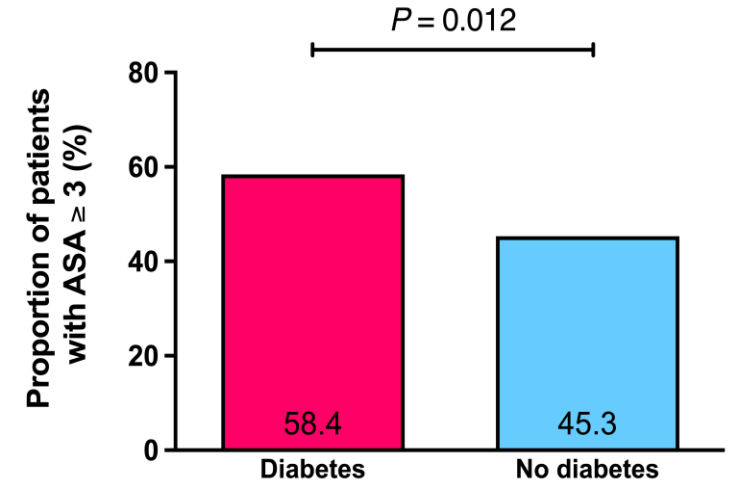
Pts with > 3 Co-morbidities

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>

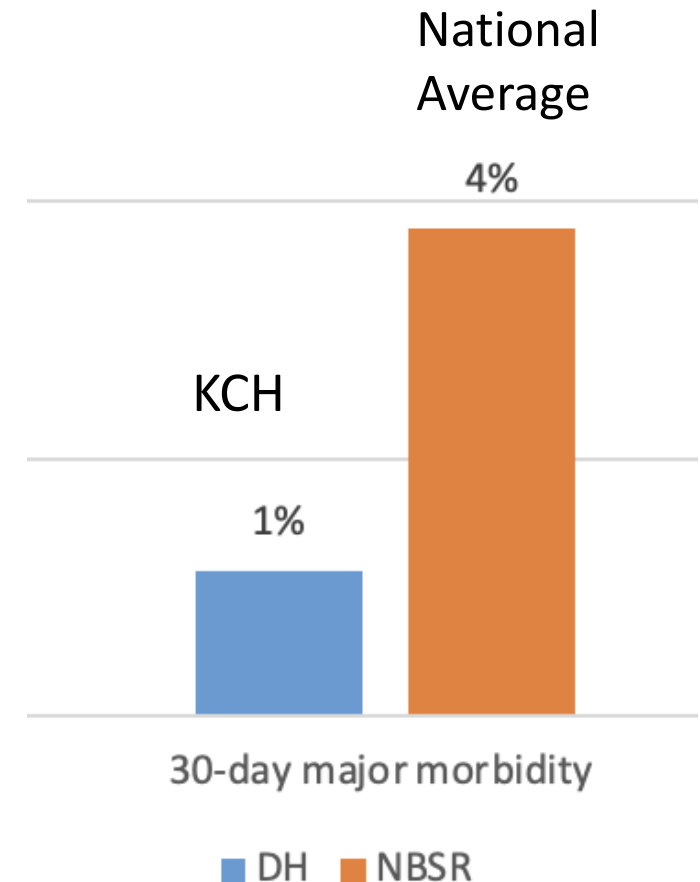
*Continuous data are presented as mean ± SD and analysed by two-sided T-test. Categorical data are presented as count (%) and analysed by Pearson's Chi-Square test. CVD, Cardiovascular Disease; CCI, Charlson Comorbidity Index; ASA, American Society of Anaesthesiologists.*

# Metabolic Surgery at KCH

## 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 (OSA, Hypoventilation Syndrome)
- Patients awaiting other time-sensitive surgery (i.e. transplants, CABG, orthopedic surgery)
- Pre- or Post-Liver Transplant

## 30-Day Major Complications



# Anaesthetic Pre-Assessment Form

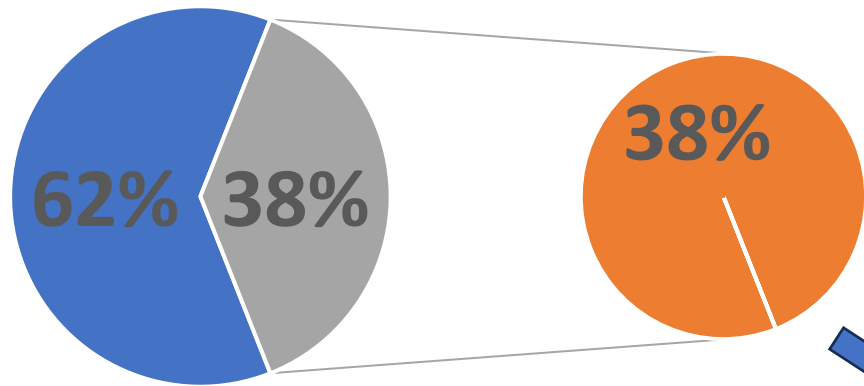
<b>Anaesthetic History / Airway</b>	Problems with previous anaesthetics	Yes
	Mallampati	2
<b>Allergies / Meds / Surgical History</b>	Allergies to medication / food / latex etc	Yes
<b>Review of Systems</b>	Stairs without stopping	<i>less than 1 flight</i>
	Hypertension	Yes
	Chest pain / Angina	Yes
	MI	Yes
	CHF / Cardiomyopathy	Yes
	OSA / Symptoms	Yes
	Renal Impairment	Yes
	Diabetes	Yes
	Anaemia	Yes
	Anticoagulation	Yes
	Cerebrovascular disease	Yes
	Joint replacement or orthopaedic metalware	Yes
	Anxiety / depression / mental illness	Yes
	Any other relevant medical conditions	Yes

**Charlson Comorbidity Index (CCI) Score = 7 points**

**>>Estimated 10-year survival = 0 %**

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

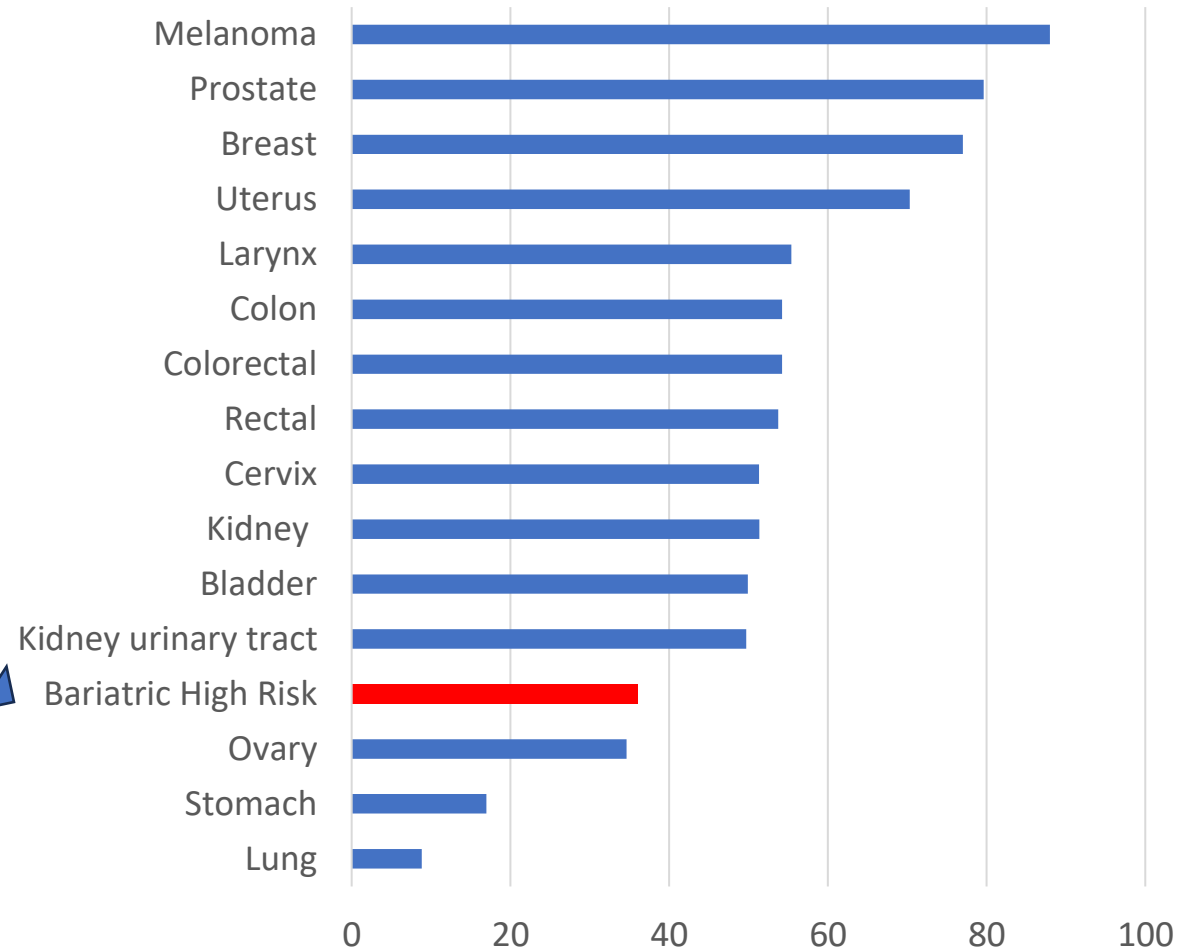
## CCI Score of Patients on Waiting List for Bariatric Surgery at KCH



■ Average Risk ■ High Risk

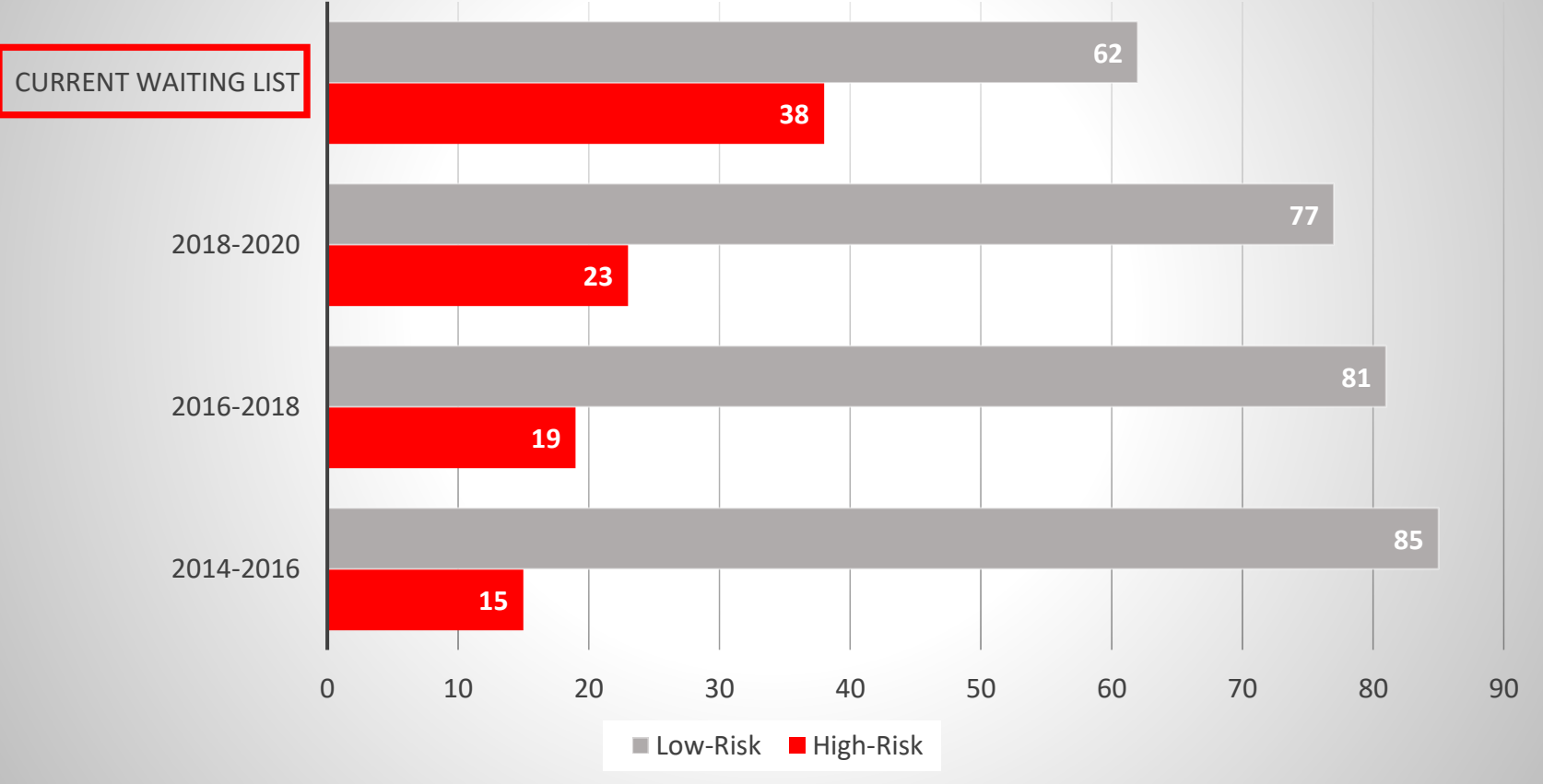
**About 4 in 10 patients on WL have high mortality risk from their disease status (average 10-year survival 36%)**

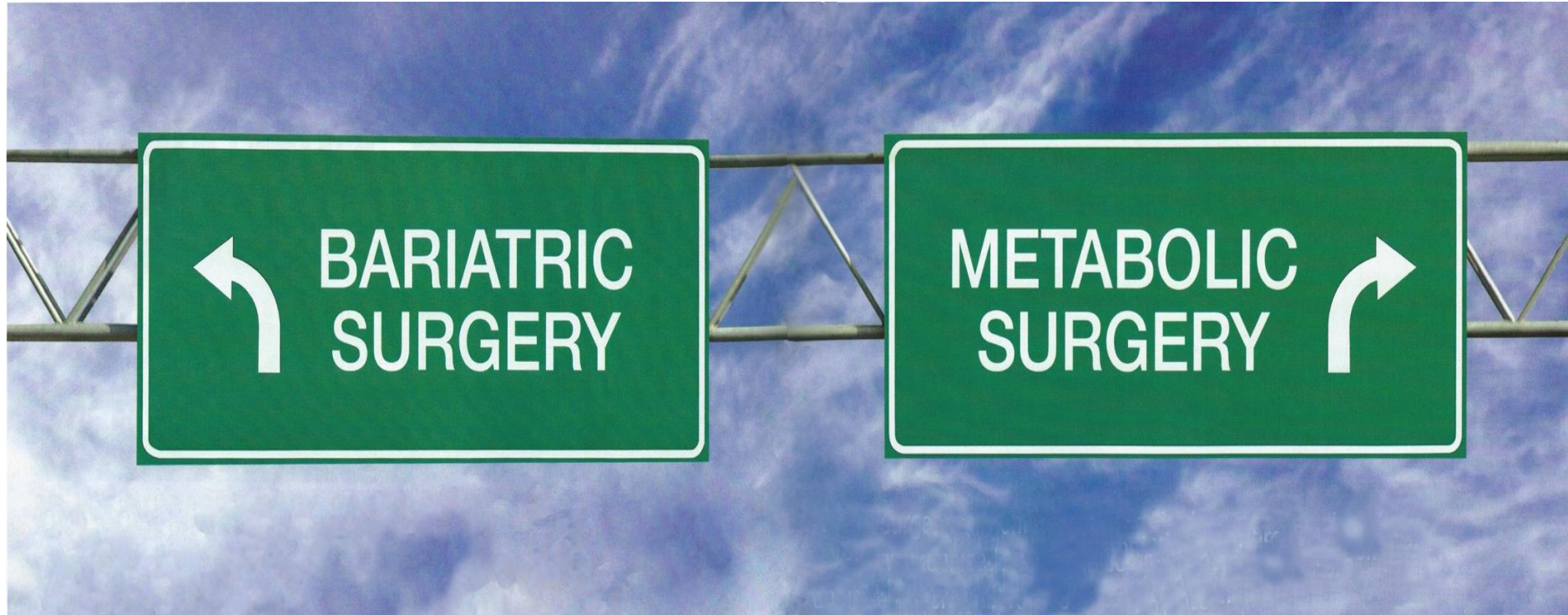
## 10-year survival rates for cancer (Public Health England 2019)



# Chronological Risk Stratification for Bariatric Patients

*according to CCI-Score*





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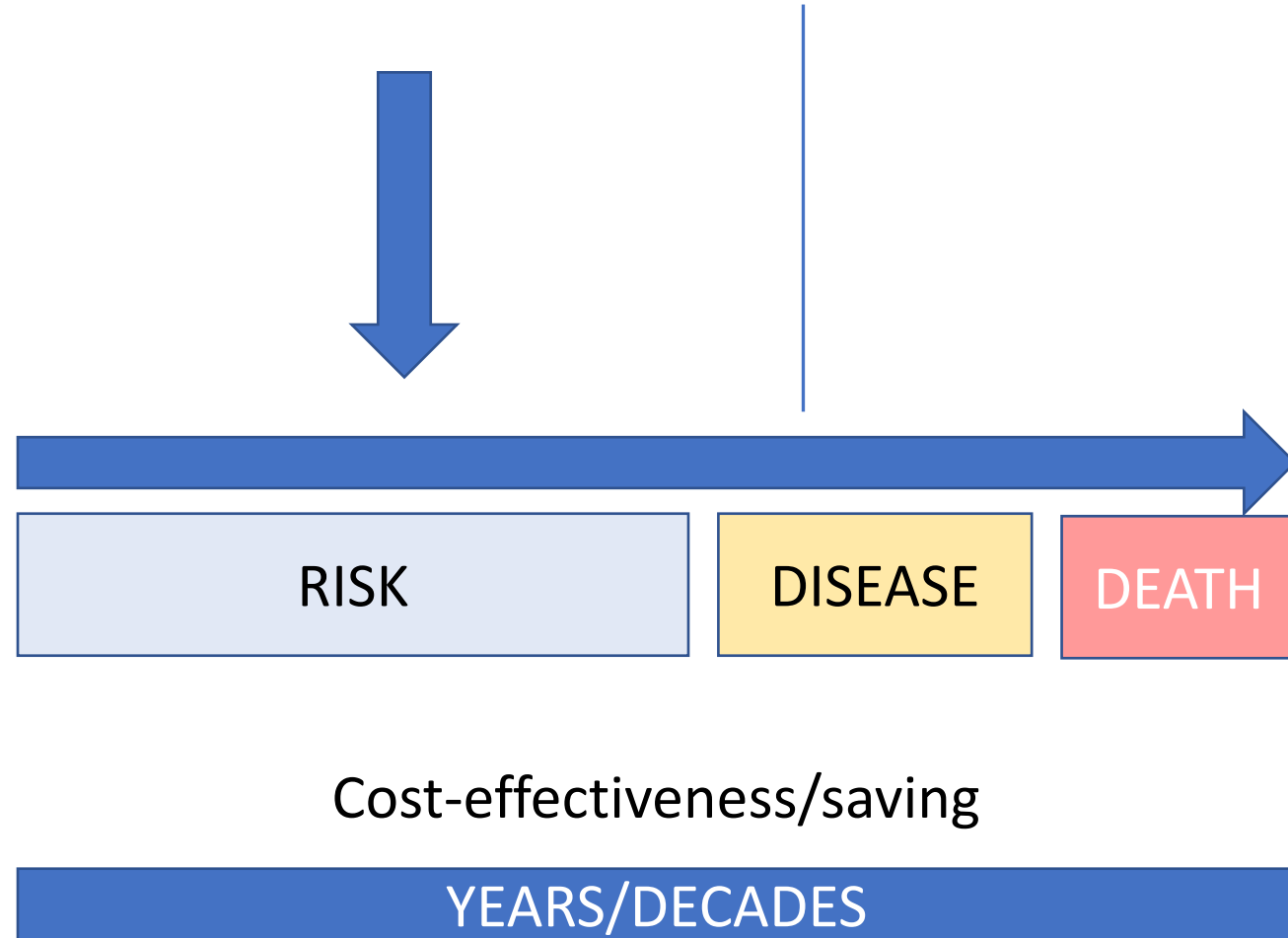
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# TRADITIONAL "BARIATRIC" (WEIGHT-LOSS) SURGERY

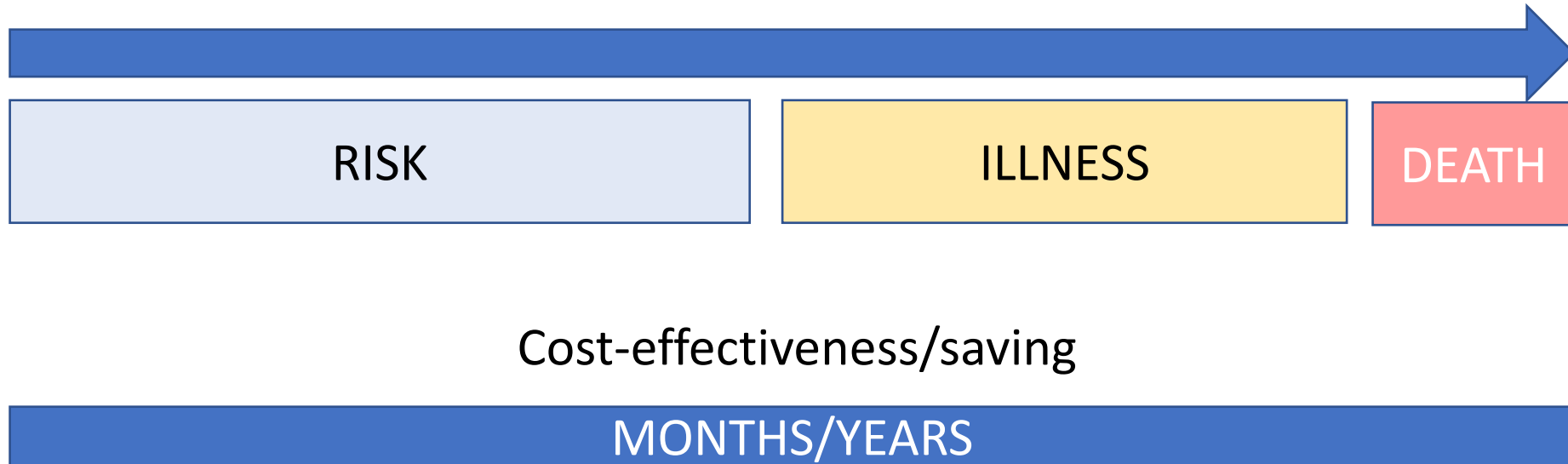


**BMI**

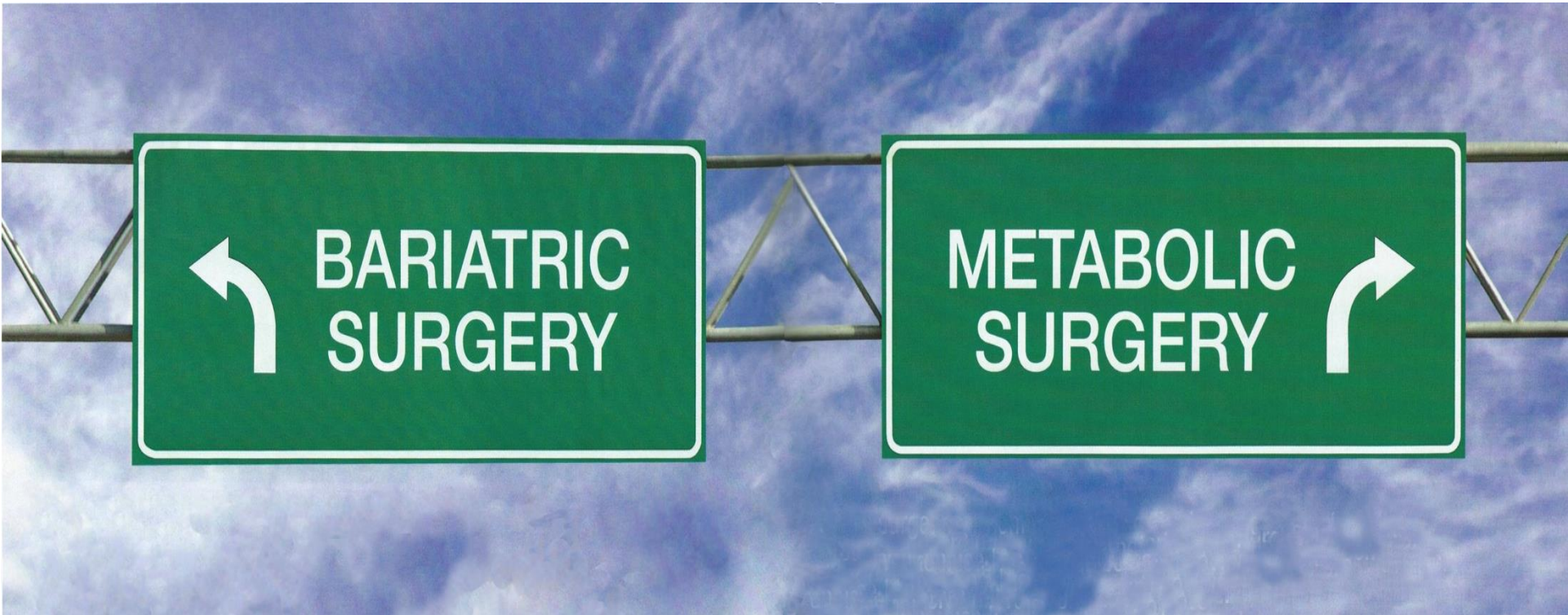




# METABOLIC SURGERY



From Bariatric to Metabolic Surgery:  
= “Prophylactic” vs “Therapeutic” Intervention



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

