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Anti-obesity surgery: Why and why not?

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Bariatric surgery achieves superior metabolic outcomes including diabetes remission in 55-70% of cases and is safe with morbidity comparable to other elective procedures, according to speaker advocating for surgery as primary obesity treatment.

KEY POINTS

- The speaker reported diabetes remission rates of 55-70% with bariatric surgery and nearly 100% with duodenal switch, based on North American study data he cited.
- In the speaker's study of obese diabetic patients (mean BMI 44), almost half had impaired liver function at surgery, which improved significantly with a two-week preoperative protein diet and further improved after gastric bypass.
- Bariatric surgery in Germany is performed at an average BMI of 51, which the speaker characterized as too late for optimal diabetes remission compared to earlier intervention.
- The speaker stated that bariatric surgery has very low morbidity and mortality, comparable to cholecystectomy or elective hysterectomy, when performed laparoscopically with enhanced recovery protocols.
- The speaker positioned bariatric surgery as superior to all current medical or endoscopic treatments and the only long-lasting option, noting that nearly 50% of patients discontinue medication after 12 months.
- GERD after sleeve gastrectomy and dumping after bypass procedures were acknowledged as complications, along with potential nutritional deficiencies in non-compliant patients.

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