

ESOPHAGEAL MOTILITY AND GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX DISEASE IN PATIENTS WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES OPERATED WITH GASTRIC BYPASS OR SLEEVE GASTRECTOMY, 5-YEAR RESULTS FROM THE OSEBERG STUDY

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The Oseberg trial found that at 5 years after bariatric surgery in patients with type 2 diabetes and severe obesity, sleeve gastrectomy resulted in seven times higher prevalence of pathological acid reflux (59% vs 8%, $p<0.0001$) compared with gastric bypass, despite most patients being asymptomatic and similar rates of erosive esophagitis.

KEY POINTS

- Pathological acid exposure ($\text{pH}<4$ for $>6\%$ of time) occurred in 59% after sleeve gastrectomy versus 8% after gastric bypass ($p<0.0001$)
- GERD symptoms ($\text{GerdQ} \geq 8$) were uncommon in both groups: 14% after sleeve gastrectomy and 2% after gastric bypass
- Erosive esophagitis prevalence was similar between groups (38% sleeve vs 41% gastric bypass), all Los Angeles grades A or B, but one patient in each group developed new Barrett's esophagus
- Esophageal dysmotility was diagnosed in 61% after sleeve gastrectomy and 73% after gastric bypass, predominantly hypertensive or hypotensive lower esophageal sphincter, with no patients reporting swallowing difficulties or chest pain
- The authors recommend objective GERD assessment in long-term follow-up after sleeve gastrectomy to detect and prevent Barrett's esophagus, dysplasia, and adenocarcinoma, given the high rate of asymptomatic pathological reflux

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