STUDY HIGHLIGHTS ON MORBID OBESITY AND BARIATRIC SURGERY

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“IMPACT OF LAPAROSCOPIC ROUX-EN-Y GASTRIC BYPASS ON HGA1C CONCENTRATIONS IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES: A MATCHED COHORT ANALYSIS”
- Presentation date/time: Wednesday, June 18 at 9 a.m. (EST)
- Corresponding author: Shanu N. Kothari, MD, FACS, director of minimally invasive bariatric surgery at the Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center, La Crosse, Wisconsin
- Key finding: Patients who underwent gastric bypass surgery had significant and sustained improvement in HgA1c concentrations as compared to morbidly obese, medically managed patients with diabetes.

“BARIATRIC SURGERY IMPROVES/PREVENTS CANCER IN MORBIDLY OBESE”
- Presentation date/time: Wednesday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. (EST)
- Corresponding author: Nicolas V. Christou, MD, PhD, director of bariatric surgery and professor of surgery at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- Key finding: Bariatric surgery improves and/or prevents the development of cancer in morbidly obese patients, with the biggest reductions seen in breast cancer and colon cancer.

“How Much EWL Is Enough? A Bayesian Analysis to Determine Minimal EWL to Deliver Improvement/Resolution of Comorbidities After Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding in Patients with BMI 30 – 40”
- Presentation date/time: Wednesday, June 18 at 3:15 p.m. (EST)
- Corresponding author: Christine J. Ren, MD, associate professor of surgery at the NYU School of Medicine and director of NYU Program for Surgical Weight Loss, New York, New York
- Key finding: Patients who had gastric banding and lost less than half of their excess weight within a year resolved or dramatically improved their type 2 diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol and sleep apnea.

“Effect of Immunosuppression on Patients Undergoing Weight Loss Surgery”
- Presentation date/time: Thursday, June 19 at 3:15 p.m.
- Corresponding author: Daniel J. Gagné, MD, director of laparoscopic and minimally invasive surgery at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Key finding: Patients on immunosuppressive medications or with a diagnosis of immunosuppressive disease can safely undergo bariatric surgery with good weight loss results. A large percentage of patients are able to discontinue immunosuppressive medications postoperatively.

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