

Highlights from the Summit

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### **Obesity is a CHRONIC DISEASE**

#### World Obesity Federation<sup>1</sup>

"... a chronic, relapsing, progressive disease process...[that needs] immediate action for prevention and control of this global pandemic"

#### US Food and Drug Administration<sup>2</sup>

"...a chronic relapsing health risk defined by excess body fat"

#### American Medical Association<sup>3</sup>

"...a disease state with multiple pathophysiological aspects requiring a range of interventions..."

#### European Medicines Agency<sup>4</sup>

"...the result of interactions of genetic, metabolic, environmental, and behavioral factors... associated with increases in morbidity and mortality"

#### Canadian Medical Association<sup>5</sup>

"...a chronic medical disease requiring enhanced research, treatment, and prevention efforts"

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# Pre-obesity and all-cause mortality

#### Association Between BMI and All-Cause Mortality Among Never-Smokers, by Region



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# The System That Regulates Eating Is Complex



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# The Hypothalamus Centrally Regulates Weight but is Influenced by Peripheral Signals





Parmar RM and Can AS. Physiology, Appetite, and Weight Regulation. *StatPearls* [Internet]. Updated August 29, 2022. Accessed October 31, 2022. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK574539/

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

#### Long-Term Persistence of Hormonal Adaptations to Weight Loss

Priya Sumithran, M.B., B.S., Luke A. Prendergast, Ph.D., Elizabeth Delbridge, Ph.D., Katrina Purcell, B.Sc., Arthur Shulkes, Sc.D., Adamandia Kriketos, Ph.D., and Joseph Proietto, M.B., B.S., Ph.D.

•50 patients with overweight/obesity were treated with a very-lowenergy diet for 10 weeks, then followed for 52 weeks

•1 y after initial dietinduced weight reduction, levels of circulating mediators of appetite that promote weight regain did

Interpretation: The body acts to protect fat mass in persons with

overweight/obesity



#### % Change in Endpoints from Baseline



Sumithran P, et al. N Engl J Med. 2011;365(17):1597-1604.

# Obesity is a **Multisystem Disease** associated with many complications (>100!) Doesn't it make sense to treat obesity to treat them all?

CNS Migraine, pseudotumor cerebri, depression, anxiety social stigmatisation, stroke

Cardiovascular Hypertension, CAD, stroke, congestive HF, atrial fibrillation, venous stasis, pulmonary embolism

Genitourinary Women: urinary stress incontinence, PCOS, infertility, pregnancy complications Men: benign prostatic hypertrophy, hypogonadism Pulmonary

Obstructive sleep apnea, OHS, pulmonary hypertension, restrictive lung disease, respiratory failure

Renal Nephrolithiasis, proteinuria, CKD

Gastrointestinal

Gastro-oesophageal reflux, cholelithiasis, NAFLD, NASH, hepatic steatosis



Endocrine: prediabetes, T2D, dyslipidaemia

Cancer: colorectal, postmenopausal
 breast, endometrial, gastrointestinal, liver

Infections: sensitivity to influenza, skin and soft-tissue infections

Others: osteoarthritis, thromboembolism

CAD, coronary artery disease; CKD, chronic kidney disease; HF, heart failure; NAFLD, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease; NASH, nonalcoholic steatohepatitis; OHS, obesity hypoventilation syndrome; PCOS, polycystic ovary syndrome; T2D, type 2 diabetes



Tsai AG, et al. Ann Intern Med. 2019;170(5):ITC33-ITC48; Sarma S, et al. Diabetes Obes Metab. 2021;23(suppl 1):3-16.

# **Multifactorial Etiology**



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# What is Weight Bias?

- Negative attitudes toward individuals with obesity
- Stereotypes leading to:
  - Stigma
  - Rejection
  - Prejudice
  - Discrimination
  - Verbal, physical, relational, cyber
  - Subtle and overt



### Why Understanding Weight Bias is Important

### In OAC's opinion, weight bias:

- Keeps patients affected by obesity from seeking help and professionals from offering it.
- Is the last socially acceptable form of discrimination.
- Hampers our nation's efforts to effectively combat the obesity epidemic.
- Is a primary driver around the current limitations of access to treatment.

Recognizing and combatting bias, both your own and in the community, is an important step in addressing obesity.



## Cycle of Bias and Obesity



## Clinicians View Patients with Obesity as:<sup>1-3</sup>

- Non-compliant
- Lazy
- Lacking self-control
- Awkward
- Sloppy
- Unsuccessful
- Unintelligent
- Dishonest
- More annoying



### Strategies to Reduce Clinician Weight Bias

Consider the patient's experience

## Reflect on your own bias

Use supportive language



### Conversational Scripts: Improve Patient Communication

Can I talk about your health and how your lifestyle is affecting it? Can we talk about your weight?

NO..."The single best thing you can do to improve your health is to make some changes in your diet and other lifestyle factors. Let's talk about this at the end of the next visit. **YES**..."Great. The single best thing you can do to improve your health is to make some changes in your diet and other lifestyle factors. Let's see what might work to help you do this.

## **Benefits of Simply Discussing Weight**

Logistic Regression Analysis of Reports of Being Told of Weight Status



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### Consider Your Office Environment: Does This Look Familiar?



## In-Office Measures of Weight

Classification	Children/ Adolescents	Adult BMI	Disease Risk* Relative to Normal Weight and Waist Circumference (WC)		
			Men WC ≤40 inches (102 cm)	Men WC >40 inches (102 cm)	
			Women WC ≤35 inches (88 cm)	Women WC >35 inches (88 cm)	
Underweight	<5 <sup>th</sup> percentile	<18.5	-	-	
Healthy Weight	5 <sup>th</sup> to <85 <sup>th</sup> percentile	18.5 to 24.9	_	_	*Disease risk for type 2 diabetes, hypertension
Overweight	85 <sup>th</sup> to <95 <sup>th</sup> percentile	25.0 to 29.9	Increased	High	cardiovascular disease
Obese/Class 1		30.0 to 34.9	High	Very high	
Obese/Class 2	≥95 <sup>th</sup> percentile	35.0 to 39.9	Very high	Very high	
Obese/Class 3		≥40	<b>Extremely high</b>	<b>Extremely high</b>	on of OBESITY

# **Sensitive Weighing Procedures**

- Ask patients for permission to weigh
- Weigh in private location
- Check in advance to be sure that appropriate equipment is available
- Record weight silently, free of judgment or commentary
- Consider weighing less often if requested by person



## Key Issues to Include in Patient Assessment

#### **History**

- Assess risk for obesity-related comorbidities....
- How is this patient feeling and perception of personal health
- Weight history, onset obesity, emotional triggers past/present
- Previous weight loss attempts
  - What worked? Didn't work?

BMI, body mass index

#### **Physical Examination**

- Height, weight, calculated BMI
- Vital Signs
- Waist circumference
  - Adds no risk information if BMI ≥35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Comprehensive Physical Exam
  - Essential to Touch these patients
- Depression and Sleep apnea screen



### **Appropriate Documentation of Visit**

#### Which is preferred?

• A 36-year-old obese female presents with increased urination and thirst ....

#### OR

• A 36-year-old female with moderate class II obesity, BMI 32.3 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and upper body fat distribution (waist circumference of 37 inches), presents with increased urination and thirst....



# **Treatment Goals for Weight Optimization**

#### **Overall goals**

- Improve health and quality of life
- Prevent progressive weight gain
- Achieve weight loss to prevent complications
- Reduce risk of cardiovascular and other obesity-related diseases

#### **Patient-specific goals**

- Weight loss targets
  - 3-5% weight loss can lower risk of complications
  - ACC/AHA/TOS: 5-10% weight loss within 6 months recommended as initial goal
- Reduced calorie diet
  - + 1200 to 1500 kcal/d for women and 1500 to 1800 kcal/d for men
- Increase quality and duration of physical activity
  - ≥150 minutes of moderate aerobic physical activity if appropriate
- Behavioral strategies for long-term adherence to lifestyle changes



AHA, American Heart Association; ACC, American College of Cardiology; TOS, The Obesity Society

## **Guidelines - Key Treatment Considerations**

#### 2013 AHA/ACC/TOS<sup>1</sup>

#### 2015 ENDO<sup>2</sup>

- Not necessary to achieve normal weight; health improvement begins with modest weight loss
- There is no magic diet
- Lifestyle-intervention counseling conducted face-toface in 14 or more sessions over 6 months is the gold standard for weight loss
- Bariatric surgery should be discussed with patients who meet criteria and would benefit from it; refer if appropriate

- Weight-centric prescribing should be done for chronic diseases (avoid medications that promote weight gain when possible)
- Medications are useful adjuncts to diet and exercise, when prescribed appropriately
- Choosing which medication to use is a shared decision of clinician and patient

#### 2016 AACE/ACE<sup>3</sup>

- Weight-related complications should direct intensity of treatment and urgency of treatment
- Medications for chronic weight management may be used initially as an adjunct to lifestyle measures for patients with more severe disease manifestations
- Individuals without comorbidities or risk factors are stage 0 and no medical intervention is required

#### 2022 AGA4

 Adults with obesity or overweight with weight-related complications who have had an inadequate response to lifestyle interventions should receive pharmacological agents to lifestyle interventions over continuing lifestyle interventions alone

AHA, American Heart Association; ACC, American College of Cardiology; ENDO, Endocrine Society; AACE, American Association of Clinical Endocrinology; ACE, American College of Endocrinology, AGA, American Gastroenterological Association

1. Jensen MD, et al. Circulation. 2014;129(25 Suppl 2):S102-S138. 2. Apovian CM, et al. J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2015;100(2):342-362. 3. Garvey WT, et al. Endocr Pract. 2016;22(7):842-884; 4. Grunvald E, et al. Gastroenterology. 2022;163(5):1198-1225.

### Look AHEAD 1-year Data: Modest Weight Loss (5%–10%) Improved CVD Markers



Weight loss category

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LDL, P=0.3614

Data presented as adjusted least square means and 95% CIs. Stable weight defined as ±2% of baseline weight. P<0.0001 vs baseline for all weight categories, unless specified otherwise. HDL, high-density lipoprotein; LDL, low-density lipoprotein

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# What else do you need to know before developing an <u>individualized</u> weight loss plan?

- What has worked (or not) in the past?
- What has triggered weight gain in the past?
- What are the health and weight goals...
  - From the patient's perspective?
  - From a health perspective?
- Dietary preferences and cultural influences?
- How much effort is the patient willing to invest now? Long-term?
- Other patient experiences, expectations, concerns, barriers?



## Primary Care Clinician Role

- Collaborate with the patient to develop and implement an individualized treatment plan based on the chronic disease model of care
  - Identify achievable short- and long-term goals
  - Identify barriers to achieving goals
    - Identify and implement strategies to overcome barriers
  - Understand values and beliefs
- Support the patient to achieve and maintain weight loss goals
- Modify treatment as needed
- Provide holistic management of obesity-related diseases
- Involve other healthcare professionals as appropriate



## The Multidisciplinary Care Team



- Ongoing education/reinforcement
  - Nutrition, physical activity, cognitive behavioral
- Comorbidities
- Psychological therapy
- Pharmacological, surgical therapies
- Treatment adherence



### Choice of Initial Treatment

- The greater the weight-related health risks, the greater the urgency to treat and the more justification for higher treatment intensity
- Weight management history informs the treatment plan
  - History of struggling with weight loss (even when not under clinician observation) should be enough justification to add adjunctive treatment, e.g., pharmacotherapy
- Because the goal of weight loss is improvement in health and quality of life, the targeted health goal should guide treatment approach/intensity, as well as to assess treatment success



#### **Components of an Effective Obesity Management** Program



Wadden TA, et al. Med Clin North Am. 2000;84(2):441-461; Stumbo P, et al. Surg Clin North Am. 2005;85(4):703-723.

# Overview of Treatment Options for Weight Loss

Method	Description	Criteria (BMI kg/m²)	Average Weight Loss at 1 Year
Lifestyle Intervention	<ul><li>Diet</li><li>Physical activity</li><li>Behavioral therapy</li></ul>	≥25	3% to 10%
Medications	<ul> <li>Liraglutide 3mg or Semaglutide 2.4 mg</li> <li>Naltrexone/bupropion ER</li> <li>Orlistat</li> <li>Phentermine/topiramate ER</li> </ul>	≥27 with comorbidity or ≥30	3% to 12%
Devices	<ul> <li>Palate space occupying device</li> <li>Intragastric balloons</li> <li>Ingested, transient, space occupying device</li> <li>Laparoscopic adjustable gastric band</li> </ul>	Varies	10% to 20%
Surgery	<ul> <li>Gastric sleeve</li> <li>Roux-en-Y gastric bypass</li> <li>Biliopancreatic diversion (with/without duodenal switch)</li> </ul>	≥35 with comorbidity or ≥40	20% to 40%

Jensen MD, et al. Circulation. 2014;129(25 Suppl 2):S102-S138; Garvey WT, et al. Endocr Pract. 2016;22(Suppl 3):1-203; Velazquez A, et al. NY Acad Sci. 2018;1411:106-119.

### Eating and moving do not occur in a vacuum



Sharma AM, et al. Obes Rev. 2010;11:362–370; Chesi A, et al. Trends Endocrinol Metab. 2015;26:711–721.

#### 1. Jensen MD, et al. Circulation. 2014;129(25 Suppl 2):S102-S138. 2. Ryan DH, et al. Med Clin N Am. 2018;102:49-63.

# Dietary Intervention: Which One Is Best?

2013 American Heart Association (AHA)/American College of Cardiology (ACC)/The Obesity Society (TOS) Guidelines<sup>1</sup>

- Systematic review of 17 dietary patterns: none was superior in ability to produce and sustain weight loss
- Negative energy balance is the key objective
  - $_{\odot}$  1200-1500 kcal/d for women and 1500-1800 kcal/d for men, or
  - $_{\odot}$  500 kcal/d or 750 kcal/d energy deficit from baseline diet

# The best dietary intervention is the one to which the patient adheres<sup>2</sup>

Assessing patient preference is critical





## Caloric Reduction is the Key for Weight Loss

- Overweight patients (N=811) were assigned to 1 of 4 dietary groups
  - Offered group and individual instruction
- After 2 years, there were no significant difference in weight loss among the 4 groups
- Regardless of macronutrient composition, reduced calorie diets result in weight loss



# Aerobic Physical Activity and Expected Weight Loss

Expected initial weight loss and possibility of clinically significant weight loss from different types of exercise training programs<sup>1</sup>

Aerobic exercise training only0-3%Possible with high exercise volumesResistance training only0-1%Possible with high exercise volumesAerobic and resistance training0-3%More likely than either aerobic or resistance training aloneCaloric restriction combined with aerobic exercise training5-15%PossibleAerobic physical activity amountWeight loss amount2<150 min per weekNo weight loss or minimal wight loss150-225 min per weekWeight loss of 2-3 kg	Exercise type	Range of expected weight loss	Chance of clinically significant weight loss	
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225-420 min per weekWeight loss of 5-7.5 kg	225-420 min per week	Weight loss of 5-7.5 kg		
200-300 min per week       Weight maintenance after weight loss	200-300 min per week	Weight maintenance after	er weight loss	

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1. Swift DL, et al. Prog Cardiovasc Dis. 2018;61(2):206-213. 2. Donnelly JE, et al. Med Sci Sports Exerc 2009;41(2):459-471.

### More Steps per day Results in Greater Benefits



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#### CVD, cardiovascular

#### disease

Saint-Maurice PF, et al. *JAMA*. 2020;323(12):1151-1160.

### Intensity and Frequency of Lifestyle **Modification Impacts Weight Loss**



Bray GA, et al. Lancet. 2016;387(10031):1947-1956.





Resnicow K and McMaster F. Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act. 2012;9:19.

# The OARS Motivational Interviewing Strategy

<b>O</b>	Ask open-ended questions that encourage thought-provoking
Open-ended	responses and engage a 2-way dialogue. This is an important
questions	first step to understanding a patient's barriers and expectations.
<b>A</b>	Recognize and support your patient's personal strengths,
Affirmative	successes, and efforts to change. This will help promote a
statements	collaborative relationship.
<b>R</b> Reflections	Use reflective listening and respond thoughtfully by paraphrasing. Confirm that the patient has been heard and validate his or her point of view.
<b>S</b> Summary statements	The statements that recount and clarify the patient's statements and identify specific points to act upon.

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Miller WR, Rollnick S. Motivational Interviewing: Helping people change. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. New York: Guilford Press: 2013.

### **Developing Goals: Be SMART**



Specific: Choose one specific behavior modifier per goal to work on

Measurable: Can you measure this against a baseline?

Achievable or Action Based behavior: Is the goal attainable?

Realistic: Do you have honest and realistic expectations of yourself?

Timed: Is the time allotted reasonable and manageable for you right now?



# Coverage for Behavioral Therapy for Obesity

- For patients with BMI  $\ge$  30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Intensive behavioral therapy consists of:
  - Screening using BMI
  - Nutritional assessment
- Goal is to promote sustained weight loss through high intensity interventions on diet and exercise
- Should be consistent with the 5 A's

- Coverage for face-to-face visits
  - every week x 1 month
  - every other week for months 2 6
  - every month for months 7-12 if ≥3 kg weight loss over first 6 months
- If <3 kg weight loss achieved over first 6 months, readiness to change and BMI is required for additional 6 months



Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Intensive Behavioral Therapy for Obesity National Coverage Determination (NCD). Effective date November 29, 2011. Accessed October 14, 2022. https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/ncd.aspx?NCDId=353

## Indications for Pharmacologic Therapy

#### • BMI $\ge$ 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

 BMI ≥ 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> with hypertension, dyslipidemia, type 2 diabetes, or obstructive sleep apnea

Especially consider for patients who have not achieved weight loss goals (≥5% weight loss in 3-6 months)

Weight loss medication should be re-evaluated at 3 months if no noticeable weight loss is observed

Reassess medication options

If weight loss goals have been achieved after 3-6 months, continue weight loss medication if tolerating



BMI, body mass index

### Medications Approved for Weight Loss



### **Pathophysiologic Targets**



Note: drugs shown in figure do reflect approved obesity

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## Medications Approved for Long-term Use

Medication	Mechanism of Action	Mean Weight Loss at 1 Year*	Schedule		
Liraglutide	GLP-1 receptor agonist	3 mg QD: 5.4%	-		
Naltrexone/Bupropio n ER	Opioid antagonist/reuptake inhibitor of dopamine and norepinephrine	16/180 mg BID: 4.8%	-		
Orlistat	Reversible inhibitor of GI lipases	60 mg TID: 2.5% 120 mg TID: 3.4%	_		
Phentermine/ Topiramate ER	Sympathomimetic amine anorectic/GABA receptor modulator	7.5/46 mg QD: 6.7% 15/92 mg QD: 8.9%	CIV		
Semaglutide injection	GLP-1 receptor agonist	2.4 mg QW: 6.2% to 12.4%**	-		
Setmelanotide	Melanocortin 4 receptor agonist***	_			
GI, gastrointestinal; GABA, gamma-amino-butyric acid; LEPR, leptin receptor; PCSK1, proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 1; POMC, proopiomelanocortin; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1 ional Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Published July 2016. Accessed October 15, 2022. https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-					

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# Medications Approved for Long-term Use: Dosing

Medication	Route of Administration	Maintenance Dose	Comments
Liraglutide <sup>1</sup>	SC	3 mg QD	Initiate at 0.6 mg/d x 1 wk; increase by 0.6 mg weekly to 3 mg/d
Naltrexone/ Bupropion ER <sup>2</sup>	PO	2 tablets BID	1 tablet (8 mg/90 mg) qAM x 1 wk; 1 tablet morning and evening x 1 wk; 2 tablets morning and 1 tablet evening x 1 wk; then 2 tablets morning and 2 tablets evening
Orlistat <sup>3</sup>	PO	120 mg TID	Take with meals containing fat; distribute fat, protein, carbohydrate intake over 3 main meals
Phentermine/ Topiramate ER <sup>4</sup>	PO	7.5 mg/46 mg qAM	Initiate at 3.75/23 mg qAM x 14 d then increase to 7.5 mg/46 mg daily x 12 wks. If <3% wt loss after 12 wks on 7.5 mg/46 mg, discontinue or increase to 11.25 mg/69 mg daily x 14 d, then increase to 15 mg/92 mg daily. Do not exceed 7.5 mg/46 mg if moderate/severe renal impairment or moderate hepatic impairment
Semaglutide <sup>5</sup>	SC	2.4 mg QW	0.25 mg QW x 4 wks, then 0.5 mg QW x 4 wks, then 1 mg QW x 4 wks, then 1.7 mg QW x 4 wks, then 2.4 mg QW



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### Medications Approved for Long-term Use: Assessing Treatment Response

Medication	Comments
Liraglutide <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>Pediatrics: Discontinue if BMI reduction &lt;1% after 12 weeks on maintenance dose</li> <li>Adults: Discontinue if weight loss &lt;4% after 16 weeks</li> </ul>
Naltrexone/ Bupropion ER <sup>2</sup>	<ul> <li>Discontinue if weight loss &lt;5% after 12 weeks on maintenance dose</li> </ul>
Orlistat <sup>3</sup>	_
Phentermine/ Topiramate ER <sup>4</sup>	<ul> <li>Discontinue or titrate dose to 15 mg/92 mg if weight loss &lt;3% after 12 weeks on 7.5 mg/46 mg dose</li> <li>Discontinue if weight loss &lt;5% 12 weeks after escalation to 15 mg/92 mg dose</li> </ul>
Semaglutide injection <sup>5</sup>	-



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### **Liraglutide: Clinical Pearls**

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## Naltrexone/Bupropion ER: Clinical Pearls



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BP, blood

## Orlistat

#### **Indications and Dose**

- Approved in adolescents
- Indication: BMI ≥30 kg/m BMI ≥27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> with othe factors
- Dosing:
  - Rx: 120 mg TID with each meal
  - OTC: 60 mg TID with each meal
- Advise patients:
  - Nutritionally b calorie diet; an of calories fro
  - Take a multivi fat-soluble vit



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- Advise about bowel effects
- Warnings:
  - Decrease exposure liver injury, increased levels of urinary oxalate
- Side Effects
  - Oily spotting, flatus with discharge, fecal urgency, fatty/oily stool, oily evacuation, increased defecation and fecal incontinence



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### Phentermine/Topiramate: Clinical Pearls

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AE, adverse events; REMS, Risk Evaluation and Mitigation

#### Strategy

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### Semaglutide: Clinical Pearls



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# Principles of Using Medications Approved for Long-Term Use To Treat Obesity

- Use as part of a comprehensive lifestyle change program
- Establish appropriate expectations
- Provide ongoing patient education and support
- Individualize treatment and modify as needed
- Non-responders: Discontinue in absence of weight loss
- Use medications with "chronic use indications" for long term
- Tailor dietary instructions to medication



Jensen MD, et al. *Circulation*. 2014;129(25 Suppl 2):S102-S138; Garvey WT, et al. *Endocr Pract*. 2016;22(Suppl 3):1-203.

# **Emerging Therapy – Tirzepatide**

- GIP and GLP-1 receptor agonist
- Approved in 2022 for T2DM
- Is being studied for use in obesity not currently FDA-approved for obesity
  - SURMOUNT-1: complete
  - SURMOUNT-2: estimated completion April 2023 (NCT04657003)

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Lilly receives U.S. FDA Fast Track designation for tirzepatide for the treatment of adults with obesity, or overweight with weightrelated comorbidities

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GIP, glucose-dependent insulinotropic

polypeptide Mounjaro [package insert]. Indianapolis, IN: Eli Lilly and Company; May 2022; Eli Lilly and Company. Published October 6, 2022. Accessed October 15, 2022. https://investor.lilly.com/news-releases/news-release-details/lilly-receives-us-fda-fast-track-designation-tirzepatide

### Tirzepatide: SURMOUNT-1

- 72-week trial
- N=2539
- P <.001 for all comparisons with placebo

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### Tirzepatide vs. Semaglutide

- 40-week trial
- N=1879
- P <.001 for all body weight comparisons

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## Weight Management Intensification Options

- Patients with low risk should have lower intensity, less risk approaches.
- Higher risk approaches are justified when patients have more complicated obesity.



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LABS, longitudinal assessment of bariatric surgery

1. Jensen MD, et al. *Circulation.* 2014;129(25 Suppl 2):S102-S138. 2. Courcoulas AP, et al. JAMA. 2013;310(22):2416-2425. 3. Longitudinal Assessment of Bariatric Surgery (LABS) Consortium, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2009;361(5):445-454.

# Surgery and Devices for Weight Loss & Management



# Considerations and Benefits for Surgical Treatment

- Indicated for patients with<sup>1</sup>:
  - BMI 35-39.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and ≥1 obesity-related comorbidity
  - BMI ≥40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
  - BMI 30-34.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup>: can consider to treat type 2 diabetes<sup>2</sup>
- Complications can lead to reoperation<sup>3</sup>
- Nutritional deficiencies are common with gastric bypass<sup>4</sup>

- Long-term reduction in<sup>1</sup>:
  - Body weight
  - Cardiovascular biomarkers, events
  - Other weight-related complications
- Need for ongoing support and intervention



### Bariatric Surgery Outcomes: Swedish Obese Subjects Study



infarction

N=2010 who underwent bariatric surgery (baseline BMI 42.4 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) vs N=2037 who received conventional treatment (baseline BMI 40.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) BMI 40.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) Bariatric surgery (gastric bypass 13.2%; banding 18.7%; vertical banded gastroplasty (68.1%)

Median follow-up was 10.9 y for all-cause deaths and 14.7 y for all other outcomes

Sjostrom L, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2007;357(8):741-752; Sjostrom L, et al. *JAMA*. 2012;307(1):56-65.

## Why does bariatric surgery work so well?

Food Intake	Potential Mediators of Decreased Food Intake	Hormonal	Food Preferences Change	Change in Bile Acids
<ul> <li>Changes in hunger and fullness via enhanced satiety leading to decrease in calorie intake</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased transit of food into mid-gut through gastric pouch</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>GLP-1 and PYY increase</li> <li>Ghrelin decreases</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Dumping syndrome?</li> <li>Conditioned food avoidance?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Partly responsible for intestinal hypertrophy, anorexigenic hormone secretion and alterations in gut</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Mean caloric intake 600-700 one month</li> </ul>	Mediators for Food Preferences	Change in Gut Microbiota	Calorie Malabsorption	microbiota; activation of FXR signaling
postop to 1000- 1800 after first year	<ul> <li>Taste function domains</li> <li>Sensory-</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Short chain fatty acids – calorie extraction/signals</li> </ul>	• Exclusion of 10% of the bowel after RYGB unlikely to	
Average reduction of 1800 kcal per day from pre-op intake	<ul> <li>discriminative (stimulus identification)</li> <li>Hedonic</li> </ul>	Energy Expenditure	result in malabsorption	
years	altered brain responsivity to high calorie food cues	<ul> <li>Increase/Decreased basal metabolic rate</li> </ul>	Neural	
	(digestive preparation)	after bariatric surgery – in gut?	Vagal and partial vagal transection	

### General Recommendations for Bariatric Surgery Follow-up Care

- Monitor weight and evidence of complications
- Assess adherence to lifestyle interventions
- Assess cardiovascular fitness, sleep, mood, substance use, social engagement
- Chemistry, CBC/platelets, lipids
- Avoid NSAIDs

- Adjust medications as needed
- Consider gout, gallstone prophylaxis
- Assess need for antihypertensive therapy
- Vitamin, trace element supplementation
- Consider support groups



CBC, complete blood count; NSAIDs, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs

# Stomach Space Occupying Devices: Pros and Cons

	Target Weight Loss	Favorable Aspects	Unfavorable Aspects
Intragastric Balloon	10-12%	<ul> <li>Endoscopic or swallowed</li> <li>Good safety profile</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Temporary (6 mos)</li> <li>Temporary N/V, pain</li> <li>Early removal rate 10-19%</li> </ul>
Ingested, transient, space occupying device	6%	<ul> <li>Swallowed, noninvasive</li> <li>Not absorbed</li> <li>No major AEs</li> <li>Increased fullness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Minor GI AEs</li> <li>Only 24-wk trial; no long-term data</li> </ul>



Mechanick J, et al. Endocr Pract. 2019;25(12):1-75; Sullivan S. Diabetes Spectr. 2017;30(4):258-264.

### **Oral Palatal Space Occupying Medical Device\***



- Device worn only at mealtime to limit bite size and slow food intake
- Embedded temperature recording sensor allows monitoring of device usage
- Use results in ~2% weight loss at 16 wks
- Indicated for weight management (not weight loss) in combination with behavioral therapy in patients with BMI 27-35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
   \*Self Monitored Alimentary Restriction Therapy

(SMART) device

US Food and Drug Administration. https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/cdrh\_docs/reviews/DEN150033.pdf. Accessed October 16, 2022.

# Access and Affordability: Helpful Apps and Programs



#### For Medicare: Extra Help https://www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp







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