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Impact of Obesity Duration on Weight Loss Outcomes Following Endoscopic Sleeve Gastroplasty and GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

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Transoral Outlet Reduction Using a New Zipper Technique vs the Purse-string Technique for Weight Regain Following RYGB

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Shorter Pouch Length Predicts Reintervention After TORe for Weight Regain Post-Gastric Bypass

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Increased Diagnoses of IBS and Functional Dyspepsia in Patients with Uncomplicated Diabetes Mellitus on GLP-1 Receptor Agonists: A Propensity-Matched Cohort Analysis

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Comparison of EMR, ESD, and EFTR for Endoscopic Resection of Duodenal and Rectal Neuroendocrine Tumors - Oral Presentation

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Outcomes of Concomitant Endoscopic Sleeve Gastroplasty with GLP-1 Receptor Agonists in the US: A Multicenter Study

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The Impact of GLP-1 Receptor Agonists and Endobariatric Therapies on Muscle Mass in Obese Patients: A Pilot Case-Control Study

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Transoral Outlet Reduction Using Zipper Techniques for Refractory Dumping Syndrome After a Failed Purse-String Technique

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A Multicenter Comparative Study of Number of Endoscopic Sutures for the Prevention of Esophageal Stent Migration

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Gastric Fixation Sutures to Prevent Recurrent Tube Coiling of Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrojejunostomy Feeding Tubes: A Comparative Study

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Increased Risk for Acute Pancreatitis Among Patients with H. Pylori: A Multicenter 10 Year Study

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Outcomes of Underwater Endoscopic Mucosal Resection for Colorectal Polyps ≥ 40 MM in Size: A Multicenter Study

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Coverage for Endoscopic Bariatric Therapy in 2024: Analyses of the Top Insurers in the Insurance U.S. - Oral Presentation

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Early Initiation of Glucagon-Like Peptide 1 Receptor Agonists After Transoral Outlet Reduction is Associated with Better Outcomes

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Efficacy and Safety of Subcutaneous Semaglutide and Tirzepatide Injections in Elderly vs Younger Obese: A Case-Control Study

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The Taco Effect: Recognizing and Avoiding Suboptimal Closure While Using Dual-Anchor Clips and Endoscopic Suturing

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Timing of Glucagon-Like Peptide 1 Receptor Agonists Initiation Post-Bariatric Surgery and its Impact on Weight Loss Outcomes

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Weight Loss Outcomes of Glucagon-Like Peptide 1 Receptor Agonists in Patients with Sleeve Gastrectomy vs Patients with Intact Stomach

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Direct Visualization of Hepatocellular Carcinoma with Complete Bile Duct Invasion Using Peroral Cholangioscopy

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Time to Go Totally Green?: Assessing the Environmental Impact of A Printed Gastroenterology Journal in 2024

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Effect of Bariatric Surgery on Reproductive Health Outcomes in Obese Women: A Population-Based Study

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Safety and efficacy of endoscopic sleeve gastroplasty performed by early career advanced endoscopists: A multicenter study

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Safety and efficacy of endoscopic ultrasound-guided gastrojejunostomy performed by early career advanced endoscopists: A multicenter study

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Freehand Resection of a Stoma Polyp Using Endoscopic-Based Techniques

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Real-World Experience with Insurance Coverage for Endoscopic Bariatric Therapies: A Cross-Sectional Analysis from a Large Academic Medical Center

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Effects of Stomach Shortening on Weight Loss Following Endoscopic Sleeve Gastroplasty

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Predictors of Post-Procedural Pain Following Endobariatric Therapy: Experience from Two Academic Centers

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Multivariate Analysis of Chronic Pancreatitis in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease

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Chronic Disease and Lifestyle Factors Associated with Chronic Pancreatitis: A Nationwide Database Study

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Safety and Efficacy of Non-Exposed Endoscopic Full-Thickness Resection Performed by Early Career Advanced Endoscopists: A Multicenter Study

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Endoscopic Transpapillary Gallbladder Drainage with Two Stents Reduces the Need for Re-Intervention Compared to Single Stent

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Bile Cast Syndrome in a Young Female Following Severe COVID-19 Infection

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Cholangioscopy directed biopsy for cholangiocarcinoma

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Efficacy and safety of semaglutide in nonalcoholic fatty liver disease: A systemic review

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Cystic duct remnant stones and post-cholecystectomy syndrome: Endoscopic management

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