

MBS as a bridge to heart transplantation: Results, Limitations, Risks, Perspectives

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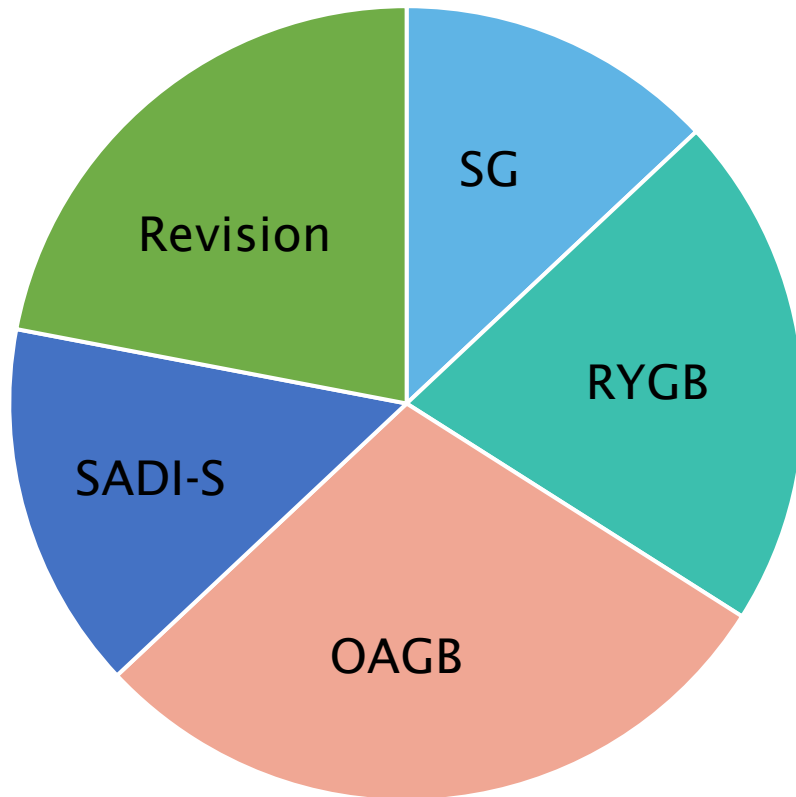


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Case Mix



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| LAGB | 0% |
| SG | 13% |
| RYGB | 21% |
| OAGB | 29% |
| SADI-S | 15% |
| Revision | 22% |

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Morbid obesity = relative contraindication to heart transplantation

The International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation has recommended that severely obese patients achieve a **BMI <30 kg/m² before listing for cardiac transplantation**

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7 patients with **LVEF < 25%** → postoperative median **LVEF 30%**
BMI 42,8 → 29,9 (after 1a)

2 patients underwent HTX

2 patients listed for HTX

3 patients improved and don't needed HTX

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Bariatric surgery ... successful weight reduction ... enabling successful heart transplantation.

In some patients, **cardiac transplantation** can be **avoided** through surgical weight loss.

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Weight loss → Cardiac function ↑↑

Limitation: Acute cardiac decompensation due to hemodynamic stresses associated with anesthesia and pneumoperitoneum

Heart failure associated with **7x increase** in the risk of **perioperative mortality** during bariatric surgery

(Ann Surg. 2014; 259(1):123–30)

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LVAD as a bridge to HTX for advanced heart failure **n=12, Sleeve Gastrectomy**

4p underwent HTX, 2 listed for HTX

- BMI 42.5kg/m² → 32.8kg/m²
- 8/12 reached target BMI < 35kg/m²

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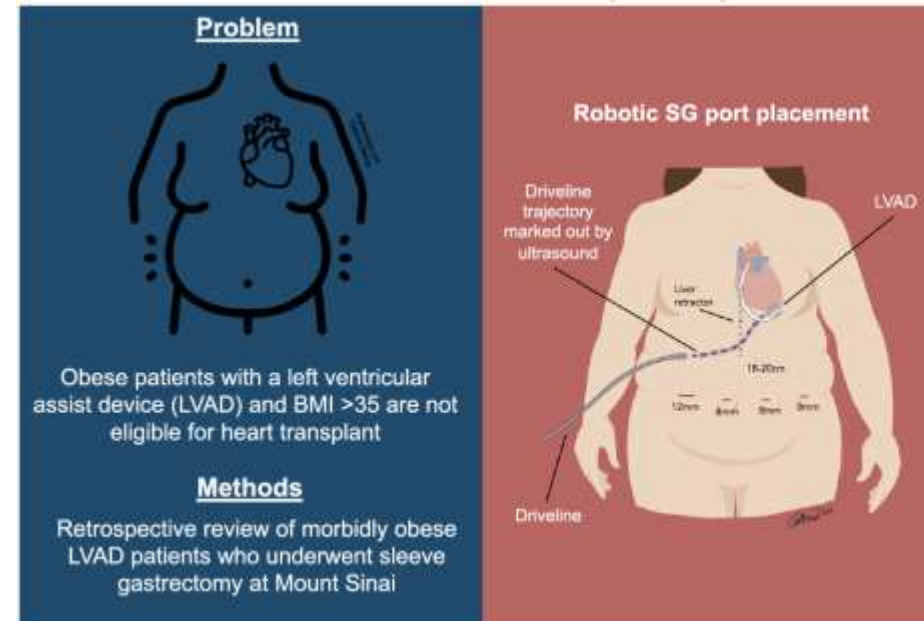
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1 revision (bleeding)

1 hematochezia (conservative)

1 readmission



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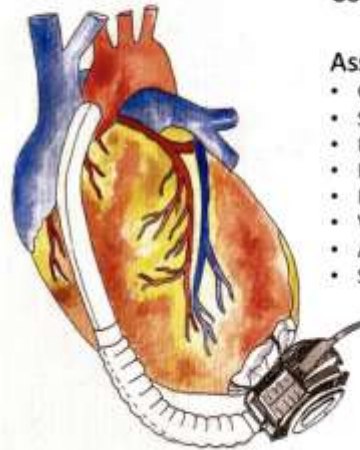
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LVAD = bridge to HTX

Patients gain weight after LVAD!

LVAD complications



If bridge to transplant, and in extremis—consider ECMO

Concise HeartMate 3 LVAD Overview

Obtain vital signs (doppler MAP equivalent)
Contact LVAD Coordinator or nearest LVAD Center

Assess for LVAD related complications




- GI bleed
- Stroke
- Pump thrombosis
- RV failure
- Infection
- Ventricular arrhythmias
- Aortic regurgitation
- Suction events

LVAD in Extremis

- Trouble shoot LVAD: LVAD ABCs
 - Auscultate hum
 - Battery (check power source connected)
 - Controller (check alarms)
 - Driveline intact?
 - Echo (cardiac POCUS)
- Non-functional LVAD + shock: vasopressors/inotropes
- Non-functional LVAD +cardiac arrest: Standard ACLS including CPR and defibrillation

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Obesity, transplantation, and bariatric surgery: An evolving solution for a growing epidemic

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- **Obesity:** Significant **challenges in access to transplant**
- **negative impacts on outcomes** after solid organ transplant.

Addressing obesity in select patients with **bariatric surgery** **before transplant** may **improve access, facilitate an easier operation**, as well as improve benefits of transplant.

Bariatric surgery **after transplant** may also help to enhance the benefits from transplant under certain situations.

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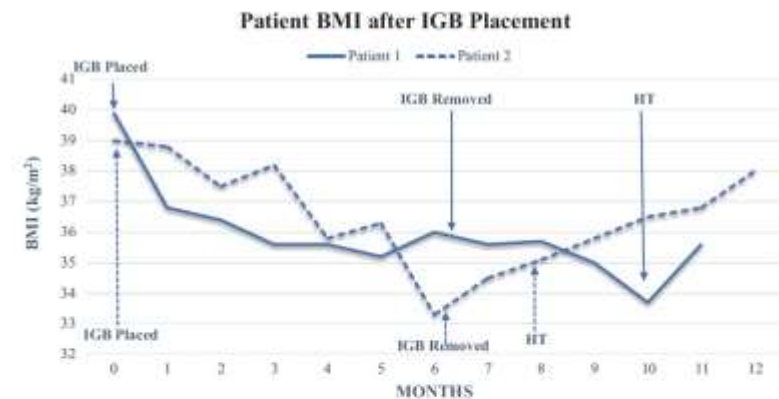
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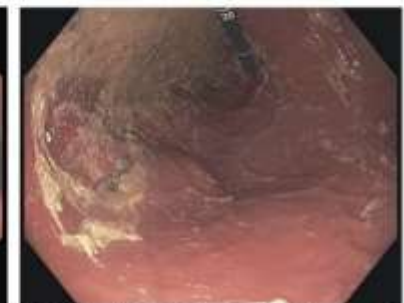
2 patients,

class II obesity and end-stage CHF requiring left ventricular assist devices (LVAD)

→ Successful HTX



IGB Placement in Gastric Body



Gastric Body & Fundus Post Removal

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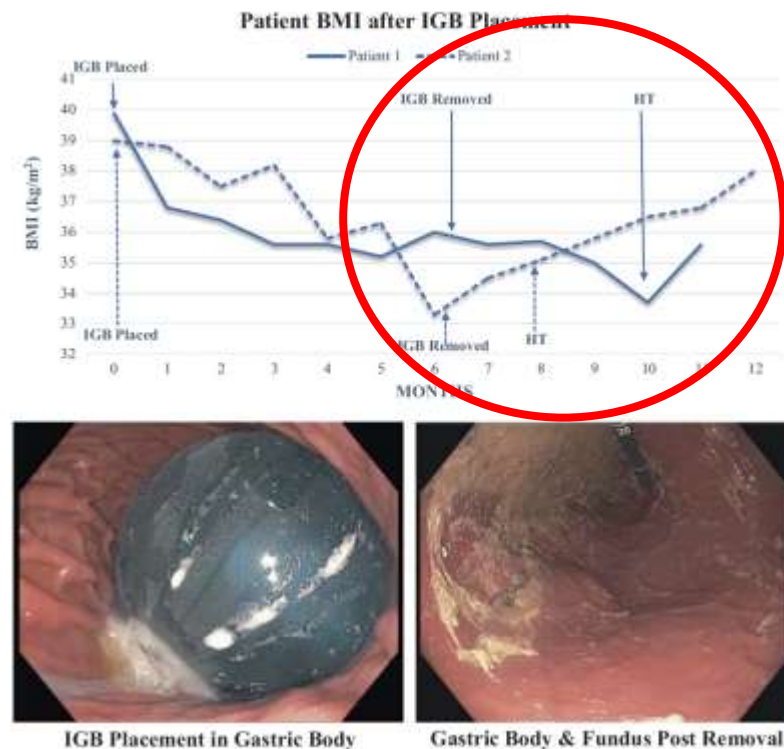
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Bariatric Surgery Outcomes in Patients with Prior Solid Organ Transplantation: an MBSAQIP Analysis

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336 transplant patients were compared with 157,413 patients without transplant

Longer operative time
Increased length of stay
More leaks

Prior Tx: → Higher Morbidity, same mortality

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11 studies with 98 patients

BMI preop 44.9 kg/m² → 33.2 kg/m²

Time MBS → HTX: 14 months

71% of patients listed for transplantation

57% of listed patients underwent HTX

Mortality of MBS 0%, morbidity 28%



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MBS is effective and safe in patients
with ESHF, and may be used to achieve
sufficient weight loss to facilitate
cardiac transplant eligibility and
transplantation

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MBS and Heart transplantation I: Results-Limitations-Risks-Perpectives

- MBS enables/broadens access to HTX
- MBS in patients with **low LVEF/LVAD** should be done only in **centers** with high experience **AND a cardiac surgical dept.**
- Highest perioperative **risk: bleeding** (fully anticoagulated under LVAD)
- **MBS improves organ function AFTER transplantation**

MBS and Heart transplantation II: Results-Limitations-Risks-Prospectives

- Perspective I: closer collaboration between bariatric and cardiac surgeons
- Perspective II: Weight loss **before Tx** by **MBS** (SG, IGB, ESG?) or **AOM**
- MBS **AFTER** successful HTX in case of (recurrent) weight gain
- Fighting Obesity in the context of solid organ TX

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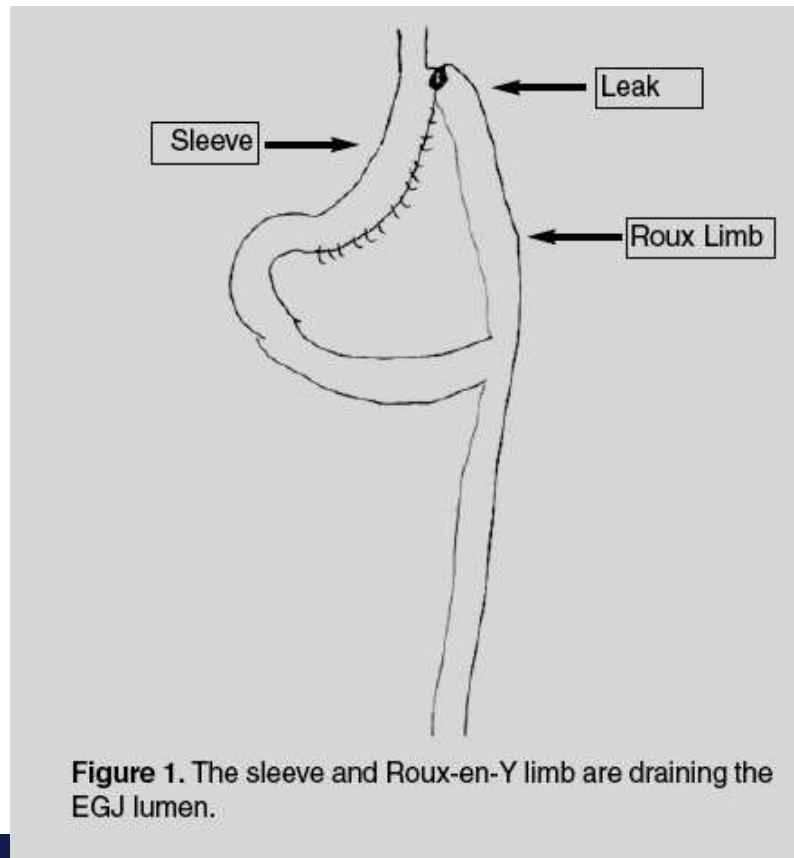
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Sleeve gastrectomy - Leaks



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