

# **IMPLEMENTING ERAS IN ENDOSCOPIC GASTROPLASTY: STRATEGIES FOR FASTER RECOVERY**

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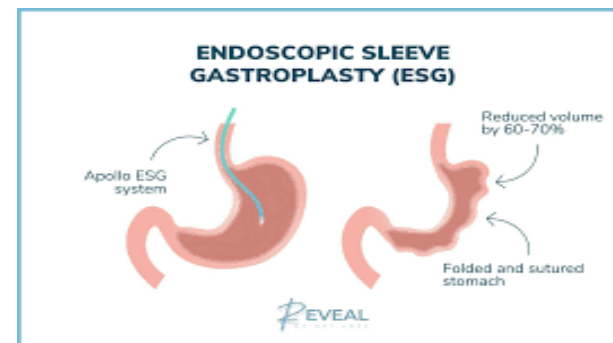
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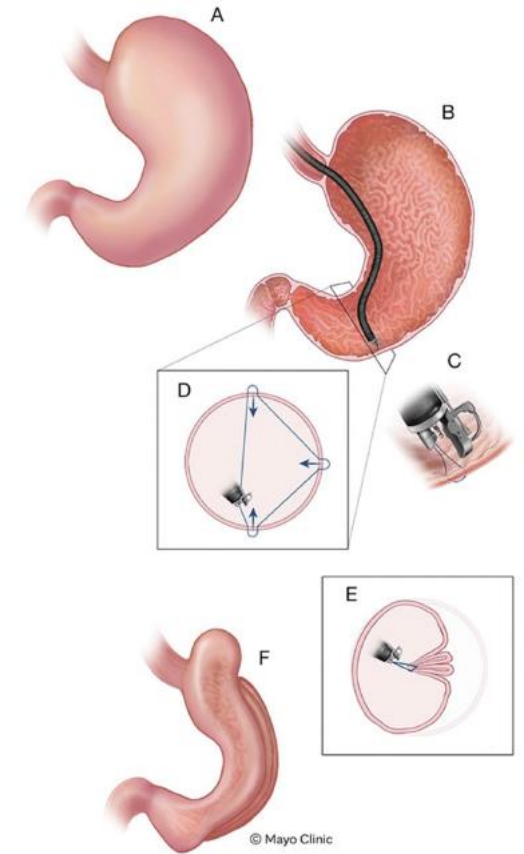
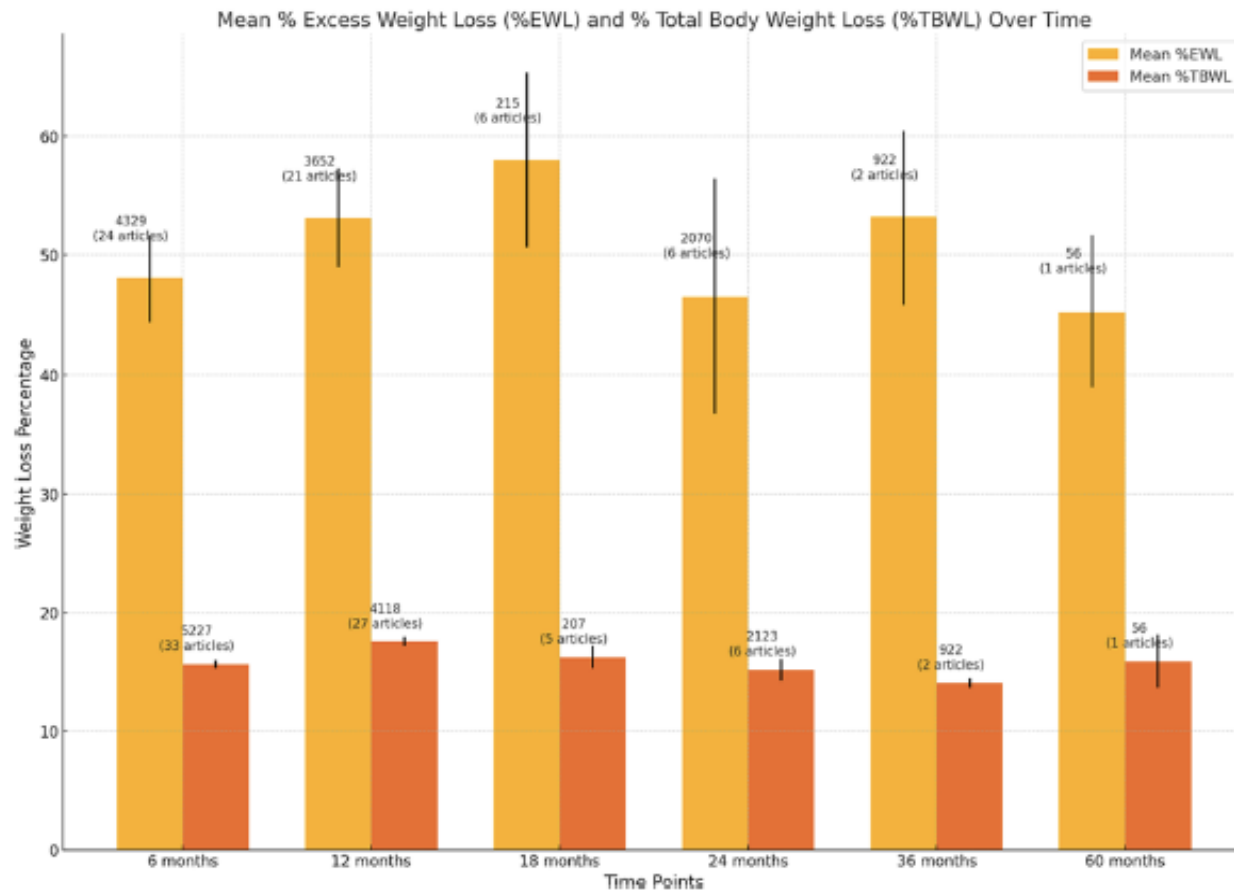
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# What is Endoscopic Sleeve Gastroplasty (ESG)

- Indicated in patients with Class I and II obesity or Class III obesity for patients not wanting surgery
- Minimally invasive procedure -Size of stomach is reduced in size by 70% (around size of banana)-full thickness sutures inside the stomach and folding it
- Maintenance of 16% weight loss over a 5-year period
- Reduces weight and incidence of Type 2 DM, sleep apnea
- Reversible
- Outpatient procedure
- Fast recovery



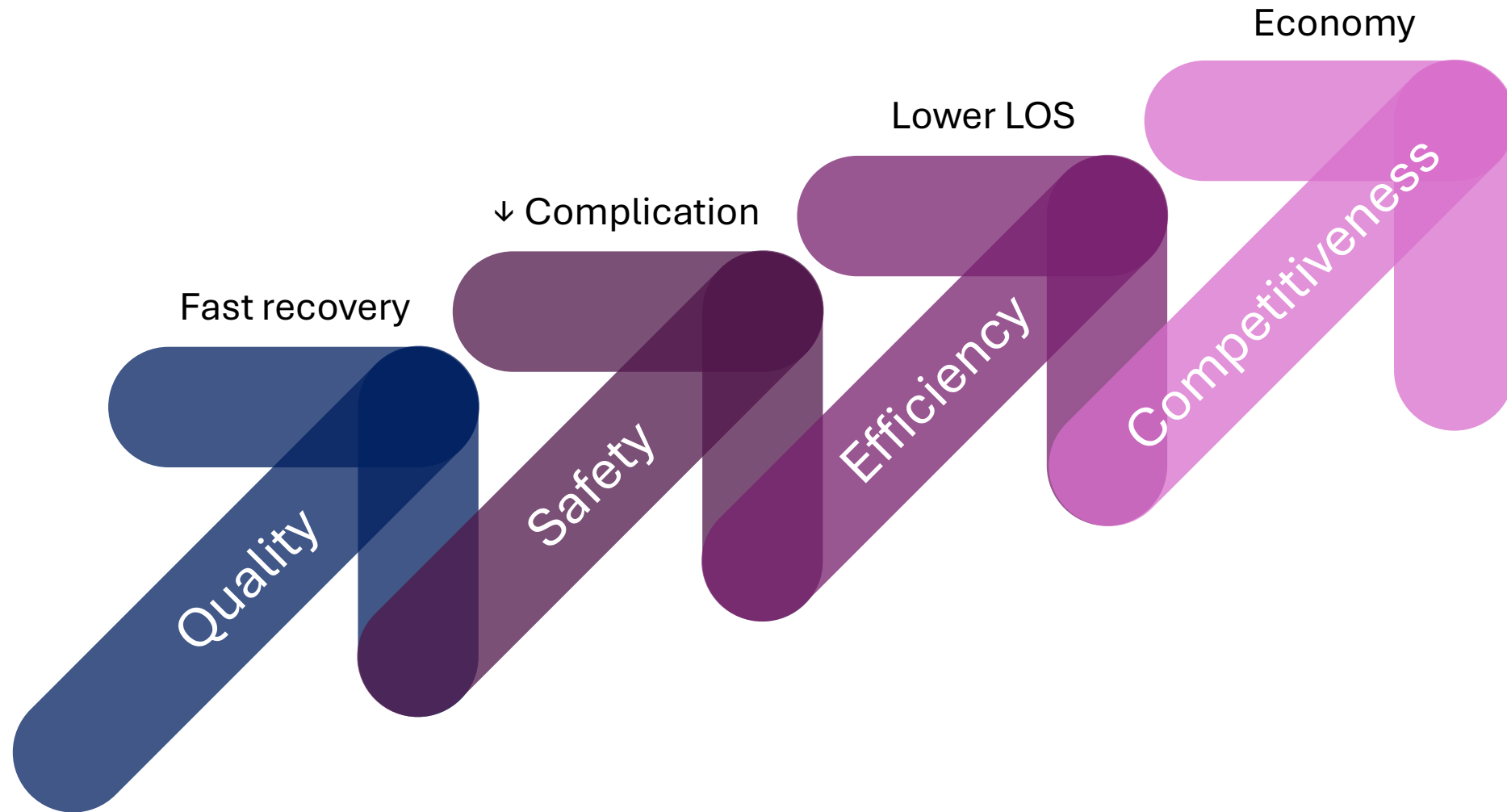
# IFSO Bariatric Endoscopy Committee Position Statement-2024



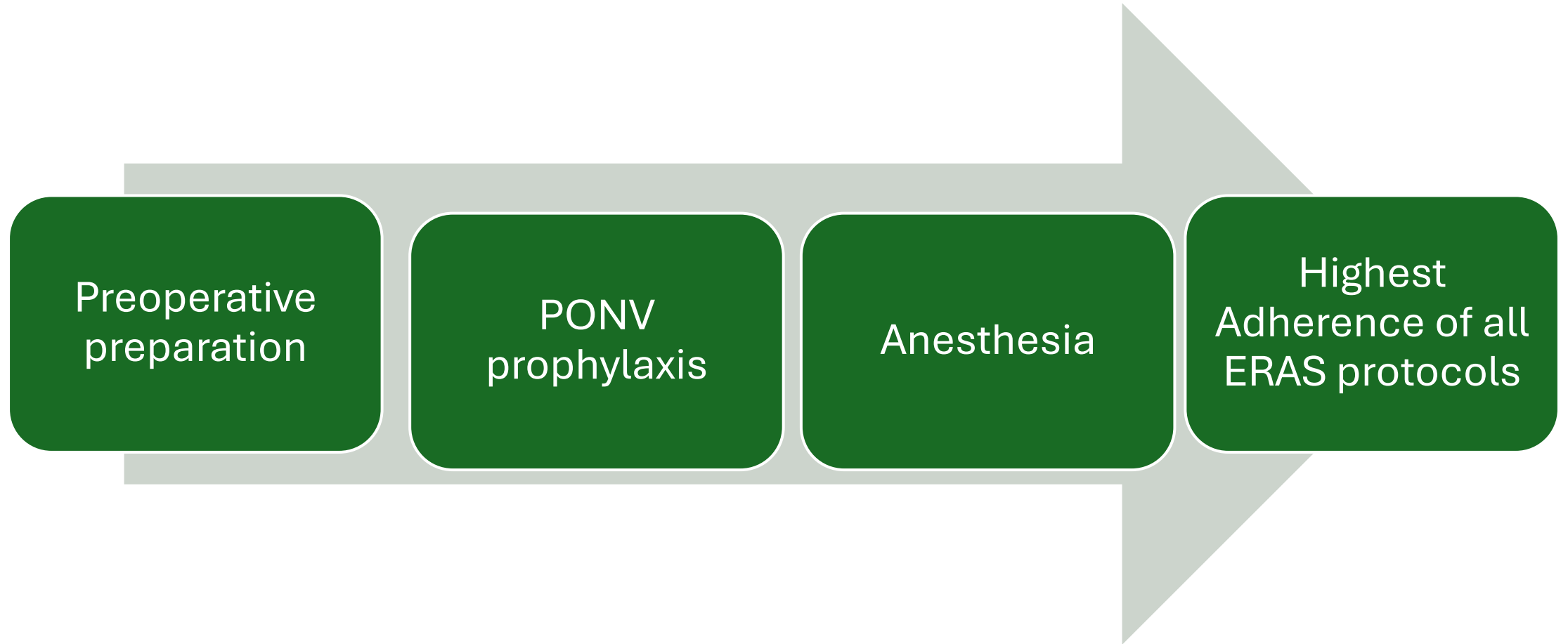
# Enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS)- Components

- ERAS is a comprehensive **multi-disciplinary** approach to surgical patient care to minimize post-operative complications and **reduce recovery time up to 30-50%**
- ERAS pathways aim to return patient physiological function, enhance mobilization, reduce pain and facilitate early oral nutrition postoperatively, thus **reducing perioperative surgical stress**

# Core Principles of ERAS



# Therapeutic Endoscopy



# Perfect for ERAS?

- Non-invasive-no incision
- Minimal Pain
- Outpatient surgery
- Well prepared patients for endoscopic procedure

## Issues?

- May not have the same longitudinal preparation as MBS
- May not be subject to same stringent prep with 10% preop weight loss

## ERAS Bariatric Surgery ELEMENTS

- Avoid premedication (no sedation)
- Avoid prolonged fasting
- Initiate thromboprophylaxis
- Diet-modified weight reduction
- Psychological motivation



- Minimally invasive surgery
- Short-acting anesthetics
- Nonopioid analgesia
- Locoregional analgesic supplement + NSAIDS
- Avoid hypothermia
- Protective ventilation

Intraoperative

Multispeciality integrated approach

- Fully awake/reversed → extubation
- Nonopioids analgesics
- Lung expansion exercises/strategy
- PONV prophylaxis
- Early catheter/drain removal
- Early oral nutrition avoid NG tube
- Early ambulation



- Higher patient satisfaction
- Rapid patient turnover
- Healthcare economic growth
- Decreased complication rates



# Components of ERAS for Endoscopists

Patient  
Education and  
Involvement

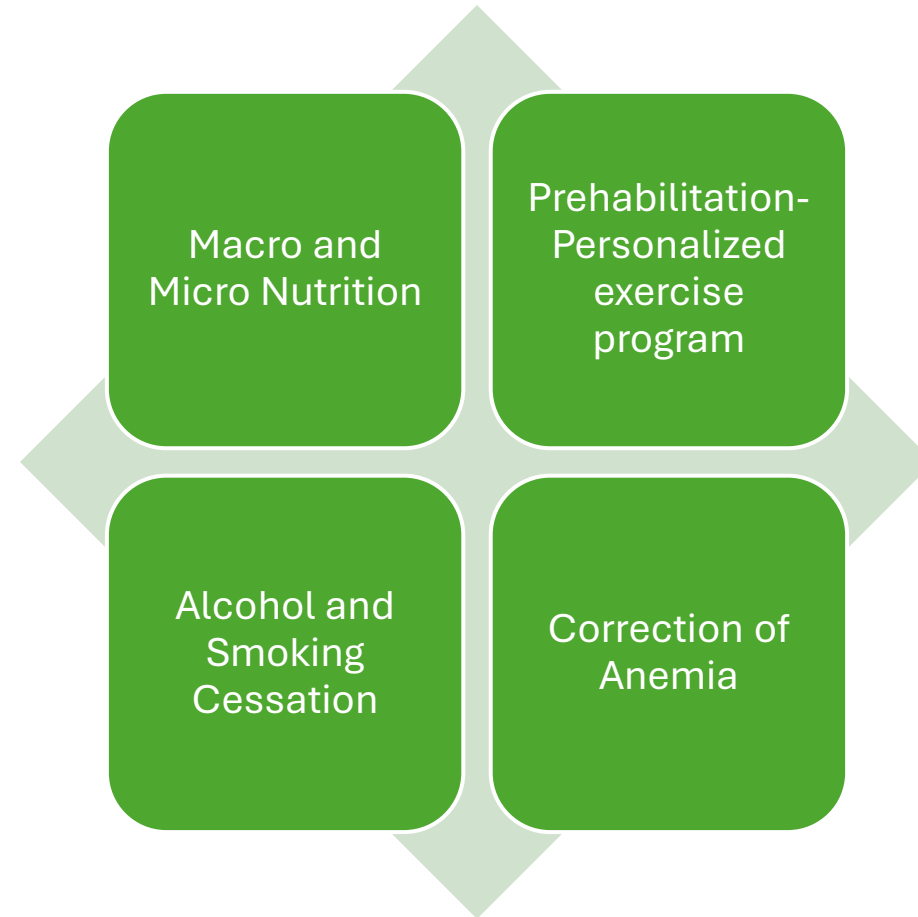
Preoperative  
Evaluation  
and Nutrition

Anesthesia  
and Sedation

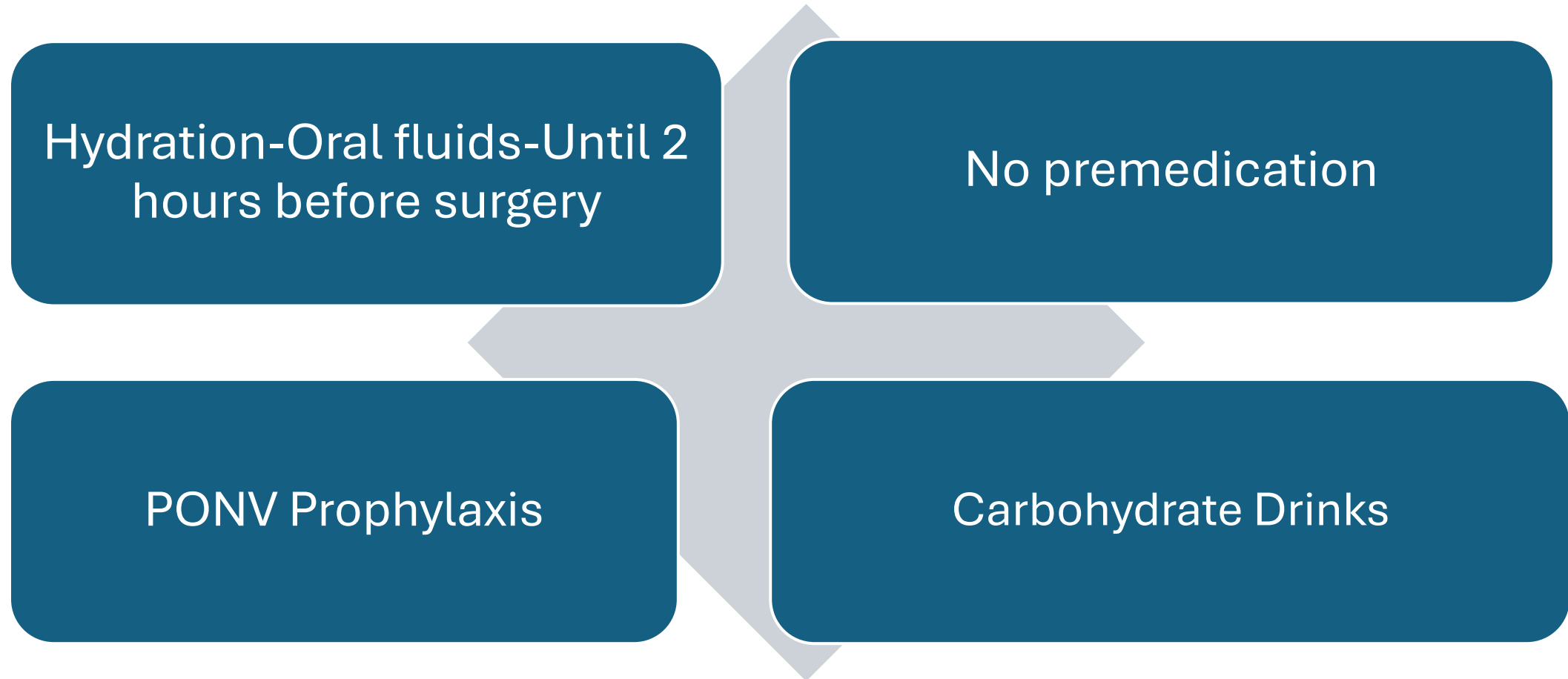
# Preop Components of ERAS can be applied to ESG

- Patient Education and Counseling
- Alcohol and Smoking Cessation
  - duration
- Treatment of Anemia-IV iron
- Assessment of Frailty
- Prehabilitation
  - Daily steps
  - Strength training
- Optimization of Macro and micronutrition
  - High protein
  - Low carbs

# Preoperative



# Day of Surgery



# Intraoperative

- Monitored Anesthesia Care vs General Anesthesia
- Minimal Opioids
  - IV Paracetamol
  - IV NSAIDs
  - IV Ketamine
- Normothermia
  - Bair Hugger may not be available in GI suites
- Normovolemia
- Quantitative TOF monitoring

# INTRAOPERATIVE

## Guidelines Recovery

## Guidelines for Perioperative Care in Bariatric Surgery (ERABS)

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Preoperative information and education

Prehabilitation and exercise

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Smoking and alcohol cessation

### Abstract

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Preoperative weight loss

Glucocorticoids

Preoperative fasting

Carbohydrate loading

## 9. NEUROMUSCULAR BLOCK

Deep NMB

**WEAK** recommendation

Ensuring full reversal of NMB  
Objective monitoring with TOF  
**STRONG** recommendation

Postoperative analgesia

Thromboprophylaxis

Early postoperative nutrition

Non-invasive positive pressure ventilation

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# Electromyography



Measures compound muscle action potentials evoked by neurostimulation

Many different muscles can be examined- Does not require freely moving limbs

Easy and fast set up and short calibration

Possible interference from other electrical equipment (electrocautery)

Ulnar nerve – adductor pollicis, abductor digiti minimi and first dorsal interosseous muscles;

Posterior tibial nerve - flexor hallucis brevis muscle;

Phrenic nerve - diaphragm

# Postoperative

- Early Mobilization
- Opioid sparing analgesia-Paracetamol and NSAIDs
- Phone call follow up the day after discharge
- PONV Medications to Go
  - Ondansetron solutabs
- Early oral nutrition
  - Clear liquids at 6 hours
  - Semi-solids at 12 hours

# Serious Adverse Events (1-2%)

- PONV or Pain needing Hospitalization (1%)
- Upper GI bleeding (.6%)
- Peri-gastric leak (0.5%)
- Refractory Symptoms needing ESG reversal (0.2%)
- Pulmonary Embolism (0.06%)
- Pneumoperitoneum (0.06%)

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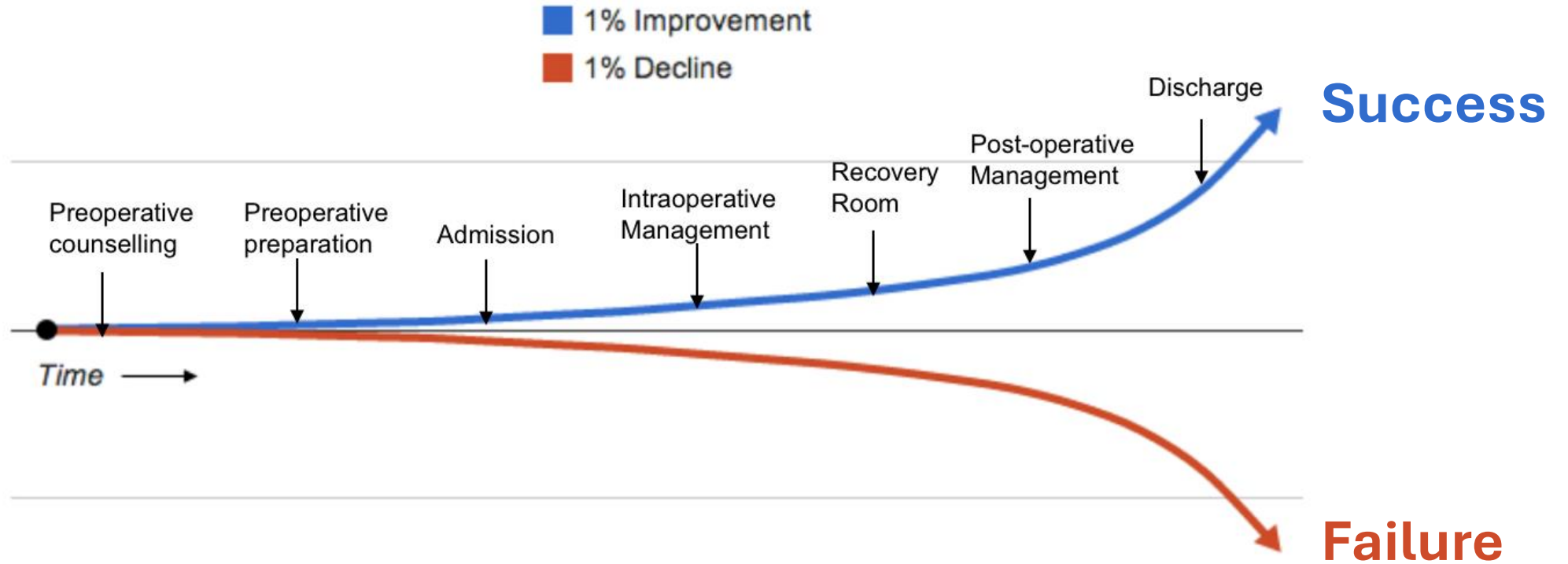
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# Core members of ERAS team

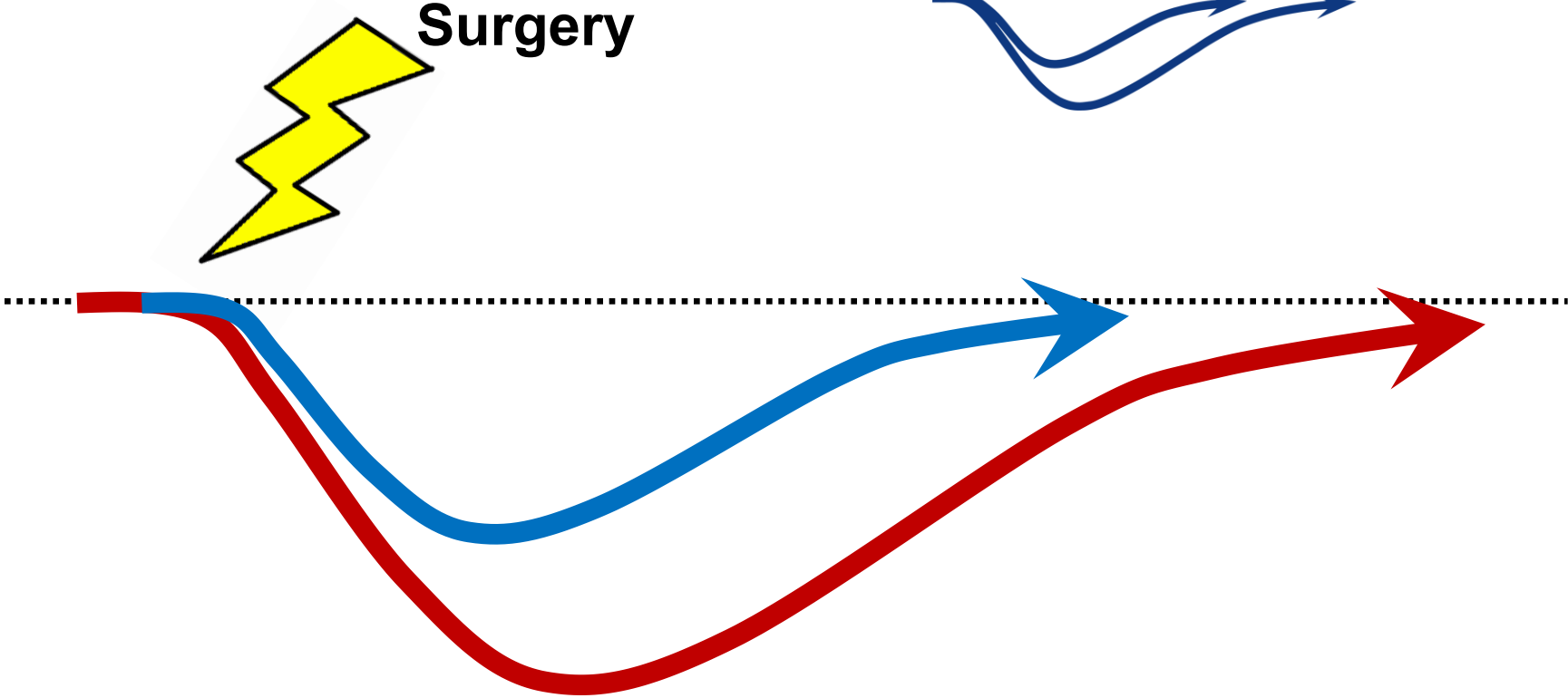
- Endoscopist
- Anesthesiologist
- ERAS Nurse
- Well educated patient who is engaged in concepts of faster recovery

# Marginal gain



**ERAS:** decreasing the surgical trauma

**ERAS<sup>®</sup> Society**



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# **Gains from implementation of ERAS**

# Gastric endoscopic submucosal dissection

	ERAS group	Traditional group	
No. of Patients	60	57	
Anal exhaust time			P=0.048
PONV			P=0.043
LOS (hours)	35.6	77	P<0.001
Patient satisfaction	High Less thirst, hunger, dry mouth, PONV		



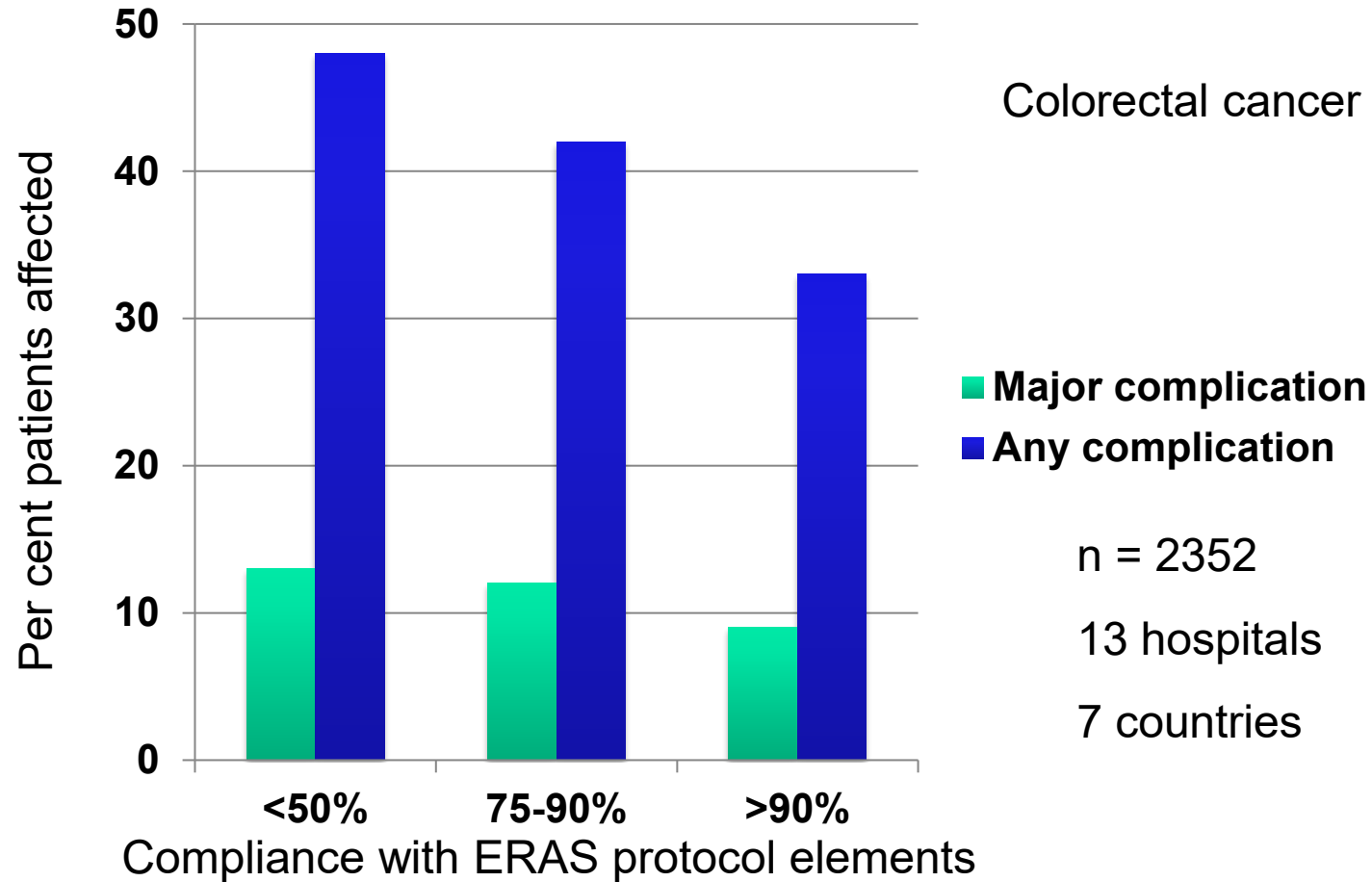
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# Better ERAS compliance: Reduced Complications



Multi center study, consecutive patients

# Gains from implementation of ERAS

## Hospital cost savings for enhanced recovery programs in non-colorectal surgery

Study	ERAS program	Hospital cost savings (US\$)
Zhao et al	Esophagectomy	5508*
Wang et al	Gastrectomy	4219*
Liang et al	Laparoscopic hepatectomy	4318*
Lemanu et al	Laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy	1035
Kim et al	Laparoscopic distal gastrectomy	7179*
Feng et al	Total gastrectomy	5941*
Joliat et al	Pancreaticoduodenectomy	8726
Joliat et al	Hepatectomy	4064
Kalogera et al	Gynecologic oncology surgery	7642*

# Gains from implementation of ERAS

## Cost-effectiveness of Enhanced Recovery Versus Conventional Perioperative Management for Colorectal Surgery

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### CONCLUSIONS

Enhanced recovery perioperative management was associated with improved clinical and postdischarge outcomes, which resulted in lower overall costs than conventional management in patients undergoing elective colorectal resection.