

# Expanding the MBS guidelines MBS for high-risk patients

## *Elderly, Transplant and Cardiac patients*

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# Indications for MBS

## NIH consensus statement 1991

**BMI > 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, or**

**BMI >35 kg/m<sup>2</sup> with comorbidities**

- *Non-surgical programs should be initial therapy for severe obesity;*
- *Patients should be carefully selected for surgery after evaluation by a multidisciplinary team;*
- *Lifelong medical surveillance should continue after surgery.*

Gastrointestinal Surgery for Severe Obesity. NIH Consens Dev Conf Consens Statement 1991; 9:1-20.

## IFSO/ASMBS consensus statement 2022

**BMI >35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>**

*considered for:*

- BMI 30-34.9
- Asymptomatic
- Appropriate
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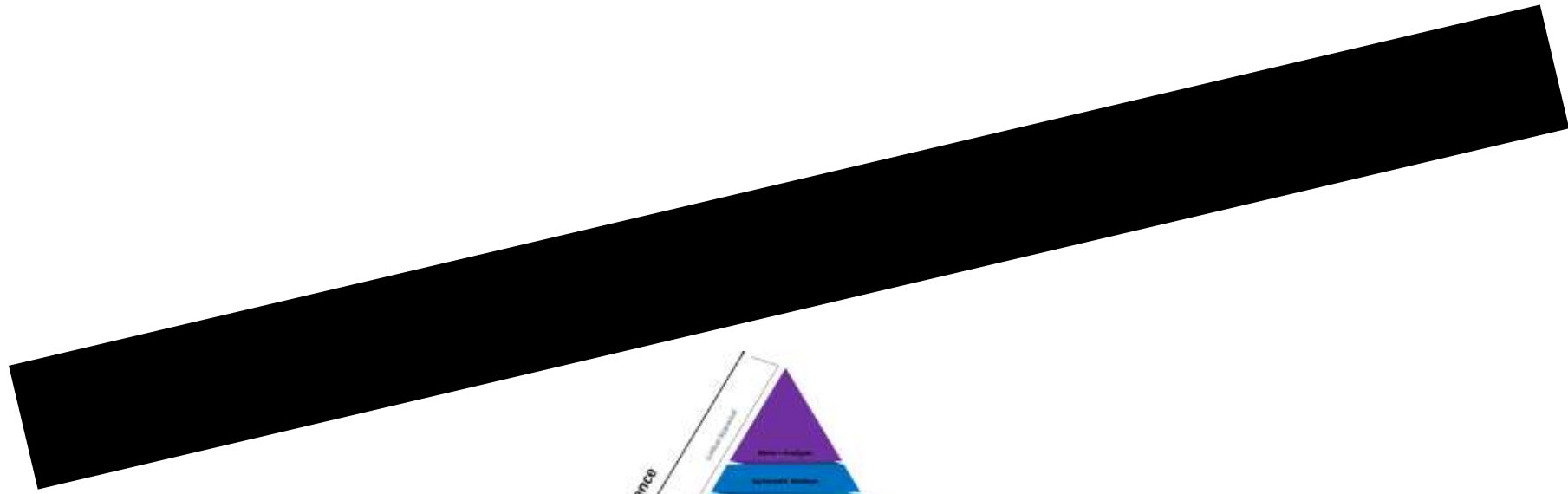
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MBS is an effective  
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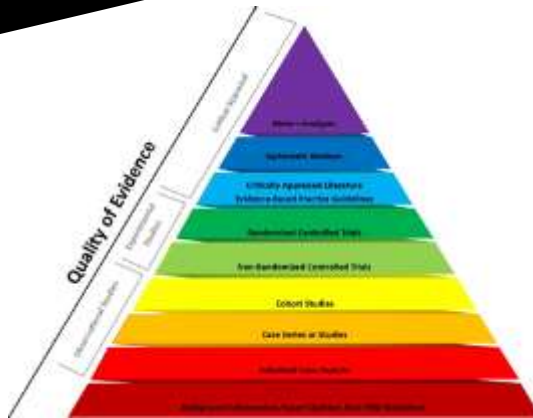
Recommendation Grade	Level of Evidence	Type of Study
A	1a	Systematic review of (homogeneous) RCT
A	1b	Individual RCT (with narrow CI)
B	2a	Systematic review of (homogeneous) cohort studies of "exposed" and "unexposed" subjects
B	2b	Individual cohort study / low-quality RCT
B	3a	Systematic review of (homogeneous) CC studies
B	3b	Individual CC studies
C	4	Case series, low-quality cohort or case-control studies
D	5	Expert opinions



# Risk vs Benefit



Risk of  
Harm



Possibility  
of Benefit

# Older People



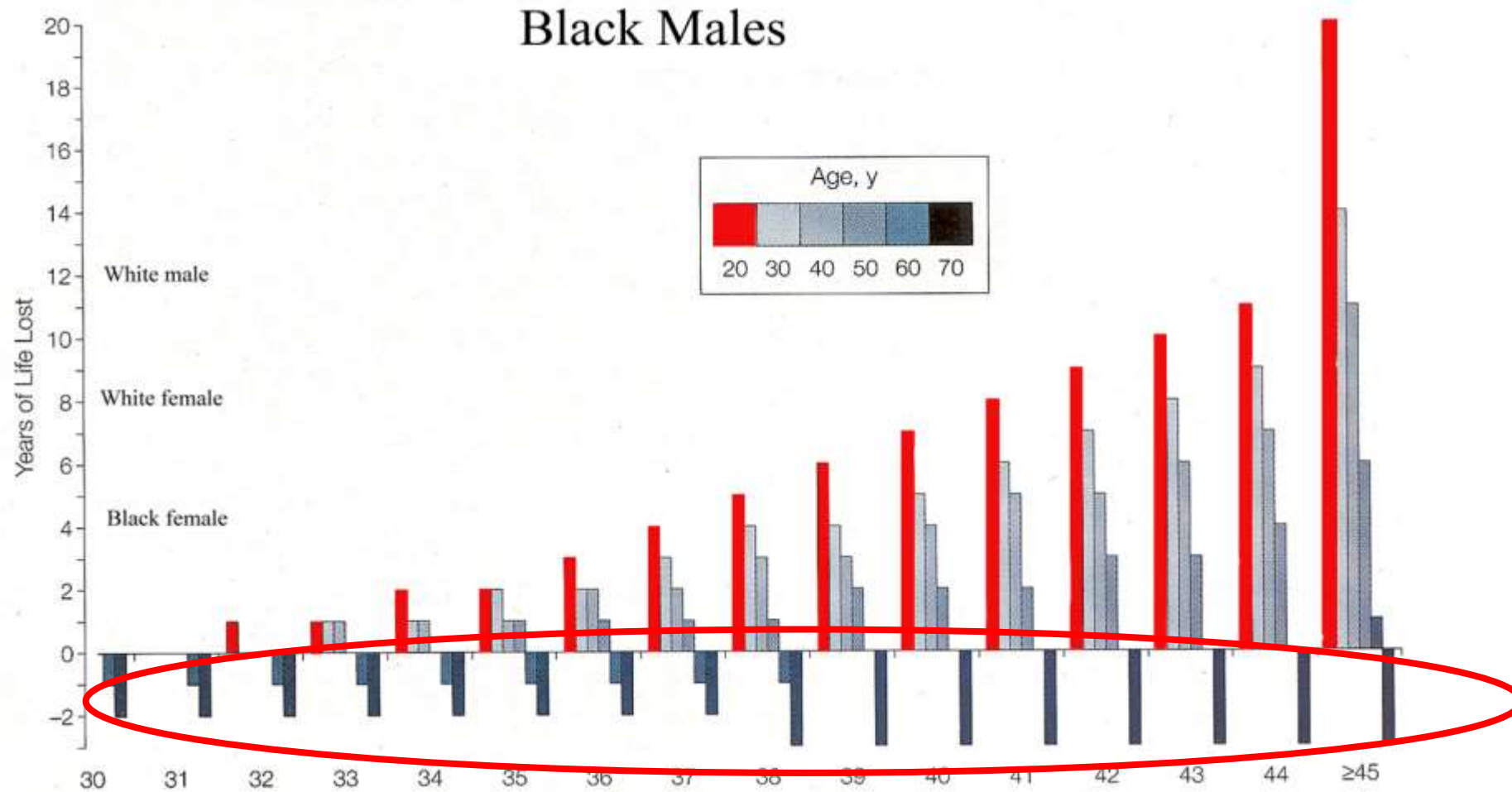
- One RCT  
*BASE Trial Pajacki D et al. Obes Surg. 2021;31(6):2359-63*
- LAGB safer but less LOW and more LT complications
- Cost-Effectiveness  
*Gulliford MC et al. Value Health. 2017;20(1):85-92.*
- Similar benefits in people aged 55 to 74 years compared with younger age groups

\* Haywood C, Sumithran P. Treatment of obesity in older persons—A systematic review. *Obesity Reviews*. 2019;20:588–598. <https://doi.org/10.1111/obr.12815>

Giordano S, Victorzon M. Bariatric surgery in elderly patients: a systematic review. *Clin Interv Aging*. 2015;10:1627-35

Shenoy SS, Gilliam A, Mehanna A et al. LSG Versus LRYGB in Elderly Bariatric Patients: Safety and Efficacy-a Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. *Obes Surg*. 2020;30(11):4467-73

# Impact of BMI on life expectancy



Fontaine et al JAMA 289:187, 2003

# Frailty

Bariatric frailty index items matched between MBSAQIP and CHSA-FI

	CSHA-FI	MBSAQIP
1	Changes in everyday activity or problems with getting dressed, bathing, carrying out personal grooming, cooking, or going out alone	Preoperative functional status: partially dependent or totally dependent
2	Impaired mobility	Patient's ambulation limited most or all of the time preoperatively
5	Myocardial infarction	History of myocardial infarction
3	History of diabetes	Preoperative diabetes
4	Lung problems or respiratory problems	Preoperative history of COPD, preoperative oxygen-dependent, or preoperative obstructive sleep apnea
6	Cardiac problems	Previous PCI/PTCA or previous cardiac surgery
7	Arterial hypertension	Preoperative hypertensive requiring medication
8	Gastrointestinal problems or abdominal problems	Preoperative GERD requiring medication
9	Other medical history	Preoperative renal insufficiency or on dialysis

CHSA-FI = Canadian Study of Health and Aging Frailty Index; MBSAQIP = Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program; COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; PCI = percutaneous coronary intervention; PTCA = percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty; GERD = gastroesophageal reflux disease.

Difference in outcomes of interest between frail and nonfrail patients (n = 21,426)

Outcome	Nonfrail (n = 55.6%)	Frail (n = 44.4%)	P value
CD-I	1.63%	2.55%	.000
CD-II	2.13%	3.30%	.000
CD-III	.59%	.93%	.005
CD-IV	1.31%	2.57%	.000
CD-V	.11%	.39%	.000
At least 1 readmission	3.53%	5.49%	.000
At least 1 reoperation	1.34%	1.80%	.007
At least 1 ED visit not resulting in hospital admission	3.67%	5.39%	.000
LOS (mean ± SD)	1.6 ± 1.7	1.9 ± 1.8	.000

CD-I = Clavien-Dindo grade I; CD-II = Clavien-Dindo grade II; CD-III = Clavien-Dindo grade III; CD-IV = Clavien-Dindo grade IV; CD-V = Clavien-Dindo grade V; ED = emergency department; LOS = length of stay; SD = standard deviation.

frailty score - the sum of all positive co-morbidities in a patient)  
 frailty index - the sum of positive bFI items divided by 9

Gondal AB, Hsu CH, Zeeshan M, et al, Surg Obes Relat Dis. 2019; 15:1582-8.

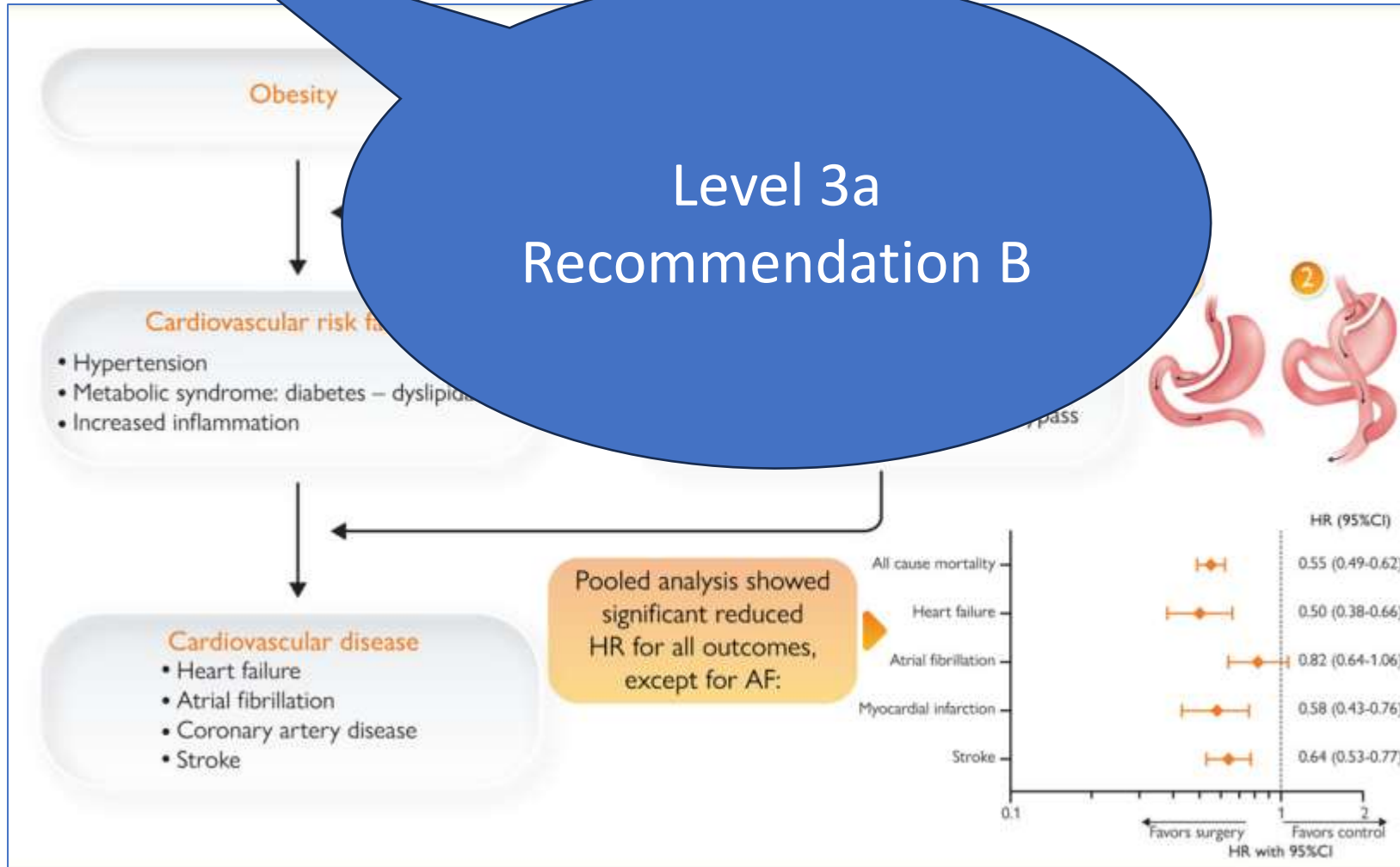
# Solid Organ Transplantation

- Case Series/Cohort studies; one review outcomes Cardiac Tx
- Obesity may preclude
- Weight loss achieved y... an rates and may defer the need for transpla
- Solid organ transplan... MBS
- LSG may be preferred c... concurrently

Level 2b/3b  
Recommendation B

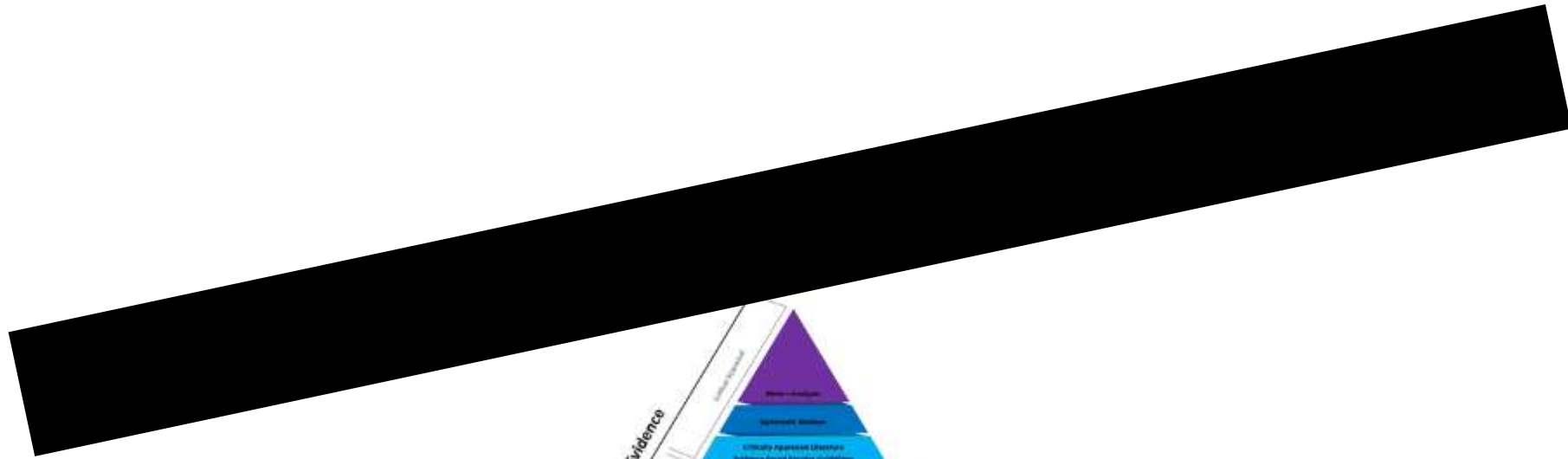
	Kidney		Liver		Heart/Lung	
	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After
Safety	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Efficacy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

# Heart Failure



van Veldhuisen et al. European Heart Journal (2022) 43, 1955–1969

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# Conclusion

There is emerging evidence for increasing the access to MBS even for high risk populations

- Lack of RCT and high level evidence
  - *Maybe impossible*
  - *Possible role for registries*
- Risk vs Benefit comparison needs to be considered in all cases
  - *Frailty scores*
  - *Risk calculation*
  - *Likelihood of achieving not only weight loss but improved health*
  - *Cost-efficacy*
  - *Consider safest operation*
  - *Site where surgery occurs*

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