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# Enhanced Recovery in Bariatric Surgery

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- evidence-based recommendations about perioperative management*
  - expedite recovery, decrease morbidity, and decrease length of stay*
  - “fast-track surgery”
  - coordination between many stakeholders*
  - colorectal surgery-gynecologic, hepatobiliary, and cardiovascular surgery*
  - bariatric surgery*
  - decreases length of stay, does not seem to affect morbidity, and can be associated with lower costs of care

# Pathophysiological Principles

- minimize surgical stress and maintain normal homeostasis and physiologic functions
- faster return to baseline
- cascade of hormonal and metabolic changes
- Minimally invasive surgery-decreased tissue injury
- insulin resistance-negative clinical outcomes

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- preoperative carbohydrate loading, avoiding prolonged fasting prior to surgery, early initiation of oral feeding, and monitoring for tight glycemic Control
  - epidural anesthesia
  - “fed” state-carbohydrate drinks prior to surgery



## fluid shifts and derangements in salt and water retention

- pulmonary system
  - bowel wall edema
  - intestinal permeability
  - blood perfusion
  - weight gain of 3 kilograms
  - postoperative complications
  - avoiding routine bowel preparation
- employing judicious intraoperative fluid management
- avoiding hypothermia
  - adopting lungprotective ventilation strategies
  - avoiding urinary catheters and nasogastric tubes



## pain management strategies

- preemptive analgesia, spinal or regional blocks, local anesthetic agents, and non-narcotic oral analgesics -nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories, COX-2 inhibitors, acetaminophen
- avoiding narcotics -return of bowel function Postoperative nausea and vomiting

# Practice Implementation

## ***-Preoperatively***


patients are strongly encouraged to receive counseling

-discharge expectations

-more patients being discharged on post operative day (POD) 1

-no difference in readmission or complication rates



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- carbohydrate loading
  - fasting rules-(clear liquids up to 2 hours prior and solids up to 6 hours prior)
  - medical optimization of comorbidities
  - preoperative weight loss-lower postoperative complications





-Intraoperatively


-goal-directed fluid management

-prophylaxis against postoperative nausea and vomiting (PONV)

-earlier postoperative drinking, and shorter length of stay (LOS)

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- specific anesthetic agents
  - Short-acting agents with prompt onset and recovery
  - calculations to assist with titration of anesthetic agents
  - mean time from start of anesthesia to start of surgery and the time from end of surgery to end of anesthesia were both significantly reduced

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- ventilation strategies
  - (PEEP) and appropriate patient positioning
  - early mobilization
  - aggressive pulmonary toilet
  - positive airway pressure (CPAP)
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- Multimodal analgesia strategy
  - reduction in opioid requirements, postoperative nausea and vomiting, and readmissions

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- acetaminophen and NSAIDs
  - Gabapentanoids
  - Local and regional blocks
  - TAP block group/port-site infiltration:
    - had significantly less postoperative pain
    - required less morphine rescues
    - had shorter hospital LOS
    - have higher rates of discharge within 48 hours



-Postoperatively Thromboprophylaxis monitoring

-management of obstructive sleep apnea

-Oral intake is also suggested to start as soon as patient is safe and ready to attempt, usually on the night of surgery

-Early ambulation is initiated as soon as possible, again usually within hours after surgery

Intervention	Outcome(s)	Evidence	Guidelines <sup>a</sup>
<i>Immediate preoperative</i>			
Carbohydrate loading	↓ Insulin resistance, ↓ protein catabolism, ↓ LOS, faster return of bowel function	<sup>b</sup>	6, 7
Reduced fasting	No adverse outcomes	<sup>b</sup>	6–8
Multimodal pre-anesthesia medication	↓ Pain, ↓ PONV, ↓ opioid use	<sup>b</sup>	6, 7
<i>Intraoperative</i>			
Standard intraoperative anesthesia pathway	↓ Pain, ↓ PONV, ↓ opioid use	<sup>b</sup>	6, 7
Protective ventilation strategy	↓ Pulmonary complications	<sup>b</sup>	6, 7
Fluids/goal-directed fluid therapy	↓ Morbidity, ↓ LOS	<sup>b</sup>	6, 7
Postoperative nausea and vomiting prophylaxis	↓ PONV	<sup>b</sup>	6, 7, 10
<i>Postoperative</i>			
Standard postoperative multimodal analgesic regimen	↓ Pain, ↓ PONV, ↓ opioid use	<sup>b</sup>	6, 7

## **Improving Surgical Care and Recovery Bariatric Surgery Protocol Components: Anesthesia**

### **Immediate preoperative**

- Reduced fasting
- Carbohydrate loading
- Multimodal pre-anesthesia medication

### **Intraoperative**


- Standard intraoperative anesthesia pathway
- Protective ventilation strategy
- Fluids/goal-directed fluid therapy
- Postoperative nausea and vomiting prophylaxis

### **Postoperative**

- Standard postoperative multimodal analgesic regimen

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- earlier discharge in bariatric patients is usually encouraged and, moreover, safe and feasible
  - discharge on POD#1 was not associated with higher rates of complications or readmission
  - same-day sleeve (gastrectomy)
  - carefully selected patients within a practice setting that can support it with very close follow-up



# Enhanced Recovery Outcomes in Bariatric Surgery

- significantly decreased LOS
- decreased operative time
- same or comparable rates of morbidities and reinterventions/readmissions
- No studies report a difference in mortality


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- LOS decrease from 2.24 to 1.76 days
  - without increased bleeding, reoperation, or readmission rates
  - feasibility of implementing a national set of recommendations
  - underlines the potential benefits of decreasing variability and opioid use, thus increasing quality and value

# Exclusion and Barriers to Implementation

- age >50 years
- body mass index (BMI) >50
- Hispanic or non-Hispanic black race/ethnicity
- impaired functional status
- diabetes on insulin
- chronic steroid use
- bleeding disorder
- dialysis
- chronic obstructive pulmonary disease,
- Hypoalbuminemia
- longer operative time,
- concurrent cholecystectomy

# NSQIP

- female sex, age > 65, BMI > 50, COPD, hypertension, renal insufficiency, anemia, and prolonged operative time
- preoperative opioid use, history of psychiatric illness, chronic kidney disease, and revisional cases tended to be associated with delayed discharge



-low oral fluid intake on the day of surgery  
and intraoperative adverse events were  
significantly associated with readmission

# Economic Benefits

- reduced inpatient costs, likely due to decreased LOS and decreased morbidity
- data in bariatric-specific enhanced recovery cost-effectiveness is even more limited
- decreases in surgery time, anesthesia induction time, as well as operating room turnover time, but no changes in reoperations, readmissions, or complications




***lies with the analysis and reporting of cost information***



# Conclusion

- evidence-based protocols that minimize surgical stress, maintain homeostasis, and minimize opioid use in all bariatric surgery programs
- “NPO after midnight,” the use of bowel preps, the use of drains and catheters, and routine imaging studies or prolonged periods without oral intake after surgery



-safety and effectiveness of specific components of enhanced recovery for this unique population

-bariatric surgery will continue to be the leader in quality and patient safety among all surgical specialties

*THANK YOU*

