

Bariatric Surgery in Adolescent Age Group

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ABSTRACT

Obesity in children is a problematic condition which interfere with physical and mental health. It is a complicated disorder with interwoven environmental, genetic, biological components, developmental, and behavioral. A combination of medical treatment and behavioral and lifestyle modifications was typically what causes poor short-term weight loss and long-term failure. For this reason, adolescents who suffer from moderate to severe obesity and have attempted lifestyle interventions in the past but had no success should think about having bariatric surgery. Specifically, laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy is thought to be the most often carried out bariatric procedure globally. The technique is safe and doable. It has been demonstrated that this surgical weight loss procedure is effective in young patients. However, there are obstacles that need to be removed at the levels of patients, providers, and the healthcare system. Above all, for ensuring successful long-term treatment and permit healthy growth, more should be done to stop the nutritional status decline that frequently follows bariatric surgery, as well as to prevent insufficient weight loss and weight regain. With a focus on LSG, nutritional management, and the resolution of metabolic comorbidities, we examined the clinical indications, surgical treatment options, and outcomes in adolescents with severe obesity in this narrative review.

1. Introduction

Adolescents and children aged from 5 to 19 years experienced obesity and overweight in duration from 2017 to 2022 for about 230 case of obesity .85 case of them response to medical treatment and change in life style and only 55 case under want sleeve gastrectomy and about 90 case under want allurion balloon implant. This data for bariatric specially clinic and in private center and hospital for about 5 years of fellow up most of patient.

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From those patients 55 the BMI refer to obesity type three above 40%.

And all of them underwent diet program and use some medication and change in life style for about 6month duration but without benefit.

So 55 case under want sleeve gastrectomy scoring to standard procedure of IFSO (1). Demonstrate the incidence of obeity as high values: 14.2% of young peoples from 8 to 19 are categorized as overweight,18.7% with obesity and 9.1% with class III obesity (severe obesity) [2]. Obesity in pediatric associated with multifactorial disease that affect on morbidity and mortality even in social behaviore. [2,3], the situion of pediatric patient defernet from the adult duo to different factor from age and biological and enviroment factor also genetic factors .

The obesity in pediatric associate with may disorder for example Type 2 Diabetes mellitus [4], Dyslipidemia disease [5], (NAFLD) [6], (OSA) [7], and (PCOS) [8], and adolescents with obesity are at elevated hazard of many psychological disruption

In the majority of situations, treating severe obesity over the long term with diet, lifestyle changes, and currently prescribed medications is comparatively ineffective [9]. With more surgeries being performed in Europe [11], the US [12], and other countries [13], bariatric surgery has thus emerged as a therapeutic approach for teenagers [10].

Particularly, it has been acknowledged that laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy (LSG) is a legitimate bariatric surgery technique in and of itself. Patients under the age of 18 can safely and effectively undergo this surgical treatment, which improves quality of life (QoL), results in comorbidity remission, and causes significant weight loss [13, 14]. The treatment of severely obese adolescents must include multidisciplinary interventions. Preoperative and postoperative nutritional optimization should receive particular consideration in order to maximize outcomes.

With a special emphasis on LSG, nutritional management, and the resolution of metabolic comorbidities, we examine the clinical indications, surgical treatment options, and outcomes in adolescents with severe obesity in this narrative review.

Most industrialized nations are impacted by the serious public health issue of childhood obesity [1]. To evaluate overweight or obesity in children and adolescents, there are currently three main classifications in use. WHO, IOTF, and CDC all base their cut-off values on growth curves. Depending on to WHO classification, when a child's BMI for age and gender is at or more the 85th percentile and under the 97th percentile or above the 97th percentile, respectively, [15. 16], it is considered overweight or obese.

The IOTF system application smooth gender-specific BMI curves, constructed to match the values of patient with 25 kg/m² to 29kg/m² (Overweight) and \geq 30 kg/m² (Obesity) even the obesity its divided into type 1 or obesity type 2 or obesity type 3 or malignant obesity (morbid obesity)depend on BMI.

In some country there are others factors that added to BMI classification for decision of treatment plane like social factors and sex or gender factors and even the level of education of family with environment and finally the level of country its self as developing or developed country [17].

It's common knowledge that there are many diseases and complications linked to obesity, such as those pertaining to the metabolism and heart (see below).

Cardiovascular

Hypertension (elevation in blood pressure)

Dyslipidemia(elevation in lipid profile)

Endocrinology

Type II Diabetes Mellitus(elevation in blood sugar)

Precocious puberty(early puberty)

Insulin resistance(pre diabetic condition)

PCOS(poly cystic ovarian syndrome)

irregularities menstrual cycle

Gastrointestinal

GIRD (Gastroesophageal reflux disease)

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease(fatty liver)

Gall bladder stones

Orthopedics

Flat feet

Tibia vara

Join pain

Arthritis

Blount's disease

Ankle sprains

Slipped capital femoral epiphysis

Renal

Nephrotic Syndrome

Glomerulonephritis

Respiratory

Obstructive sleep apnea

Asthma

Dermatological

Acanthosis Nigricans

Striae

Abnormal hair distribution

Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Psychological

Sleep Disturbance

Eating disorder

Poor-self-Esteem

Depression

Poor Body Image

Anxiety

Neurological

Headache

Pseudotumor cerebri

Depression

2. Method and procedure

All investigation should be done for the patient include blood ample (urea ,creatinine ,liver function test ,thyroid function test and, CBC)

Abdominal U/S and chest X-ray

And multidisciplinary team work include consultation for dietation and endocrinologist and general physician and pediatrician and psychiatrist .

Even the family of the patient is very important part of treatment to help the patient to change the habit or life style .

Finally the surgeon (bariatric surgeon) with anesthesiologist should be discuss together before start operation .

Prophylactic dose of antibiotic at the time of induction and anticoagulant prophylactic dose 5 hr after operation.

Pneumatic socks or leg massage is recommended for obese patient.

The laparoscopic approach for sleeve gastrectomy similar to adult only different in

Small and important point .

Check gastroscope is mandatory before start operation

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And start dissection of greater omentum from greater curvature .

Then use triple pleur thin in thickness from about 2mm to 3.5 mm because the stomach in pediatric is very thin .

And start cutting the stomach 4 -6 cm from pyloric sphincter to gastroesophageal junction and keep angle of his 2 cm from gastroesophageal junction to prevent or decrease the reflux to the esophagus .

Tast by methyle blue test or air bubble test to be sure no leak then check the hamostaisis and bleeding and putting the drain its depend on situation of operation .

Its necessary to treated and mangement the obesity in peadatric age group before reach to Adult to prevent the incidence of chronic disease and decrase incidance of complication rate to many systems of the body [26].

3. Result

Adolescents and childern

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4. Discussion

It is evident that modifying a child's lifestyle, following a diet plan (see dietation), engaging in physical activity, and using medication are the first steps in treating obesity and metabolic syndrome.

alterations in conduct. Regardless of one's level of adiposity, the Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guidelines suggest 20 minutes a day of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity to reduce body weight and enhance insulin sensitivity by addressing the insulin resistance that results from obesity [27–29].

Furthermore, it is highly advised to follow a balanced, high-fiber diet, as this has been linked to improved peripheral insulin sensitivity [30,31], a decreased hazard of childhood and teenage diabetes mellitus, a reduction in fasting blood glucose and systolic blood pressure [32], and a healthier composition and diversity of gut microbiome, that could have an impact on energy balance and nutrient metabolism [33]. On the other hand, numerous researches have demonstrated that eating a lot of fat reduces insulin sensitivity [34, 35], independent of how fat an adolescent is [36].

Furthermore, when a high intake of saturated fats is combined with an excessive intake of salt, simple sugars, refined grains, and fiber, as is the case with the Western diet [37, 38], this can lead to changes in the gut microbiome profile from a healthy pattern to one that is more prevalent in obesity [39, 40]. It can also promote inflammation [38]. The Western diet has an impact on the development of hypertension as well. For children and adolescents with hypertension, AAP recommends implementing the (DASH) diet, which is sweets, low in sugar, and sodium and high in fruits, vegetables, fish, whole grains, poultry, nuts, and lean red meat [41].

In addition to dietary and lifestyle changes, prescription drugs for weight loss may be prescribed if necessary. However, as of yet, no one medical strategy has been shown to be consistently or singularly effective for long-term use in the treatment of obesity in children or adolescents with severe weight problems. Medication for weight loss is costly, not covered by health insurance, and the majority of medications are still being investigated for their safety when used in children.[41]. Furthermore, 4–47% of patients taking medication for weight loss may experience negative side effects [42, 43]. But the most recent information available on the use of drugs to lose weight indicates promise in the field of pediatrics [44, 45].

There are extremely few pharmacological treatments for childhood obesity that have been approved. The FDA has approved phentermine, a sympathomimetic amine, for use in teenagers aged 16 and younger, liraglutide, an agonist of the glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor (GLP-1), for use in pediatric patients aged 7 to 11 years, and orlistat, also known as Xenical, which functions as an intestinal lipase inhibitor for adolescents aged 12. The European Medicines Agency (EMA) also approved the drug formaline this year for children aged 13 to 17 [46]. Formaline decreases the absorption of glucose.

The biguanide metformin is the first-choice drug and is widely prescribed by a physician or administered by hand by the patient's family. By suppressing hepatic gluconeogenesis and increasing intestinal absorption of glucose, it lowers blood glucose levels when taken orally [47–49].

Metformin lowers the risk of diabetes mellitus even though it rarely causes a noticeable reduction in body weight [50]. It emerge to block or delay changes in glucose homeostasis in children who are at high hazards of

developing type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Added to that its impossible or not recommended for use of medication for long time because of side effect of medication and some time the patient intolerance for chronic use of medication and finally he will be reach to point that he stop medication either due to side effect or other social factors ; at this point weight regain is very rapidly and will cause psychological trauma to the patient .

Change in life style is very good for weight reduction ;continuous on physical activity is very important to maintain body weight but the physical activity or portage without change in diet program it will be not reduce the body weight .

On other side the use of intragastric balloon is effective method for weight loss and have good result if its join with diet program that recommend ad from dietitian and from medical balloon company (like allurion balloon)or orbera intragastric balloon .but unfortunately even with balloon the failure rate for weight reduction is high and weight regain after balloon removal is very high for that reason the surgical treatment in pediatric age group like sleeve gastrectomy its appear and start to get successful rate for weight loss is good and accepted in short and long duration .

Criteria for Bariatric Surgery in adolescent

Not more different from criteria in adult we depend mainly on BMI .

In pediatric patient we keep sticky to restrictive technique rather than malabsorptive technique to avoid or decrease incidence of malnutrition and vitamin and minerals deficiency .

The pediatric patient during growth rate of the life so try to avoid any deficiency in minerals or vitamins specially vitamin D3 and calcium and iron .

The European Association for Endoscopic Surgery has criteria for use surgery in pediatric patient as the following list

- 1- patients with BMI ≥ 40 kg/m²,
- 2- patients with BMI ≥ 35 –40 kg/m² with comorbidities
- 3- Patients with \geq BMI 30–35 kg/m² associated with type 2 diabetes or hypertension with poor control despite optimal medical

Treatment [69].

Time of bariatric operation in pediatric patient

After conclusion with BMI and deficiency for surgery so keep in your mind the following points

- 1- Patient with at least six months chance of life style change for losing weight under close supervision.
- 2- Patient reach complete or near complete of skeletal and sexual maturation because some time impossible to reach to full skeletal maturation with obesity
- 3- patient have full information and totally understand the details of diet program post operatively and should have full information about the procedure (major point) with sufficient understanding of the procedure and complication of its
- 4-comprehensive psychological and medical evaluation before and after surgery by psychiatrist so multidisciplinary team is mandatory .

There are some contraindication for bariatric surgery in adolescent age group

1. \geq Obesity that can be treated by medical therapy.
2. BMI Less than 30%
3. Planne for pregnancy within 12–18 months of the scheduled surgical procedure.
4. Concomitant eating disorders patient out of control .
5. Medical or psychiatric or psychosocial issues that interfere with postsurgical recommendations

6. Patient unfit for general anesthesia

5. Recommendation

Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy as Preferred Surgical Approach as I mention perviosly becouse it restrictive procedure not affect on malabsorbative technique .

Another bariearic procedure like R- en- Y gastric bypass and minigastric bypass or single anastomosis gastric bypass and SASI procedure and adjustable gastric band all of this procedure can be use for weitht loss in adult but not prefer for pediatric age group only in special condision .

The recommendation for pediatric age group try to avoid malabsorbative procedure and don't rush the patient immediately for surgical intervension for weight loss but keep as multidisiplinary team decision

Also don't hesitate in family duty for help the surgeon to get good result for weight loss and maintain weight loss also to avoid complication in early stage .

Some time its necessary to give chance for the patient for weight loss by intragastric balloon before decision for surgery.

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