

August 30, 2017 MEDCAC Voting Scores
Health Outcomes After Bariatric Surgical Therapies in the Medicare Population

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1	How confident are you that the following are meaningful primary health outcomes in research studies of bariatric surgery:															
	<i>1 Low Confidence -2- 3 Intermediate Confidence -4- 5 High Confidence</i>															
	a. Weight loss;	5	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4.63	4.77
	b. Postoperative complications;	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	4	4.75	4.69
	c. Diabetes and metabolic outcomes;	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	4.75	4.77

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2	How confident are you that there is sufficient evidence for an intervention (to include open and laparoscopic surgeries and endoscopic procedures) where the benefit outweighs the harm for:															
	<i>1 Low Confidence -2- 3 Intermediate Confidence -4- 5 High Confidence</i>															
	a. Short term (2 years or less from surgery) weight loss?	4	3	3	4	5	5	5	3	4	4	5	5	5	4.00	4.23
	b. Mid-term (more than 2 but 5 or less from surgery) weight loss?	3	3	3	3	4	5	5	1	3	3	5	5	5	3.38	3.69

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3	For those outcomes listed in Question 1 with a voting score >2.5, how confident are you that there is sufficient evidence for an intervention (to include open and laparoscopic surgeries and endoscopic procedures) where the benefit outweighs the harm for:															
	<i>1 Low Confidence -2- 3 Intermediate Confidence -4- 5 High Confidence</i>															
	a. Short term (2 years or less from surgery) outcomes?	4	2	3	4	2	5	5	2	4	2	5	5	5	3.38	3.69
	b. Mid-term (more than 2 but 5 or less from surgery) outcomes?	3	2	3	2	2	4	5	1	2	2	5	5	5	2.75	3.15

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4	How confident are you that the predictors of success in the Medicare population (such as patient characteristics and pre and post procedure standards of care) for any bariatric therapy is known?	2	1	2	1	1	3	4	1	2	2	1	3	4	1.88	2.08