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# **TANDEM TALK** **INQUADRAMENTO** **PSICOLOGICO E** **NUTRIZIONALE IN** **CASO DI WEIGHT** **REGAIN**

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# Weight Regain and Insufficient Weight Loss After Bariatric Surgery: Definitions, Prevalence, Mechanisms, Predictors, Prevention and Management Strategies, and Knowledge Gaps—a Scoping Review

Table 1 Selected examples of definitions and prevalence of WR and IWL after BS

Characteristic	Unit/component/s	Examples
Definition		
WR	Using EWL%	> 25% EWL from nadir [17–19]
	Using nadir weight %	≥ 10% [8, 20] or > 15% of nadir weight [8, 9, 21, 22]
	Using nadir weight kg	≥ 10 kg from nadir [8, 21–23]
	Using maximum WL	≥ 10% [8, 24], ≥ 20 [8, 25] or ≥ 25 [8, 26] of maximum WL
	Using pre-surgery weight	≥ 10% WR of pre-surgery weight [8, 27]
	Using any WR after remission	Any WR after T2DM remission [28]
	Using any WR	Any WR [29]
	Using BMI	≥ 5 BMI kg/m <sup>2</sup> points from nadir [30] Increase in BMI > 35 kg/m <sup>2</sup> after successful WL [31]
IWL	Using EWL%	EWL of < 50% at 18 months [16]
Prevalence <sup>a</sup>		
WR		Post-LAGB (38%) [32]; post-LSG (27.8%) [33]; post-RYGB (3.9%) [34]
IWL		After LSG (32–40%) [17, 35]; after RYGB, OAGB, and LSG combined (20%) [36]

Range of definitions and prevalence selected are examples for illustration purposes only and do not include all examples in the literature. *EWL* excess weight loss, *WR* weight regain, *IWL* insufficient weight loss, *WL* weight loss, *T2DM* type 2 diabetes, *BMI* body mass index, *LAGB* laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding, *LSG* laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, *OAGB* one anastomosis gastric bypass

<sup>a</sup> Prevalence of WR are different depending on choice of BS procedure, varied assessment methods (EWL, weight from Nadir), and various follow-up periods

## DEFINIZIONE





SICOB-endorsed national Delphi consensus on obesity treatment optimization: focus on diagnosis, pre-operative management, and weight regain/insufficient weight loss approach

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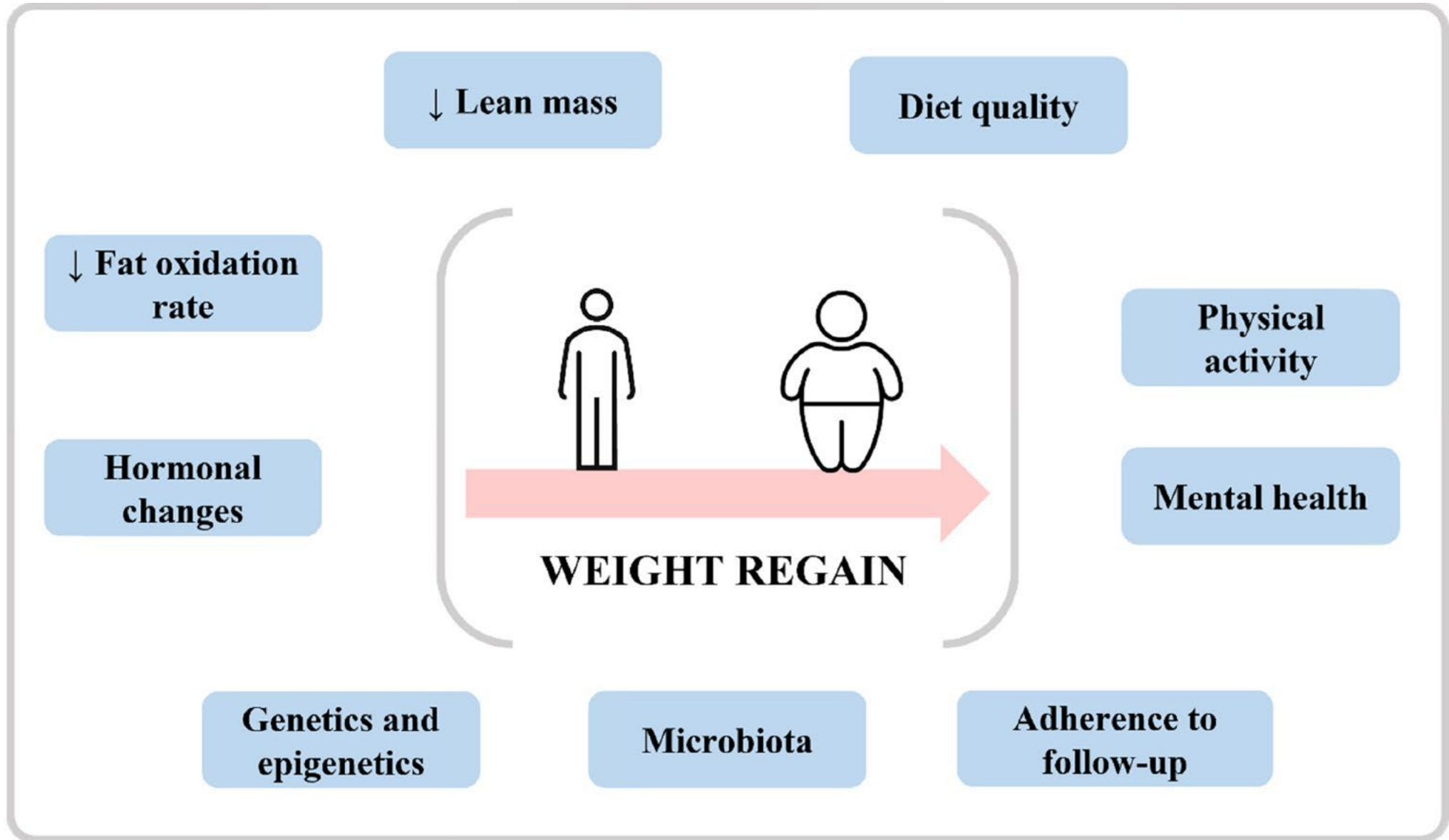
*IWL:*

- weight loss < 20% of the initial weight or that does not shift the patient to a class of obesity different from the initial one or that does not lead to control clinically significant metabolic complications.

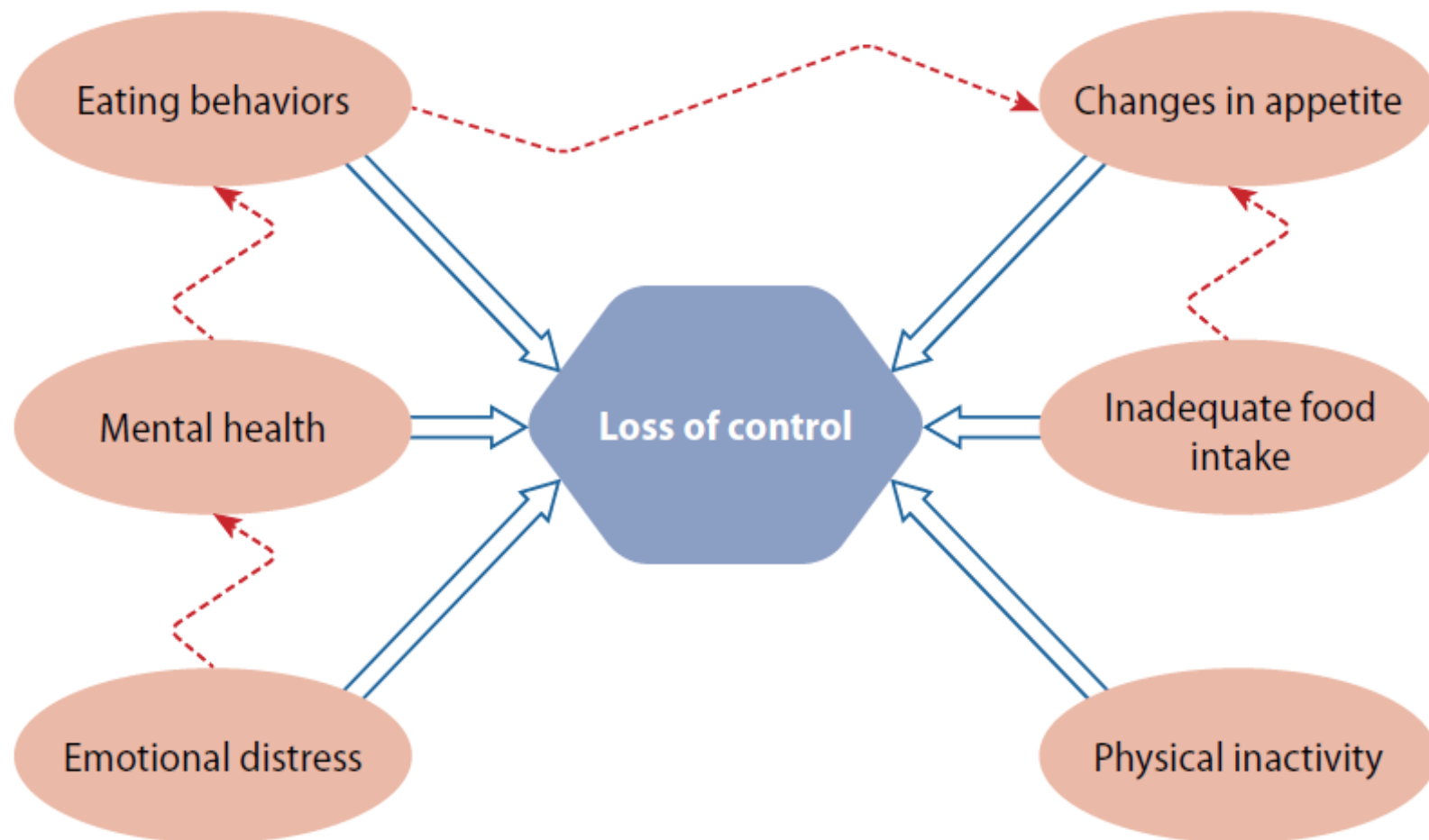
*Significant  
WR:*

- any weight regained by the nadir that lends itself to the value or is very close to the initial value (first evaluation) with a detrimental effect on the quality of life or involving clinically inadequate control of metabolic complications.

# POSSIBILI CAUSE







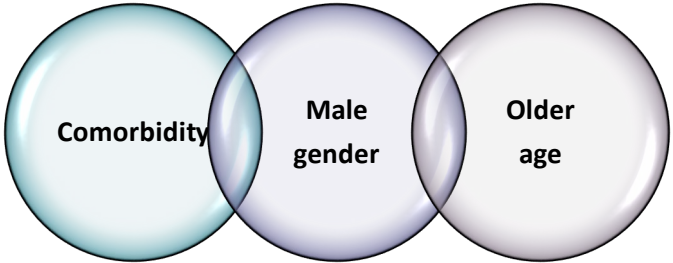
**Figure 2.** Schematic map of correlations between factors involved in loss of control in bariatric surgery patients in long-term follow-up period.

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Characteristic	Summary
Causes	
Hormonal/metabolic	Increase in ghrelin, decrease in peptide YY and GLP-1, post-bariatric hypoglycemia, role of leptin is unclear [24, 40–49]
Dietary non-adherence	Increase caloric intake with time, dietary non-adherence/food indiscretion, grazing, lack of nutritional follow-up [13, 32, 50–56]
Physical inactivity	Non-compliance, sedentary behavior, presence of barriers to exercise [51, 57–61]
Mental health	Depression, multiple psychiatric conditions, binge eating disorder, loss of control over eating [54, 62–68]
Anatomic surgical failure	
LAGB	Pouch distension [69]
LSG	Dilatation of gastric pouch [70–77]
RYGB	Dilatation of gastric pouch, dilatation of gastrojejunostomy stoma outlet, gastrogastic fistula [73–75]
Predictors	Older age, male gender, higher preoperative BMI, mental health issues, presence of comorbidities (T2DM, hypertension, OSA) [34, 36, 76–86]
Prevention and management	
Behavioral	Cognitive behavioral therapy, remote acceptance-based behavioral intervention, lifestyle counseling [87–90]
Dietary	Counseling with dietitian, structured dietary intervention [91–94]
Pharmacological	FDA approved: phentermine, phentermine–topiramate extended release, liraglutide, bupropion/naltrexone Off label: metformin, topiramate, zonisamide, bupropion [95–98]
Surgical (management only)	
After failed LAGB	Conversion to LSG, RYGB, BPD/DS [99]
After failed LSG	Conversion to RYGB, BPD/DS [17]
After failed RYGB	Conversion to DRYGB or to BPD/DS; or revision of gastric pouch and anastomosis, revision with gastric band [100]

WR weight regain, IWL insufficient weight loss, BS bariatric surgery, GLP-1 glucagon-like protein-1, LAGB laparoscopic adjustable gastric banding, LSG laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy, RYGB Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, BPD/DS biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch, FDA Food and Drug Administration, DRYGB distal RYGB

## PREDICTORS



Preoperative Eating Patterns

Preoperative Higher BMI



Depression

Multiple psychiatric conditions

BED- LOC over eating



ORIGINAL ARTICLE



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**Statement 7 - A thorough investigation aimed to gain significant surgical outcomes should always identify the presence of peculiar:**

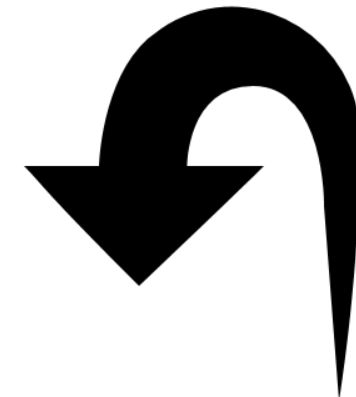
**7.1 eating behaviors: Grazing, Binge, Loss of Control Eating (LOC) and sweet eating**

**7.2 Eating Disorders: Binge Eating Disorder (BED) and Night Eating Syndrome (NES)**



	Dietary Adherence	Physical activity	Weight loss (%)	Mean	SD	$\alpha$
Age	.08	-.20**	-.26***	44.44	9.61	
Sex (1 female, 2 male)	-.11	-.01	-.14*	1.22	0.41	
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	.03	-.05	-.05	44.9	5.72	
Previous behavior - Weight loss/diet history						
Preoperative weight loss %	.06	.03	-.14*	3.87	5.71	
Years with dieting experience %	.24***	.05	.09	54.58	17.76	
Diet strategies used (less carbs, fats, sweets)	.03	.01	.16*	4.92	2.35	N/A
Number of times lost >10 kg	.13	.03	.03	4.26	3.35	
Magnitude of largest weight loss	.03	.15*	.22**	24.39	14.83	
Number of times participated in an organized diet program	.03	-.02	-.02	3.47	3.83	
Preoperative behavior						
Alcohol use	-.02	-.14*	.02	4.19	1.73	N/A
Frequency of snacking	-.08	-.09	.23**	2.93	0.51	.43 <sup>§</sup>
Night eating tendency	-.25***	-.09	-.14*	1.17	0.50	N/A
PA (MET-min/week)	.10	.39***	.14*	1881	2322	
Binge eating	.01	-.09	.03	1.69	0.83	N/A
Psychological factors - Motivation/expectations						
Weight loss goal (%) <sup>†</sup>	.05	-.06	-.01	37.71	7.65	N/A
Well-being expectations	.05	.09	-.01	8.34	1.34	.84
Social competence expectations	-.05	.01	.02	7.28	1.74	.73
Readiness to limit food intake	.29***	-	-.05	9.04	1.13	N/A
Readiness to increase PA	-	.25***	.05	8.43	1.60	N/A
Planning eating behavior	.08	-	-.02	3.01	0.53	.85
Planning PA	-	.34***	.00	2.72	0.59	.93
Self-efficacy	.09	.14*	.09	3.10	0.44	.87
Psychological factors - Self-evaluation/emotional distress /social factors						
Self-esteem	.15*	.15*	-.01	2.66	0.73	.82
Body Image	.15*	.16*	.01	2.44	0.55	.74
Emotion regulation - reappraisal	-.03	.05	.01	4.00	0.85	.80
Emotion regulation - suppression	-.08	.00	-.06	3.79	1.05	.78
Anxiety symptoms	-.10	.04	.03	7.04	4.29	.84
Depressive symptoms	-.19**	-.14*	-.04	5.41	3.78	.78
Resilience	.18**	.09	-.04	3.64	0.64	.93
Satisfaction with relationship <sup>‡</sup>	.09	.03	.04	5.52	1.15	.85

## PREOPERATIVE EATING PATTERNS



## PREDICTOR OF POSTOPERATIVE

- DIETARY ADHERENCE
- PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
- %WEIGHT LOSS

Preoperative predictors of adherence to dietary and physical activity recommendations and weight loss one year after surgery, Bergh et al. SOARD (2016 )



Original article

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Table 2

Number and percentage of patients reporting LOC, picking and/or nibbling, or both, at least once in the previous month

Preoperative assessment	N = 61	Postoperative assessment			
		No PEB 33 (54.1%)	LOC only 6 (9.8%)	Picking and/or nibbling only 19 (31.1%)	LOC + picking and/or nibbling 3 (4.9%)
No PEB	38 (62.3%)	23 (60.5%)	5 (13.2%)	9 (23.7%)	1 (2.6%)
LOC only	4 (6.6%)	2 (50%)	0 (0%)	2 (50%)	0 (0%)
Picking and/or nibbling only	16 (26.2%)	7 (43.8%)	1 (6.3%)	7 (43.8%)	1 (6.3%)
LOC + picking and/or nibbling	3 (4.9%)	1 (33.3%)	0 (0%)	1 (33.3%)	1 (33.3%)

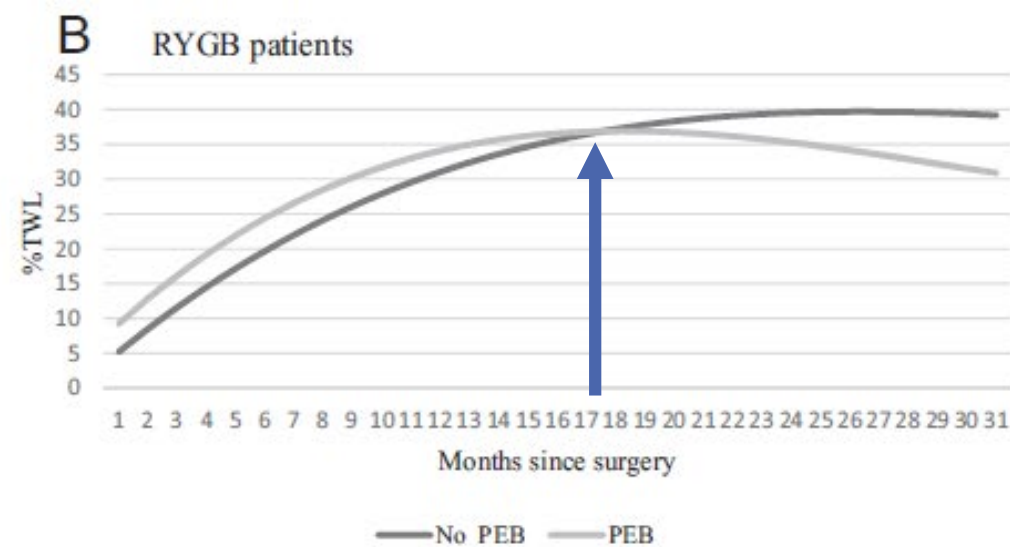
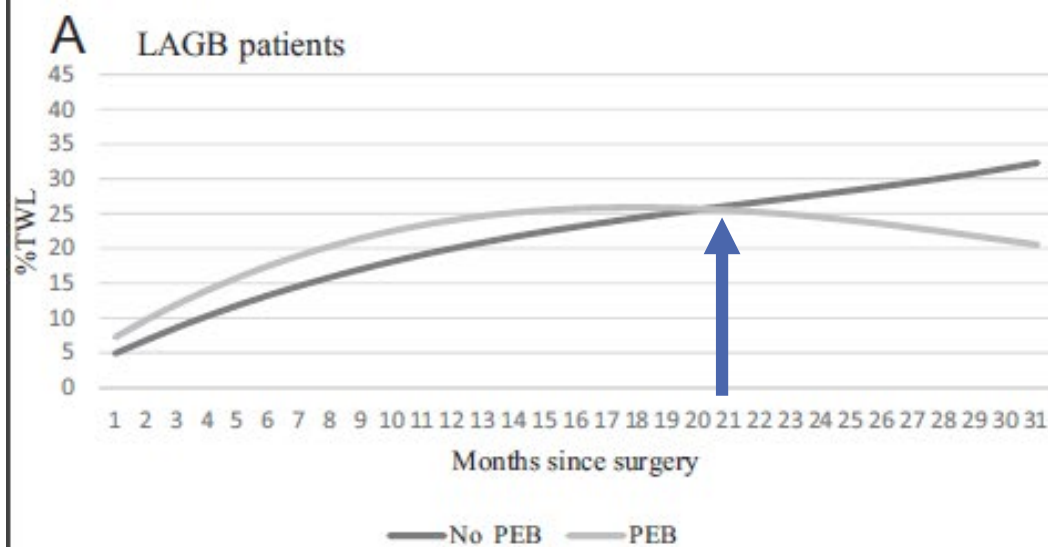
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Original Investigation

# Postoperative Behavioral Variables and Weight Change 3 Years After Bariatric Surgery

## Key Points

**Question** What are the postoperative predictors of the amount of subsequent weight loss following bariatric surgery in severely obese adults?

**Findings** In a cohort study of 2022 post-bariatric surgery patients from 10 US hospitals in the Longitudinal Assessment of Bariatric Surgery-2 (LABS-2) study, those patients who adopted healthier eating and weight control behaviors after surgery experienced significantly greater weight loss than other patients.

**Meaning** Addressing problematic eating and weight control behaviors, many of which are potentially modifiable, may improve weight loss substantially following bariatric surgery.

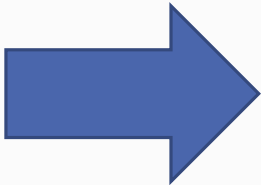
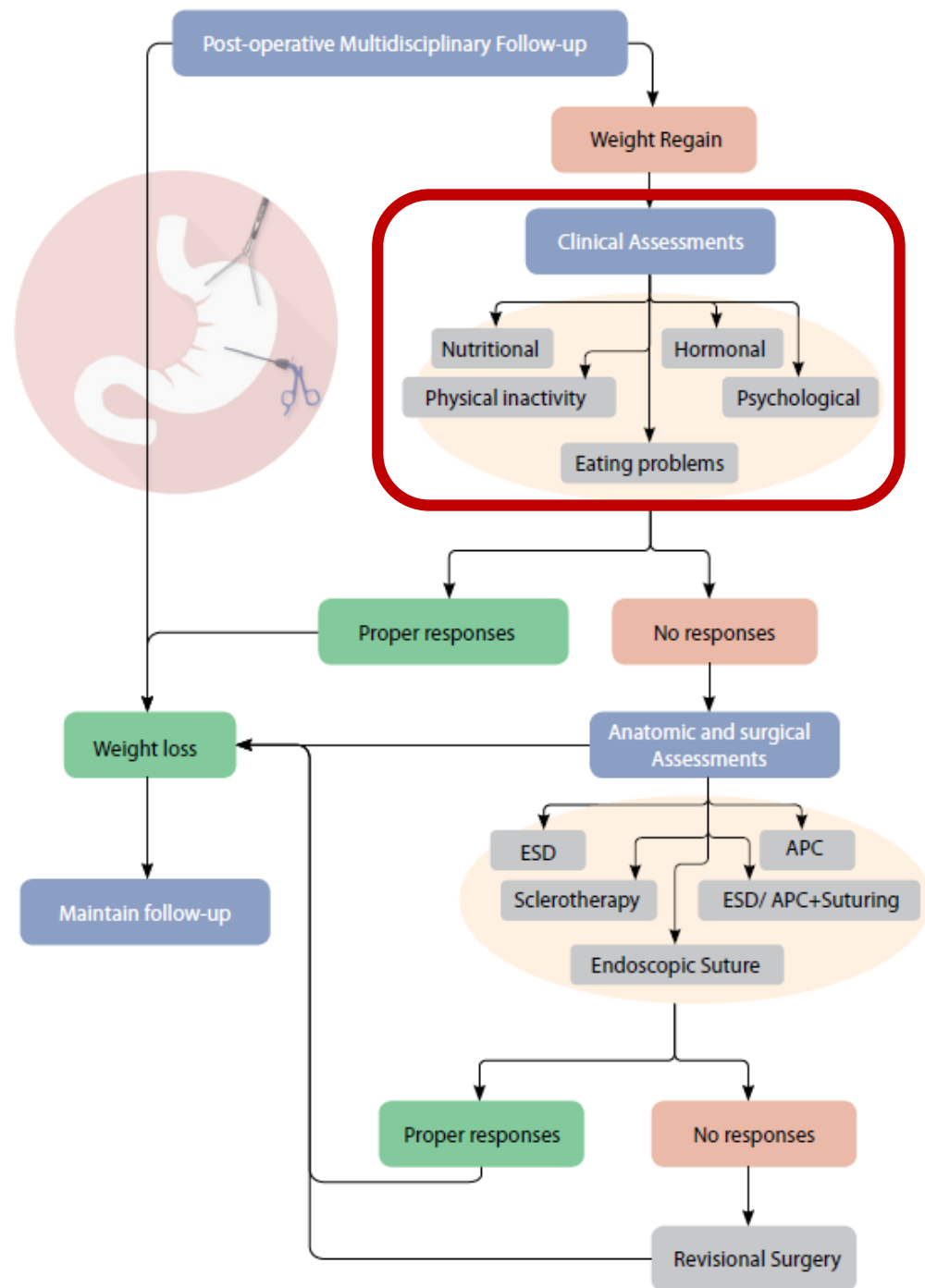


Table 1. Modifiable Practices and Behaviors

Category	Practice or Behavior
Weight loss practices	Self-weigh at least weekly
	See nutritionist or dietitian
	See personal trainer or exercise specialist
	Keep a food diary
	Count fat grams
	Decrease fat intake
	Reduce number of calories eaten
	Use a very low-calorie diet
	Cut out between-meal snacking
	Eat fewer high-carbohydrate foods
	Eat special low-calorie diet foods
	Eat or drink meal replacements
	Increase fruits and vegetables
Alcohol, smoking, and illegal drugs	Cut out sugar-sweetened beverages
	Alcohol use disorder
	Current smoker
Eating behaviors and problems	Illegal drug use
	Eat breakfast regularly
	Eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner regularly
	Eat when feeling full, more than once a week
	Eat when not hungry, more than once a week
	Eat continuously during the day or part of the day
	Binge-eating disorder
	Loss-of-control eating
	Night eating syndrome
	Evening hyperphagia
	Night eating



# FOLLOWUP



## VALUTAZIONE NUTRIZIONALE

**Anthropometry**

**Biochemical and  
clinical tests**

**Food tolerance**  
(swallow, digest,  
intolerance, bowel  
movement)

**Fatigue**

**Fluids balance (thirst)**

**Energy/protein  
intake**

**Vitamin  
mineral/supplements**

**Meal and snack  
frequency**

**Level of hunger  
before meals**

**Level of fullness after  
meals**

**Amount of food  
client is able to eat at  
one sitting**

**Disordered eating  
patterns**

**Meals eaten away  
from home**

**Duration of meals**

**Consumption of  
liquids at the same  
time as solids**



Eating Behavior	Problem	Intervention
Erratic eating	Inconsistent/unplanned eating schedule	Preplan approximate timing and appropriate spacing of meals throughout the day based on daily schedule
Meal skipping	Not eating for an extended time period leading to subsequent hunger and overeating	Plan meals ahead of time; create a shopping list to ensure selected food and appropriate amounts are available to prepare these meals
Unhealthy food and beverage selections	Frequent intake of high-calorie/processed meals and snacks including fast food/take-out, fried food, concentrated sweets, and refined carbohydrates; calorie-rich beverages such as soda and juices	Education on balanced meal preparation containing protein and fiber-rich sources to help optimize satiety; encourage cooking classes and/or online cooking resources
Nibbling/Grazing	Continuous/repetitive and unplanned eating of modest portions of food throughout the day; often associated with previous binge-eating behaviors; leads to excessive cumulative energy intake	Avoidance of skipping meals; appropriate meal portion sizes (1/2-1 cup). Identify triggers including stress, boredom, and emotional factors or engaging in other activities such as watching television
Night eating	Consuming more calories before sleep favors positive energy balance and weight gain	Schedule time for meals during the day; self-monitor using food journal
Inappropriate portions	Portion sizes beyond the feeling of fullness resulting in discomfort	Weigh and measure foods, use smaller plates and utensils, and limit volume to 1 cup of food per meal
Alcohol use	Excess nonnutritive calories; promotes increased hunger, food cravings, and compromises judgment regarding proper food selection	Avoid or limit alcohol consumption; consider referral to treatment program if unable to control behavior
Insufficient protein and fiber intake	Protein and fiber promote optimal satiation; protein-rich foods optimize muscle integrity and energy metabolism	Education on quality sources of protein and fiber; assist with meal planning to achieve appropriate intake
Drinking fluids with meals	Potential enlargement of the gastric pouch and outlet with repeated behavior; leads to rapid emptying of the stomach	Delay fluid intake at least 30 minutes after consuming solid food



## EDUCATIVE INTERVENTION



## INTENSIVE MONITORING AND FOLLOW-UP



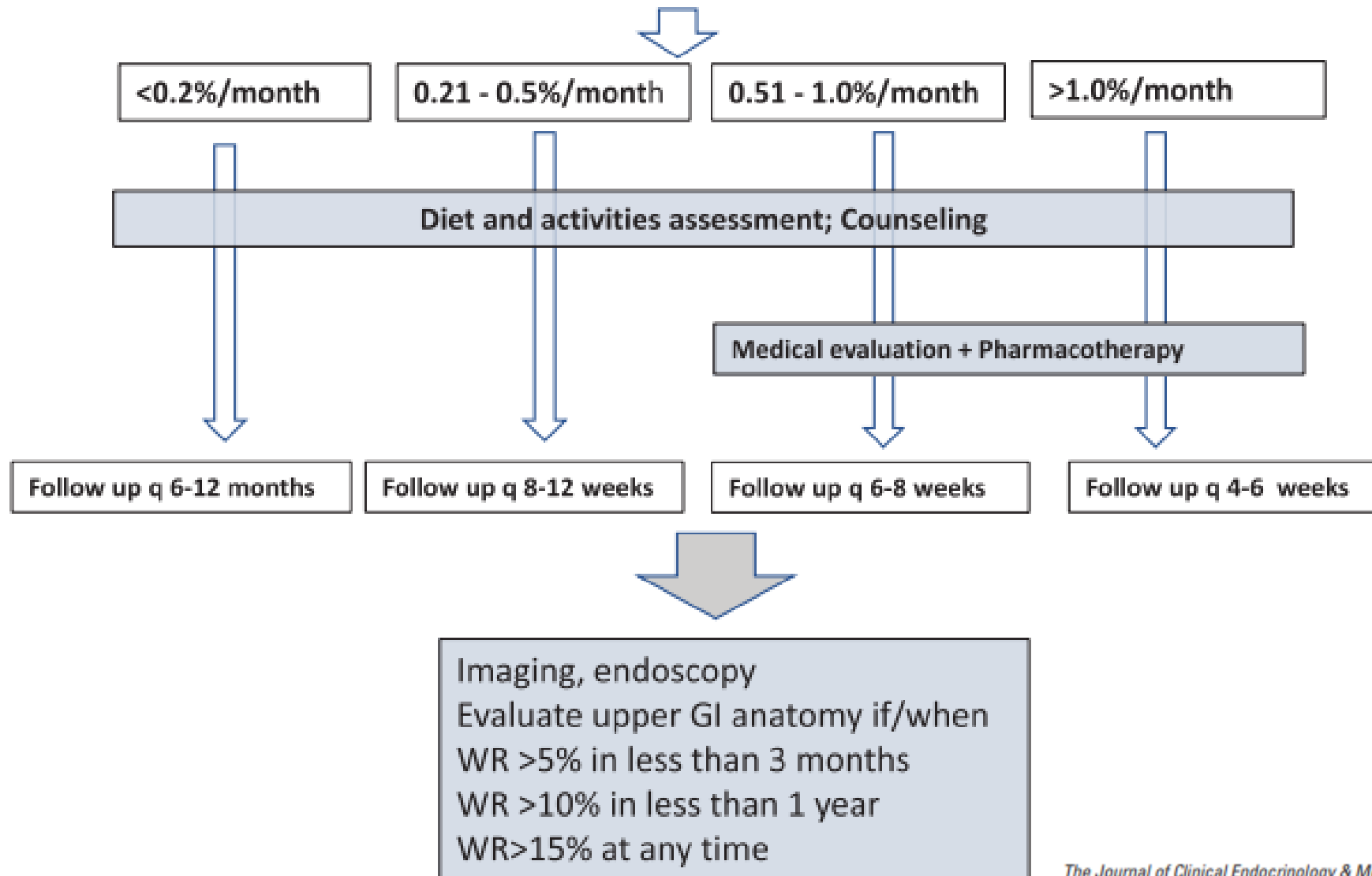
**What is the effectiveness of various types/modes of delivery of behavioral therapies ?**

(e.g., group vs individualized, face to face vs remote)

**When should behavioral and intensive nutritional therapy be introduced to effectively prevent or treat WR/IWL ?**

(e.g., preventive at weight plateau vs management after WR)

## Evaluation of WR: Percent Over Nadir



# FOLLOWUP

AACE/TOS/ASMBS/OMA/ASA 2019 Guidelines

**CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR THE PERIOPERATIVE NUTRITION, METABOLIC, AND NONSURGICAL SUPPORT OF PATIENTS UNDERGOING BARIATRIC PROCEDURES – 2019 UPDATE:**  
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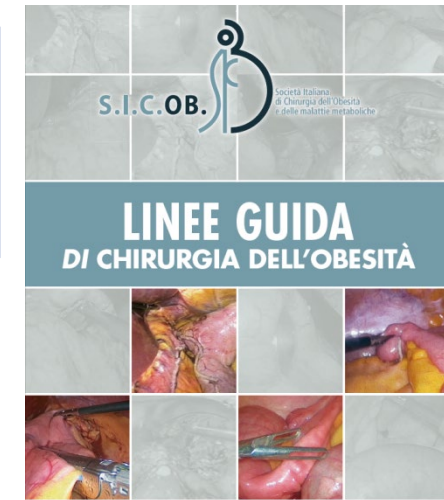
**Clinical practice guidelines of the European Association for Endoscopic Surgery (EAES) on bariatric surgery: update 2020 endorsed by IFSO-EC, EASO and ESPCOP**



**Recommendations for nutritional care after bariatric surgery: Recommendations for best practice and SOFFCO-MM/AFERO/SFNCM/expert consensus<sup>☆</sup>**



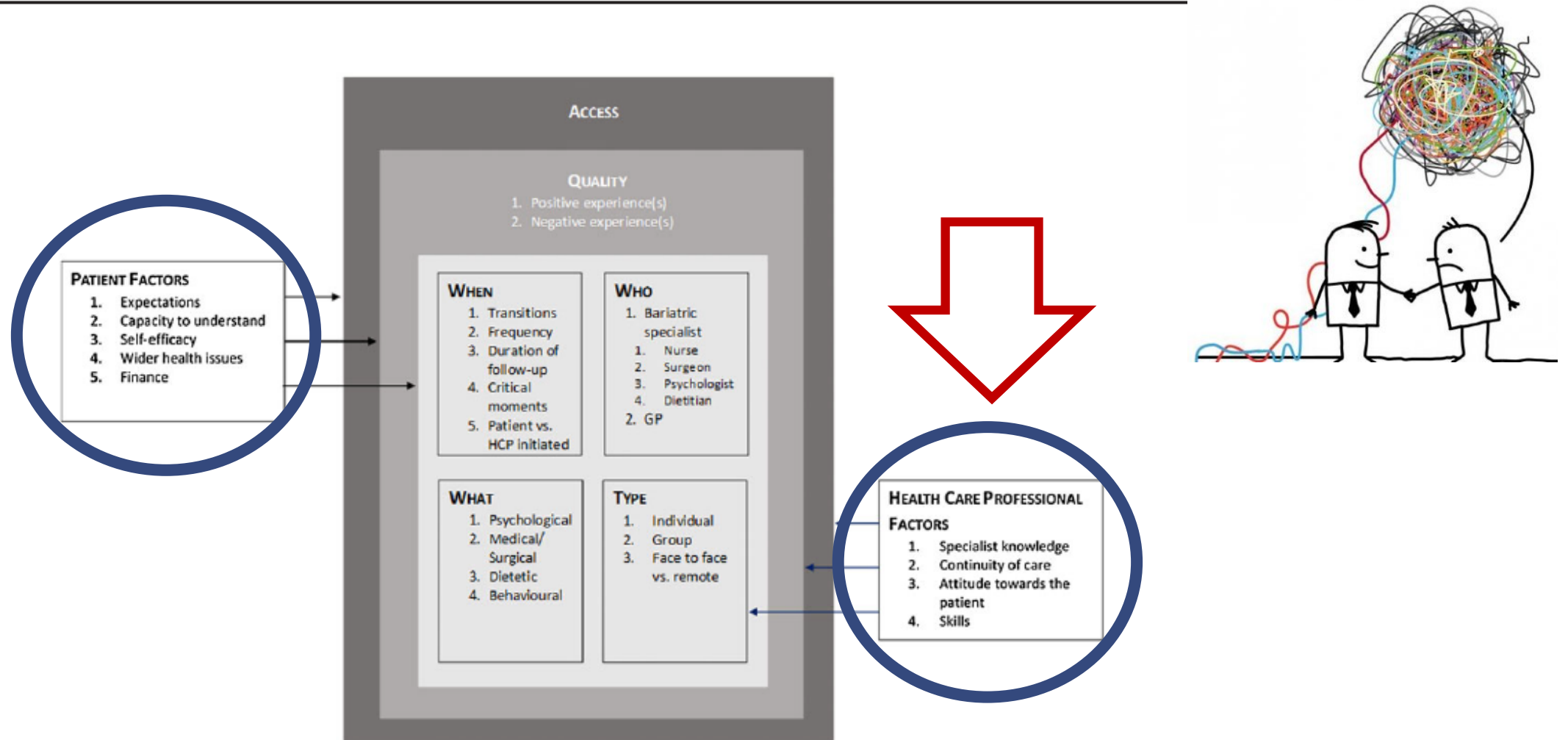
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# FOLLOWUP

**obesity** reviews

Post bariatric surgery care experiences H. M. Parretti et al.







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