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STUDY HIGHLIGHTS ON MORBID OBESITY AND BARIATRIC SURGERY

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“IMPACT OF LAPAROSCOPIC ROUX-EN-Y GASTRIC BYPASS ON HGA1C CONCENTRATIONS IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES: A MATCHED COHORT ANALYSIS”

- **Presentation date/time:** Wednesday, June 18 at 9 a.m. (EST)
- **Corresponding author:** Shanu N. Kothari, MD, FACS, director of minimally invasive bariatric surgery at the Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center, La Crosse, Wisconsin
- **Key finding:** Patients who underwent gastric bypass surgery had significant and sustained improvement in HgA1c concentrations as compared to morbidly obese, medically managed patients with diabetes.

“BARIATRIC SURGERY IMPROVES/PREVENTS CANCER IN MORBIDLY OBESE”

- **Presentation date/time:** Wednesday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. (EST)
- **Corresponding author:** Nicolas V. Christou, MD, PhD, director of bariatric surgery and professor of surgery at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- **Key finding:** Bariatric surgery improves and/or prevents the development of cancer in morbidly obese patients, with the biggest reductions seen in breast cancer and colon cancer.

“HOW MUCH EWL IS ENOUGH? A BAYESIAN ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE MINIMAL EWL TO DELIVER IMPROVEMENT/RESOLUTION OF COMORBIDITIES AFTER LAPAROSCOPIC ADJUSTABLE GASTRIC BANDING IN PATIENTS WITH BMI 30 – 40”

- **Presentation date/time:** Wednesday, June 18 at 3:15 p.m. (EST)
- **Corresponding author:** Christine J. Ren, MD, associate professor of surgery at the NYU School of Medicine and director of NYU Program for Surgical Weight Loss, New York, New York
- **Key finding:** Patients who had gastric banding and lost less than half of their excess weight within a year resolved or dramatically improved their type 2 diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol and sleep apnea.

“EFFECT OF IMMUNOSUPPRESSION ON PATIENTS UNDERGOING WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY”

- **Presentation date/time:** Thursday, June 19 at 3:15 p.m.
- **Corresponding author:** Daniel J. Gagné, MD, director of laparoscopic and minimally invasive surgery at the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- **Key finding:** Patients on immunosuppressive medications or with a diagnosis of immunosuppressive disease can safely undergo bariatric surgery with good weight loss results. A large percentage of patients are able to discontinue immunosuppressive medications postoperatively.