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Module 6 - PEARLS: Bariatric Surgery and Devices and Post-operative Care for **Primary Care**

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Goals of This Session

- Review clinical pearls from the Surgery and Devices Clinical Webinar
- Apply post-operative care knowledge to clinical practice

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PEARLS from the Module 6 Clinical Webinar

- Metabolic and Bariatric surgery works by changing the microbiome and hunger and satiety hormones not just restriction and malabsorption
- Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery can be life saving and life changing
- Match the treatment of obesity to the severity of the disease
- Find an accredited bariatric surgery center in your area of practice to refer to
- \blacksquare Post-operative care can be completed by the PCP, an obesity specialist, or the $bariatric\ surgery\ center\ and\ includes:$
 - Annual labs
 - Bone density
 - Assuring the recommended supplements are being taken
 - Monitoring and managing weight regain

PEARLS from the Module 6 Clinical Webinar

- Formulation matters for supplementation!
- No gummies
- Calcium Citrate 500mg three times daily
- Bariatric-specific supplements preferred
- Separate MVI + iron and Calcium supplement by 2 hours to minimize competition for absorption
- Weight regain after surgery is NOT failure
- Obesity is a disease that can be treated and managed, but not cured. Bariatric surgery is a great tool. It does not cure the disease state process.

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Case Study

- A 45-year-old male presents to his PCP for a new patient visit to establish care
- PMH:
 - Hypertension

 - Type 2 Diabetes
 Obstructive Sleep Apnea
 - GERD Class III Obesity
- Surgeries:
 - Tonsillectomy • Roux-en-Y Gastric bypass in 2012



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Case Study, Continued

- Vitals: Ht: 5′7, Weight: 230 lbs, BMI: 36.0 kg/m2, BP: 119/68 mmHg, P: 68 BPM
 - Medications:
 - Metformin 1000mg BID
 - Lisinopril 10 mg
- What questions do you have for him regarding his medical and surgical history?

Case Study: Assessment

- Weight history: General weight trajectory throughout his life?
- Significant periods of weight gain or weight loss?
- Highest weight (prior to surgery), lowest weight after surgery, amount of regain and potential causes for regain after surgery?
- Complications after surgery?
- Appetite control after surgery and current appetite control?
- Volume of food that can be consumed in one sitting?
- Bariatric multivitamin/ mineral supplementation?
- Bone density?
- Nutrition, physical activity, sleep history (CPAP use? OSA testing?)

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Case Study, Continued

- Gradual weight gain since age 20
- Some success with low carb and gym, but regained weight every time. RYGB
 was most successful. Gained weight with getting married, changing to desk
 job, increase in stress.
- Highest weight: 270 lbs. Lowest weight: 200 lbs. Regained: 30 lbs over 10 years gradual 1-5 lbs per year, more in recent years since COVID.
- Complications after surgery? None.
- Appetite control after surgery and current appetite control? Great for the first two years; hungrier now getting worse.
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 Volume of food that can be consumed in one sitting? 2 cups of food.
- Bariatric supplementation? Stopped taking 2 years ago during COVID.
- Bone density test: 7 years ago
- OSA: stopped using CPAP after RYGB. Has not had a sleep test since.

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Case Study: Plan

- Order fasting labs, including bariatric vitamin panel (CBC, CMP, TSH, HbA1c, lipid panel, insulin, uric acid, vitamins: thiamine, B12, folate, iron, TIBC, ferritin), 25hydroxyvitamin D, calcium, PTH, Vitamin A, Zinc, Copper)
- Refer for sleep test
- Refer for Bone Density testing (DEXA)
- Consider adding an anti-obesity medication: Give patient information about options, ask patient to check with his insurance regarding coverage
- Restart bariatric MV and calcium supplementation
- Follow up in one month to review labs and for assessment of nutrition, physical activity, sleep, and stress (give him forms to fill out and bring back on his next visit)

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Most Common Comment from Patients

"I only wish I had done it sooner"

