



Importance of Bariatric Nutrition and Current Worldwide Guidelines

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Several guidelines recommend adopting the MDT approach for the care of bariatric surgical patient 1-5





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Multidisciplinary Team





Types of Bariatric Surgery









- Types of Bariatric Surgery
- Thorough knowledge of your patient
- Knowledge of which procedure will cause what nutrient deficiency
- Medical Emergencies that can be prevented by a nutritionist such as Wernicke's encephalopathy, Protein Energy Malnutrition, hypoglycemia and liver failure

Nutritional Considerations



- Pre-op situations
- Acute Post op situations

Nausea /Vomiting Diarrhea / bloating

Constipation

• Long term post op situations

Dumping Syndrome & Hypoglycemia

Weight Regain

Nutritional Deficiencies



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Helps reduce Visceral fat + reduce swelling on liver

Protein approximately 60-75 gms

Very low carbohydrate diet (800-1000 Kcals/day)

Decreases surgical time

Pre – Op Diet



Modifications of Pre-op Diet



- **Diabetes Insulin Dependent** Prevent hypoglycemia
- Hyperuricemia

Avoid purine rich foods

Avoid non – vegetarian sources of protein

Adequate Hydration

Liver disease

Avoid Severe protein restriction

1.0 – 1.5 g/kg/IBW

Adjustments in Sodium and fluid incase of ascites and hyponatremia

Renal disease

High biological value protein

Adjustment K+ incase of imbalance in electrolytes

Fluid Restriction may be required

• Cardiac Disease Fluid and /or Sodium restriction

Acute Situations



SYMPTOM	REASON	WHAT SHOULD I DO?
NAUSEA/ VOMITING	Changes in the gut hormones might initially cause mild nausea or vomiting. These symptoms can also be aggravated if you eat too fast or too much, or leave long gaps between meals.	Eat slowly, and at regular intervals Chew your food well.
CONSTIPATION	This is mainly caused by two factors – the liquid diet lacks fibre; and when you restart solids, you are eating much less than you used to.	Keep sipping on water and low-calorie fluids through the day. When you restart solids, include salads and fruit to add fibre. You can also take fibre supplements for few months post surgery.
ACIDITY	Post a sleeve gastrectomy, slight acidity is expected which can last for a few weeks.	Again, eat at regular intervals and if you like, you can take a course of antacids for the first few months after surgery.
BLOATING/ EXCESS GAS/ FLATULENCE	Again, this is a consequence of the changes in your digestive system. It can be aggravated if you eat too fast, or use a straw to drink.	Eat very slowly and chew your food thoroughly. Avoid straws. Above all, be patient with the changes your body is going through.



Acute Situations



- Persistent vomiting
- Could lead to Thiamine deficiency
- Supplemented in the absence of lab reports
- Prevent irreversible damage Wernicke's Encephalopathy
- Stored in small amounts in the body and needs constant replenishment
- Post –op patients given infusion containing dextrose without vitamin



Dumping Syndrome & Hypoglycemia

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- Hypoglycemia one of the most damaging long term consequences of bariatric surgery
- Adversely affects patient quality of life
- Dumping Early and Late dumping
- Majority cases are late dumping (1-3 hours post a meal) causes hypoglycemia type symptoms
- Neuroglycopenia (weakness, fatigue, confusion, hunger, dizziness)
- Autonomic/adrenergic response (sweating, palpitation, irritability)

- TESTS
- 3-5 hour OGTT with corresponding insulin levels and / or Continuous glucose monitoring
- Management in conjunction with an experienced endocrinologist





Goals of Nutritional Management

- To treat low blood glucose levels promptly
- Avoid over-treatment and rebound hyperglycemia
- Prevent repeated future episodes of hypoglycemia
- Avoid over treatment of hypoglycemia which can lead to weight gain



Nutritional Intervention

- Patient education to recognize signs and symptoms of hypoglycemia and dumping syndrome
- Small frequent meals
- Complex carbohydrate meals + optimal protein intake
- Use of fibre supplementations
- Avoidance of refined foods , sugary drinks and Alcohol
- Avoidance of drinking fluids immediately post a meal



Cross – Referrals



- Failure to stabilize blood sugar levels with nutritional intervention
- Referral to Endocrinologist
- Prescribe Acarbose
 - alpha-glucosidase inhibitors. It works by slowing the action of certain enzymes that break food down into sugars.



Overnutrition ??





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Malnutrition ??





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Reasons for Nutritional Deficiencies among the Obese







Most Common Nutritional Deficiencies





Post Surgery

- Reduced Intake
- Reduced Gastric Acid
- Reduced Intrinsic Factor
- Bypassed stomach ,duodenum and part of the jejunum
- Delayed mixing of pancreatic and gastric juices
- Food aversions and intolerances



Iron



- Reduced gastric acid for conversion to absorbable ferrous state
- Most efficient absorption in the duodenum and proximal jejunum
- Increased gastric emptying and decreased intestinal transit time



Vitamin B12



- Reduced gastric acid to release bound form of Vitamin B12 from food
- Reduced Intrinsic Factor due to resection of stomach
- Bypassing majority of the stomach







- Reduced gastric acid production required for calcium absorption
- Bypassing of most active absorption sites duodenum



Vitamin D3



- Bypassing absorption sites Jejunum and ileum
- Delayed mixing of bile juices
- Reduced absorption area



Protein



- More pronounced in malabsorptive procedures SADI-S ,BPD ,DS ,Long limb gastric bypass
- Lack of intake , food aversions , food intolerances



Folic Acid



- Stored in small amounts in the body requires constant replenishment
- Reduced food intake
- Bypassing of primary absorption sites Jejunum



Fat soluble nutrients & Trace Nutrients



- Vitamin A , E , K , Zinc & Copper , Selenium , Magnesium
- More pronounced in malabsorptive procedures SADI-S , BPD , DS , Long limb gastric bypass





• Replacement of these vitamins and mineral is critical for the success of the surgery .

• Knowledge of the surgical procedure + knowledge of deficiency symptoms are key attributes that every bariatric nutritionist should posses



Current Worldwide Guidelines



- ASMBS 2008 / Reviewed 2017
- IDF statement 2011
- AACE/TOS/ASMBS Guidelines 2008 / Reviewed 2013
- Interdisciplinary European Guidelines on Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery 2013 (IFSO-EC) and European Association for the Study of Obesity (EASO)
- BOMSS UK 2014
- Bariatric Nutrition Guidelines for the Indian Population 2016



ASMBS Guidelines

ASMBS Allied Health Nutritional Guidelines for the Surgical Weight Loss Patient

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Table 5 Suggested Postoperative Vitamin Supplementation				
Suggested Postoperative vitamin Supplementation	AGB	RYGB	BPD/DS	Comment
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A high-potency vitamin containing 100% of daily value for at least 2/3 of nutrients Begin with chewable or liquid Progress to whole tablet/capsule as tolerated Avoid time-released supplements Avoid entric coating Choose a complete formula with at least 18 mg iron, 400 µg folic acid, and containing selenium and zinc in each serving Avoid children's formulas that are incomplete May improve gastrointestinal tolerance when taken close to food intake May separate dosage Do not mix multivitamin containing iron with calcium	100% of daily value	200% of daily value*	200% of daily value*	Begin on day 1 after hospital discharge
supplement, take at least 2 hr apart Individual brands should be reviewed for absorption rate and bioavailability Specialized bariatric formulations are available				
Additional cobalamin (B1-2) Available forms include sublingual tablets, liquid drops, mouth spray, or nasal gel/spray				
Intramuscular injection	-	1000 µg/mo	-	Begin 0-3 mo after surgery
Oral tablet (crystalline form)		350-500 µg/d	<u> </u>	
Supplementation after AGB and BPD/DS may be required				
$\begin{tabular}{lllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$	1500 mg/d	1500- 2000 mg/d	1800– 2400 mg/d	May begin on day 1 after hospital discharge or within 1 mo after surgery
Split into 500-600 mg doses; be mindful of serving size on supplement label Space doses evenly throughout day Suggest a brand that contains magnesium, especially for				
BPD/DS Do not combine calcium with iron containing supplements: To maximize absorption To minimize gastrointestinal intolerance Wait 2:2 h after taking multivitamin or iron supplement Promote intake of dairy beverages and/or foods that are significant sources of dietary calcium in addition to recommended supplements, up to 3 servings daily Combined dietary and supplemental calcium intake >1700 mg/d may be required to prevent bone loss during rapid weight loss				



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Table 5

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Supplement	AGB	RYGB	BPD/DS	Comment
Fat-soluble vitamins	4		10,000 IU of vitamin A	May begin 2-4
With all procedures, higher maintenance doses may be required for those with a history of deficiency	÷	-	2000 IU of vitamin D	weeks after surgery
Water-soluble preparations of fat-soluble vitamins are available	-	-	300 µg of vitamin K	
Retinol sources of vitamin A should be used to calculate dosage				
Most supplements contain a high percentage of beta carotene which does not contribute to vitamin A toxicity Intake of 2000 IU Vitamin D ₃ may be achieved with careful selection of multivitamin and calcium supplements				
No toxic effect known for vitamin K ₁ , phytonadione (phyloquinone)				
Vitamin K requirement varies with dietary sources and colonic production				
Caution with vitamin K supplementation for patients receiving coagulation therapy				
Vitamin E deficiency has been suggested but is not prevalent in published studies				
Optional B complex	1 serving/d	1 serving/d	1 serving/d	May begin on day
B-50 dosage Liquid form is available				after hospital discharge
Avoid time released tablets				discharge
No known risk of toxicity				
May provide additional prophylaxis against B-vitamin deficiencies, including thiamin, especially for BPD/DS procedures as water-soluble vitamins are absorbed in the proximal jejunum				
Note >1000 mg of supplemental folic acid, provided in combination with multivitamins, could mask B ₁₂ deficiency				

IDF statement

Bariatric surgery: an IDF statement for obese Type 2 diabetes J. B. Dixon^a, P. Zimmet^{a,*}, K. G. Alberti^b, F. Rubino^c, on behalf of the International Diabetes Federation Taskforce on Epidemiology and Prevention

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Table 8

A summary of more common nutritional concerns for each procedure

LAGB	SG	RYGB	BPD	BPD-DS
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BPD, bilio-pancreatic diversion; BPD-DS, bilio-pancreatic diversion with duodenal switch; LAGB, laparoscopic adjustable gastric band; RYGB, Roux-en-Y gastric bypass; SG, sleeve gastrectomy.

⁺, recommended daily intake (allowance) or standard multivitamin preparation likely to be sufficient.

⁺⁺, significant risk of deficiency or increased requirements. Specific supplementation is appropriate especially in higher-risk groups.

+++, high risk of deficiency. Additional specific supplementation is necessary to prevent deficiency. Careful monitoring is recommended. Supplementation well in excess of daily requirements may be necessary. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL ENDOCRINOLOGISTS, THE OBESITY SOCIETY, AND AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METABOLIC & BARIATRIC SURGERY MEDICAL GUIDELINES FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE FOR THE PERIOPERATIVE NUTRITIONAL, METABOLIC, AND NONSURGICAL SUPPORT OF THE BARIATRIC SURGERY PATIENT



Supplement	Dosage
Multivitamin	1-2 daily
Calcium citrate with vitamin D	1,200-2,000 mg/d + 400-800 U/d
Folic acid	400 µg/d in multivitamin
Elemental iron with vitamin D ^b	40-65 mg/d
Vitamin B ₁₂	\geq 350 µg/d orally

^a Patients with preoperative or postoperative biochemical deficiency states are treated beyond these recommendations.

^b For menstruating women.







Minimal Requirements and Recommendations for Follow-up After Operations Limiting Absorption of Nutrients

BPD

- Checkup after 1 month, followed by minimal follow-up every 3 months after the operation in the 1st postoperative year, every 6 months in the 2nd year, and annually thereafter
- Lab tests are necessary to evaluate the evolution of metabolic and nutritional status and to adapt supplementation and drug treatment accordingly
- Blood tests at 1, 4 and 12 months, thereafter annually, should be done for the following:
- Liver function tests (GPT, γ-GT),
- Complete blood cell count, complete blood electrolytes tests,
- Minimal nutritional parameters should be vitamin B₁₂, 25(OH) vitamin D3, parathormone, bone alkaline phosphatase, ferritin, Ca, pre-albumin, albumin, transferrin, creatinine, prothrombin time (PPT), etc.
- Urine examination
- Lifelong daily vitamin and micronutrient supplementation (vitamins should be administered in a water-soluble form)
- Vitamins A, D, E and K
- Calcium supplementation (preferably in food, Ca citrate, recommended total intake 2 g/day).
- Minimum advised protein intake of approximately 90 g/ day
- In addition, supplement of vitamins and micronutrients should compensate for their possible reduced intake and absorption and according to lab values
- In a preventive regimen, the supplementation can be administered orally
- For correction of deficits, the supplementation can be administered parenterally, except for Ca

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BOMSS Guidelines on perioperative and postoperative biochemical monitoring and micronutrient replacement for patients undergoing bariatric surgery September 2014



Table 7 Vitamin and mineral supplements following gastric bypass and sleeve gastrectomy

Vitamin and minerals recommended	
Multivitamin and mineral supplement should include; iron selenium 2 mg copper (minimum) zinc (ratio of 8-15 mg zinc for each 1 mg copper	 The following meet these requirements (August 2014): one daily Forceval (soluble and capsule) "Over The Counter" complete multivitamin and mineral supplement, two daily e.g. Sanatogen A-Z Complete, Superdrug A-Z multivitamins and minerals, Tesco Complete multivitamins and minerals, Lloydspharmacy A-Z multivitamins and minerals
Preconception and pregnancy	Safe to continue with Forceval as vitamin A is in beta carotene form or consider pregnancy multivitamin and mineral e.g. Seven Seas Pregnancy, Pregnacare, Boots Pregnancy Support
Iron 45 to 60 mg daily	200 mg ferrous sulphate, 210 mg ferrous fumarate or 300 mg ferrous gluconate daily
100 mg daily for menstruating women	200 mg ferrous sulphate or 210 mg ferrous fumarate twice daily
Folic acid	
Contained within multivitamin and mineral supplement	Encourage consumption of folate rich foods If deficient, check compliance with multivitamin and mineral supplement. If compliant, check for vitamin B12 deficiency before recommending additional folic acid supplements. Additional folic acid (prescribed or over the counter) if deficient. Recheck folate levels after 4 months.
Pregnancy and preconception.	Additional folic acid (5 mg, but see text) preconception and first 12 weeks of pregnancy
Vitamin B12	Intramuscular injections of 1mg vitamin B12 three monthly N.B. sleeve gastrectomy patients may need less frequent injections



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Chinese Cuisine

- Rice , Noodles (Wheat) , steamed buns
- Vegetables
- Fish / Meat







Japanese Cuisine







Indian Cuisine



- Rice , Rotis (Wheat/ Millets)
- Pulses
- Vegetables
- Poultry / Lamb / Fish –
 Optional



Diversity across the country





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% Nutritional deficiency among Indian Obese





lron (µg/dl)	Vitamin B12 (pg/ml)	Calcium (mg/dl)	Vitamin D ₃ (ng/ml)	PTH (pg/ml)	Protein (gms/dl)	Albumin (gms/dl)
43	56.7	i1	35	42.45	10	9.38

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Causes of Deficiencies



Common Nutritional Deficiencies	Reasons
Iron	Vegetarianism Heam iron VS Non-heam iron (15 – 40 % VS 1-5% absorbability) High intake of phytates & Tannins
Vitamin B12	Vegetarianism Low intake of meats among Non-vegetarians Bio-availability Genetic Influence among Asian Indians
Vitamin D3	Vegetarian diets High intake of fiber rich foods and phytate rich foods Low intake of dietary calcium Genetic pre disposition Clothing – Influenced by religious and social beliefs Sedentary lifestyles Skin pigmentation



Causes of Deficiencies



Common Nutritional Deficiencies	Reasons
Calcium	 High consumption of phytate rich foods retards absorption of calcium in the gut Low dietary intake in early growing years Vitamin D3 deficiency
Protein	 •Vegetarianism •Incomplete protein – lacking essential amino acids lysine and trypthophan • Cereal and pulse need to be consumed in the right combination to complete the protein



Guidelines



Nutrient	Recommendation
Iron	28–30 mg/day Ferrous fumarate or ferrous glycinate preferably with added ascorbic acid to enhance absorbability
Vitamin B12	500 to 1000 mcg_intramuscularly at least every fortnightly Sublingual tablets / drops or nasal administration of 1000–1200 mcg_as a maintenance dose
Vitamin D3	<u>30,000 IU</u> intramuscularly weekly or fortnightly for 6-8 weeks <u>30,000 / 60,000 IU</u> as a maintenance dose Oral administration
Calcium	<u>1000–1200 mg</u> of calcium citrate
Protein	<u>1-1.5 g/ kg IBW</u> Malabsorptive procedures it should be calculated as <u>1.5 – 2g/kg IBW</u>

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Nutrient	Recommendation
Folic Acid	Severe deficiency: 400 mcg in addition to daily adult multivitamin
	Daily adult multivitamin for maintenance
Thiamine	Exclusive B – complex formulation in the immediate post – op phase until one 1 month Severe deficiency or persistent vomiting IM / IV administration
Fat soluble vitamins and Minerals	6 monthly doses of Intramuscular injections or Specific supplementation in presence of deficiency
Trace Elements	Not as commonly seen. But should be screened pre-op and 6 monthly

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- Every bariatric Surgeon needs to have an MDT approach for a successful practice
- Nutritionists are an important prong in MDT
- Bariatric Nutrition is unique and differs from routine nutrition courses
- Need for specialized courses for training younger nutritionists
- Nutritionist can prevent nutritional complications and bridge a gap between the surgical practice and the rest of the MTD (endocrinologist + nephrologist + hepatologist
- Asia having vast cultural diversity should have its own set of guidelines





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