

REVISIONAL PANCREATICOBILIARY SURGERY: INDICATIONS, OPTIONS AND OUTCOMES

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Background

Biliopancreatic Diversion remains a controversial procedure that this unit believes has a role in the management of the super obese where other methods have failed. A good portion of the bariatric community believes that this procedure is too “extreme”. We believe that diligent long-term follow-up with reversal, at appropriate times, makes it a defensible and justifiable procedure.

Aim

We looked at 21 biliopancreatic diversion patients who have undergone reversal. We looked to assess in a retrospective fashion the indications for surgery. These indications included clinical component of excess weight loss and compliance to supplements. We looked also at protein levels as well as micro-nutrient levels, including Vitamin D and Vitamin A.

Method

Retrospective assessment of prospectively gathered follow up data.

Results

The indications will be presented, outcomes measured in terms of operative outcomes, weight gain, protein and micro-nutrient levels (data currently incomplete).

Conclusion

We believe that Biliopancreatic Diversion has a role in a tertiary referral type bariatric unit where other “gentler” procedures have failed. Reversal is a simple and effective tool to manage complications.