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Laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and GERD

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Since its introduction, Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy (LSG) has always been criticized for its unfavorable effect on Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) and/or causing it with conflicting reports in this regards. This presentation reviews data form the published international literature to delineate the effect of LSG on pre-existing GERD as well as its role in the development of new GERD symptoms following surgery with comparison of the effects of Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass (RYGB) on both aspects of GERD. Possible causes of the pattern of LSG's involvement with GERD are also discussed along with suggested solutions and the medical and surgical management of GERD following LSG are outlined in details too.

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