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**Unmet Needs in Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery**

# CALL FOR PAPERS

Laparoscopic bariatric surgery is widely accepted as the most effective treatment for morbid obesity. The worldwide prevalence of this epidemic makes it clear why bariatric surgery represents an essential therapeutical approach with social and economic relevance.

A wide variety of surgical procedures have been proposed during the last twenty years and some of them are now widely accepted with reasonable evidence regarding safety, effectiveness, and costs. On the other side a number of questions still remain unsolved in bariatric surgery: how the selection of patients should be improved? Which is the best procedure for each single patient? How can we build a flowchart for the proper identification of the ideal operation in a population of morbidly obese patients? How does each single procedure work? Which are the most important physiopathological and gastrointestinal effects of bariatric operations? How can we improve postoperative results?

These and many other questions have been the object of thousands of studies in the recent literature without a clear demonstration of evident answers. We believe that an improved knowledge and understanding of these various results are of primary importance in the scientific community.

We invite investigators to contribute original research articles as well as review articles that will stimulate continuing efforts for a better comprehension of the scientific fundamentals of bariatric surgery and contribute to improve clinical outcomes in terms of selection of patients and postoperative follow-up.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Patient selection in bariatric surgery
- ▶ Prognostic factors predicting outcome in bariatric surgery
- ▶ Randomized trials in and evidence in bariatric surgery
- ▶ Gastrointestinal mechanisms and effects of surgical procedures
- ▶ New procedures and technology
- ▶ Morbidity and mortality in bariatric surgery
- ▶ Postoperative follow-up and outcome

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