



Surgery Research and Practice

Special Issue on
**Bariatric and Diabetes Surgery: Barriers,
Multidisciplinary Working, and Cost Effectiveness**

CALL FOR PAPERS

The cost of treating severe and complex obesity threatens the viability of healthcare systems. Bariatric surgery is accepted as the only effective treatment, yet its penetrance even in countries with well-developed healthcare systems is a fraction of those who could benefit from it. The use of the term “metabolic” or “diabetes” surgery has not improved its acceptance, even though surgery has the potential to place patients into long term diabetes remission and reduce medication costs.

Why do so few receive surgery, how can the uptake improve, and what research is needed to improve the evidence base around multidisciplinary care before and after surgery? What are the barriers? Why is there so much continuing discrimination, how should multidisciplinary care work, and how can secondary care increase awareness and willingness to treat obesity in primary care?

We invite researchers to submit original as well as review articles that explore these issues.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Barriers, discrimination, and bias against obesity and bariatric/metabolic/diabetes surgery in society and healthcare professionals
- ▶ Which patients should be targeted for treatment, and why are ethnic minorities so poorly served?
- ▶ Multidisciplinary team working: what do we really know about pre- and perioperative assessment?
- ▶ Follow-up after surgery: how can healthcare systems integrate and incentivise primary care in the long term management of the severely obese after surgery?
- ▶ Cost effectiveness: can we improve the modelling of the long term effect of bariatric surgery?

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