



AMGA Foundation

# Chronic Care Roundtable

*Tackling the Obesity Epidemic*  
Strategies for addressing Diabetes,  
Cardiovascular and Kidney Disease  
Comorbidities

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# Thank You Chronic Care Roundtable Partners



# CCR Theme



Today's meeting will be focused on preparing medical groups and health systems to ensure equitable access to the next generation of obesity therapies and address obesity comorbidities of diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and kidney disease.

# OBESITY HEADLINES IN THE NEWS

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives. Protecting People™

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Historical News Releases

Adult Obesity Prevalence Remains High; Support for Prevention and Treatment Needed

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Press Release

How Does Stigma Affect Patients with Overweight, Obesity, or Diabetes?

Weight-loss drug can reverse heart failure symptoms, study finds

Turning the Tide on Obesity: Are We on the Brink of a Medical Miracle?

NEWS / HEALTH

ONLY IN NEWSDAY

Diabetes patients face supply problems from weight-loss drugs' popularity

health Life, But Better Fitness Food Sleep Mindfulness Relationships

Obesity is becoming more common in a growing number of states, CDC data show

New heart syndrome identifies link among obesity, diabetes and kidney disease

For the first time, the American Heart Association has defined cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic syndrome, or CKM.

<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> John W. Kennedy, MD & Christopher M. Steer , Esq.
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Obesity Keynote</b> Christopher Still, DO, FACN, FACP, FTOS
<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Keynote Q&amp;A</b>
<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Roundtable Discussions</b>
<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>11:30 pm</b>	<b>Morning Break</b>
<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Speaker: Patient Advocate</b> Patricia Nece, JD
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Networking lunch</b>

<b>Start Time</b>	<b>End Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>2:15 pm</b>	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <u>Kidney Disease</u> : Sandra J. Taler, MD <u>Diabetes</u> : Brian C. Jameson, DO <u>Cardiovascular Disease</u> : John Clark, MD, PhD
<b>2:15 pm</b>	<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Break</b>
<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>Panel Discussion &amp; Q&amp;A</b>
<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Roundtable Discussions</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>4:15 pm</b>	<b>AC24 Preview &amp; Upcoming Materials</b>
<b>4:15 pm</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
<b>4:30 pm</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Cocktail Reception</b>
<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>8:30 pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>

Keynote Speaker

**Christopher Still,  
DO, FACN, FACP, FTOS**

Director, Geisinger Obesity Institute  
Medical Director, Center for Nutrition  
& Weight Management



# OBESITY:

Blame it on the brain.

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**Supporting the need for Pharmacologic  
or Surgical Treatment**

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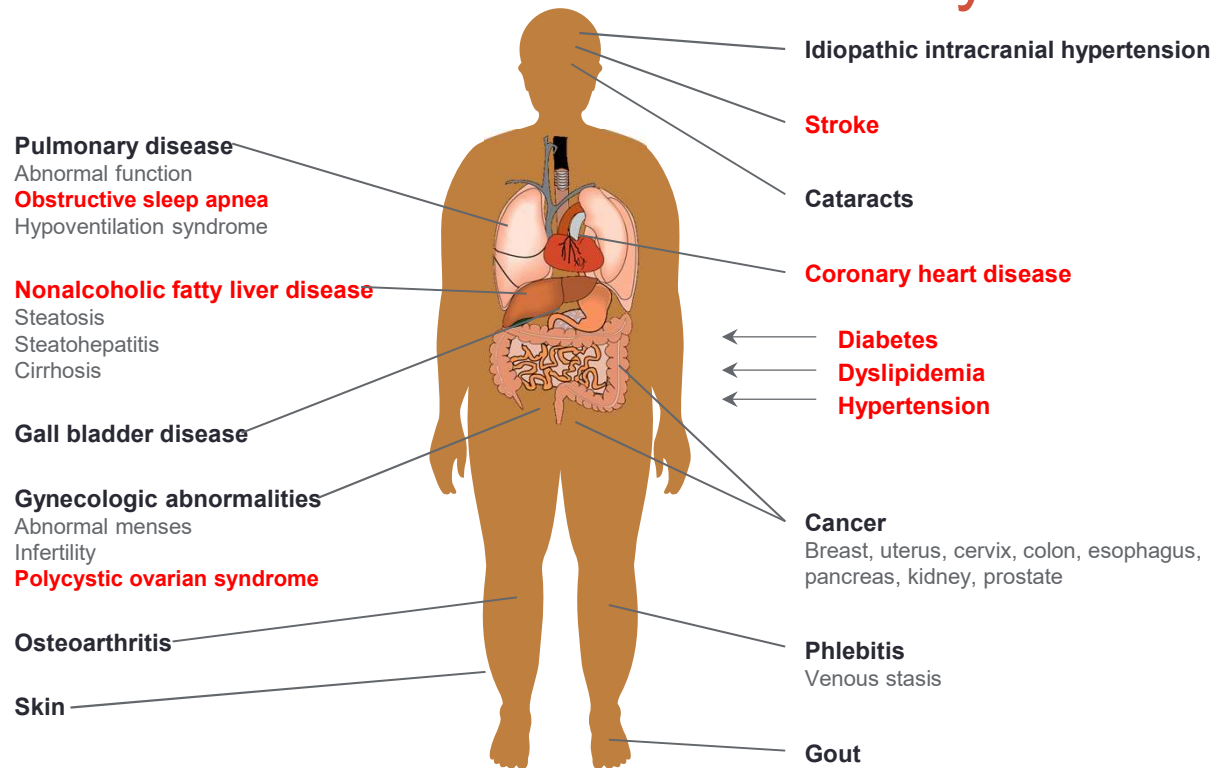




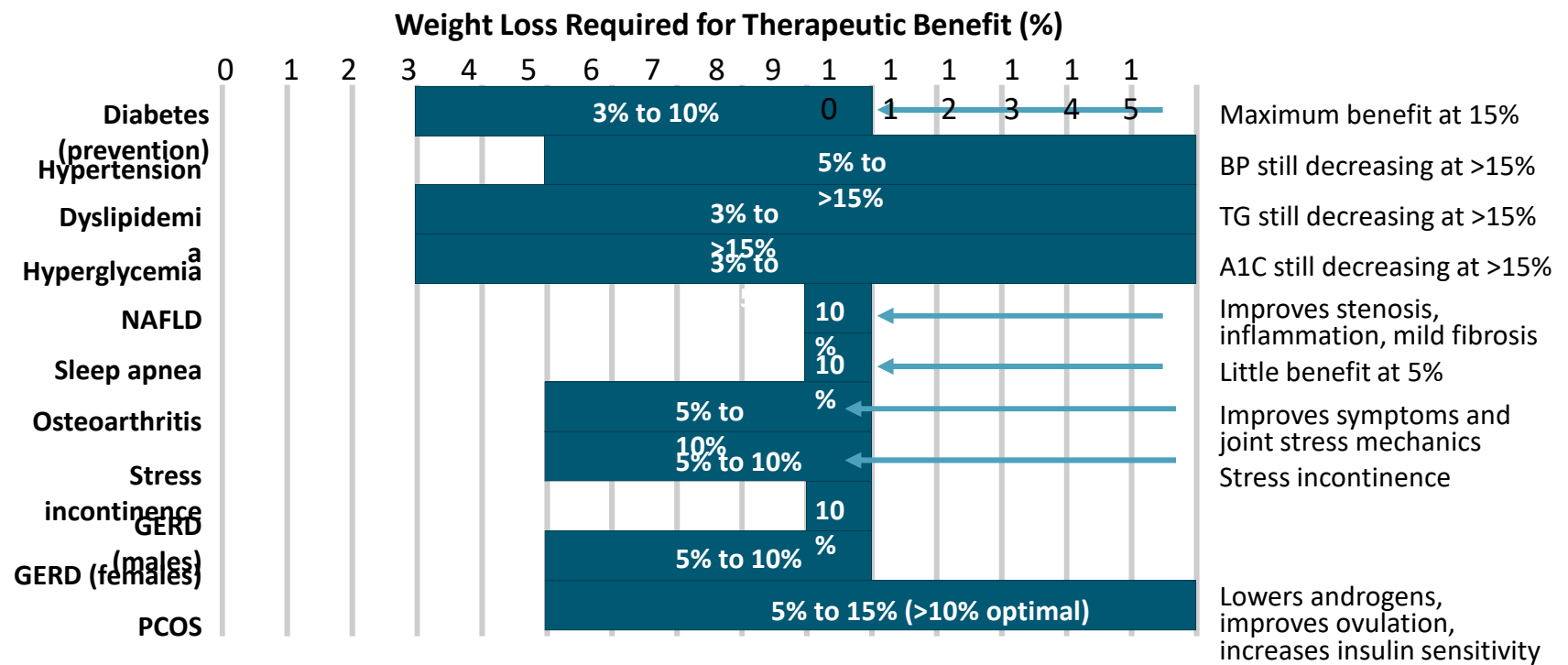
## We Love to Lay Blame for OBESITY

- On the people with obesity (whom internalize that blame)
- On food companies
- On sugar (or fat, or artificial sweeteners, etc.)
- On urban planners
- **On the BRAIN**

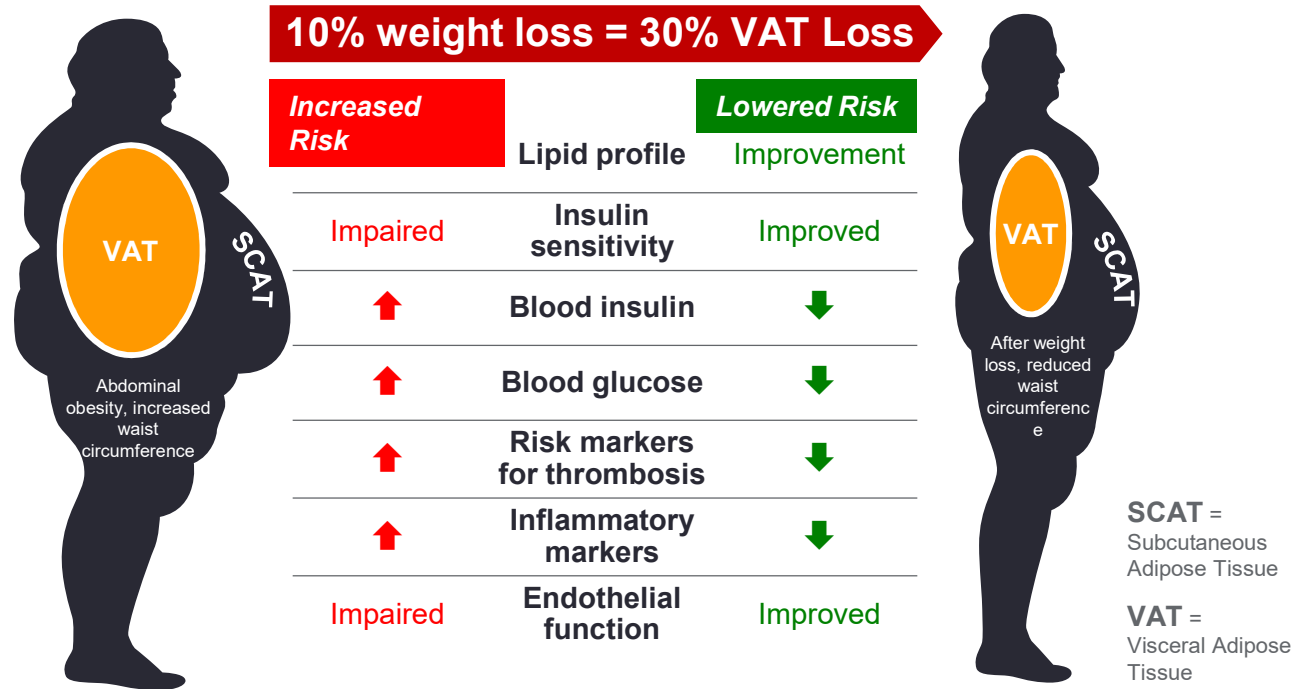
# Cardiometabolic Diseases & Obesity



# Therapeutic Weight Loss Reduces Complications

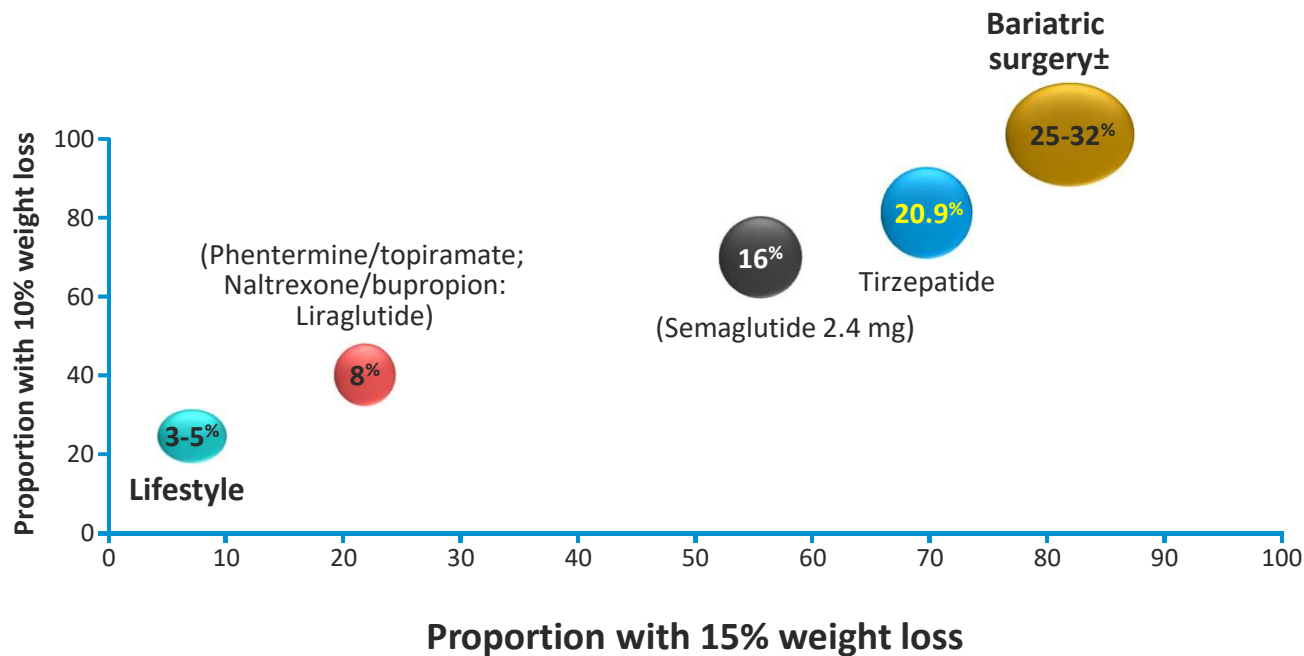


# Why is modest weight loss beneficial in Cardiometabolic Diseases?



Adapted from: Després J, et al. BMJ. 2001;322:716-720.

# Efficacy of Existing Obesity Interventions



AoM, anti-obesity medications.

Bubble size represents mean % weight loss

Allison DB, et al. *Obesity*. 2012;20:330-342. [EQUIP]; Gadde KM, et al. *Lancet*. 2011;37:1341-1352. [CONQUER]; Greenway FL, et al. *Lancet*. 2010;376:595-605. [COR-I]; Apovian CM, et al. *Obesity*. 2013;21:935-943 [COR-II]; Wadden TA, et al. *Obesity*. 2011;19(1):110-120. [COR-BMOD]; Pi-Sunyer X, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2015;373(1):11-22. [SCALE]; Wadden TA, et al. *In J Obes*. 2013;37:1443-1451. [SCALE MAIN]; Enebo LB, et al. *Lancet*. 2021;397(10286):1736-1748. [Cag + Sema]; Wilding JPH, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2021;384(11):989. [STEP 1]; Wadden TA, et al. *JAMA*. 2021;325(14):1403-1413. [STEP 3]; Rubino D, et al. *JAMA*. 2021;325(14):1414-1425. [STEP 4]; Ryan D. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol*. 2021;9(5):252-254. [STEP]; Sjöström L, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2007;357:741-52; Jastreboff AM, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2022;387(3):205-216.

# Obesity Is a Chronic Disease With a Complex Etiology<sup>1-6</sup>

Possible interrelated factors contributing to obesity:

## Physiological<sup>1-3</sup>

- Altered levels of hormones and gastrointestinal peptides
- Altered homeostatic and reward system pathways
- Weight-positive medications
- Health conditions (IR, PCOS, DM, etc.)
- Sleep hygiene/quality

## Behavioral<sup>3</sup>

- Physiologic “diet”
- Inactivity/sedentariness
- Emotional factors/ depression
- Lack of sleep
- Smoking cessation

## Genetic<sup>4</sup>

- Epigenetics
- Mutations
- Single nucleotide polymorphisms

## Environmental<sup>5,6</sup>

- Socioeconomic status
- Access to/affordability of food
- Built/physical environment
- Cultures
- Sociocultural attitudes
- Endocrine-disrupting chemicals

1. Lean MEJ et al. *Int J Obes (Lond)*. 2016;40:622-632. 2. Yu YH et al. *Obes Rev*. 2015;16:234-247.

3. National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. 2012. [www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/health-topics/topics/obe/causes#](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/health-topics/topics/obe/causes#). Accessed July 14, 2016.

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# Obesity is a Complex Disease: Possible Causes

Genetic mutations leading to obesity remain to be elucidated<sup>1,2</sup>

High heritability of body weight as indicated by twin and adoption studies<sup>2</sup>

Multiple gene variations in key metabolic and homeostatic pathways may also contribute to obesity<sup>1</sup>

~5% of obesity cases may be due to single gene variations in<sup>1</sup>:

- *LEP*, *LEPR*, *POMC*, *MC4R*, and *PCSK1*

LEP=leptin; LEPR=leptin receptor; MC4R=melanocortin receptor 4; PCSK1=proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 1; POMC=proopiomelanocortin.

1. Moleres A et al. *Curr Obes Rep.* 2013;2:23-31.

2. Chesni A et al. *Trends Endocrinol Metab.* 2015;26:711-721.

# Possible Causes of Poor Weight Loss Maintenance

## Adherence

One explanation for the poor long-term outcome of weight-loss diets relates to **behavior**:

*Motivation to adhere to restrictive regimens typically diminishes with time*

## Hypothalamic Injury

Weight loss elicits **biological adaptations** that promote weight regain:

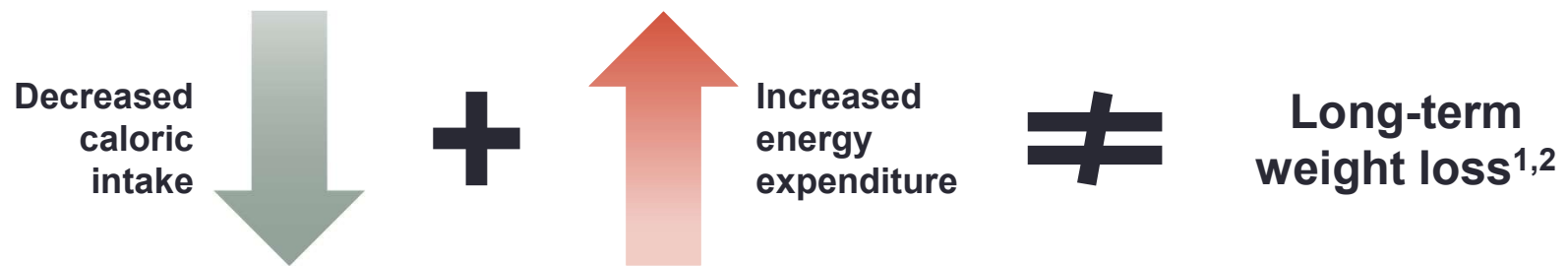
*Specifically, a decline in energy expenditure (adaptive thermogenesis) and an increase in hunger*





# Regulation of Food Intake and Body Weight Regulation

# Counting Calories Is Not Enough to Achieve Long-term Weight Loss



**CNS pathways** sense changes in weight and body energy stores and **exert opposing effects on energy balance** to promote homeostasis<sup>3</sup>

CNS=central nervous system.

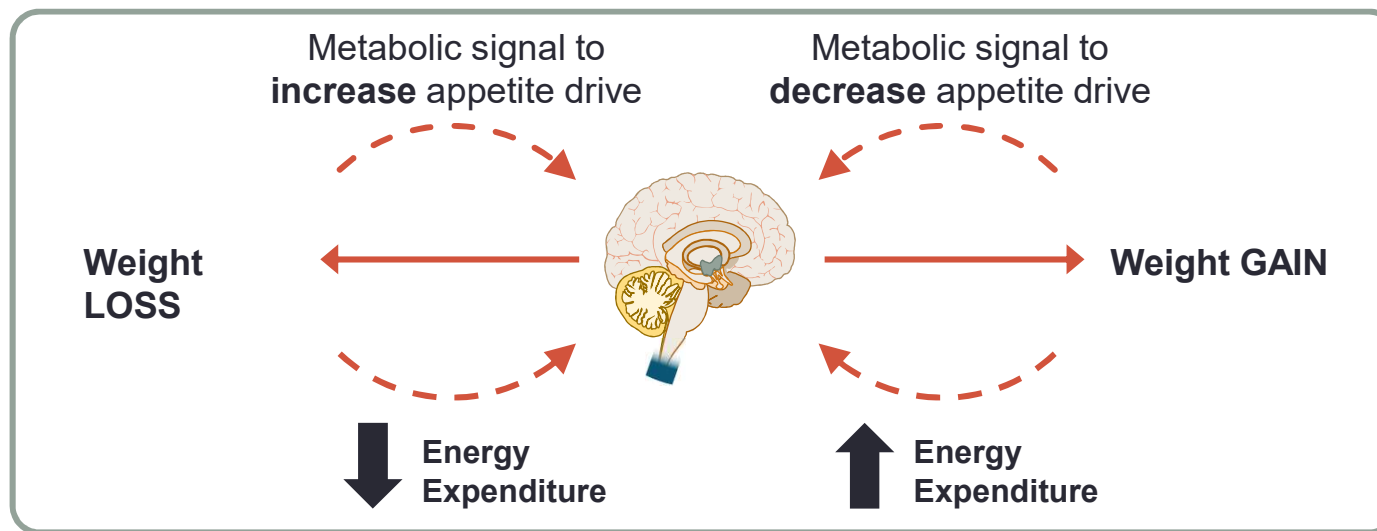
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3. Schwartz MW et al. *Diabetes.* 2003;52:232-238.

# Homeostatic Regulation of Set Point Body Weight<sup>1</sup>

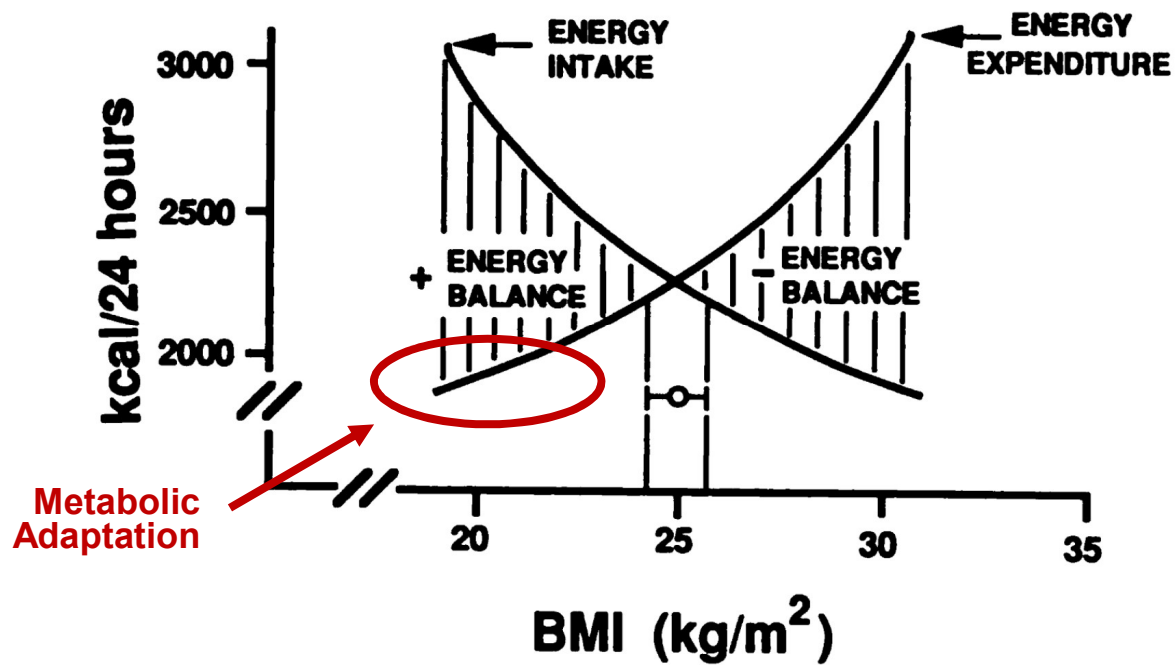
A homeostatic weight regulatory system prevents deviation from a body weight set point



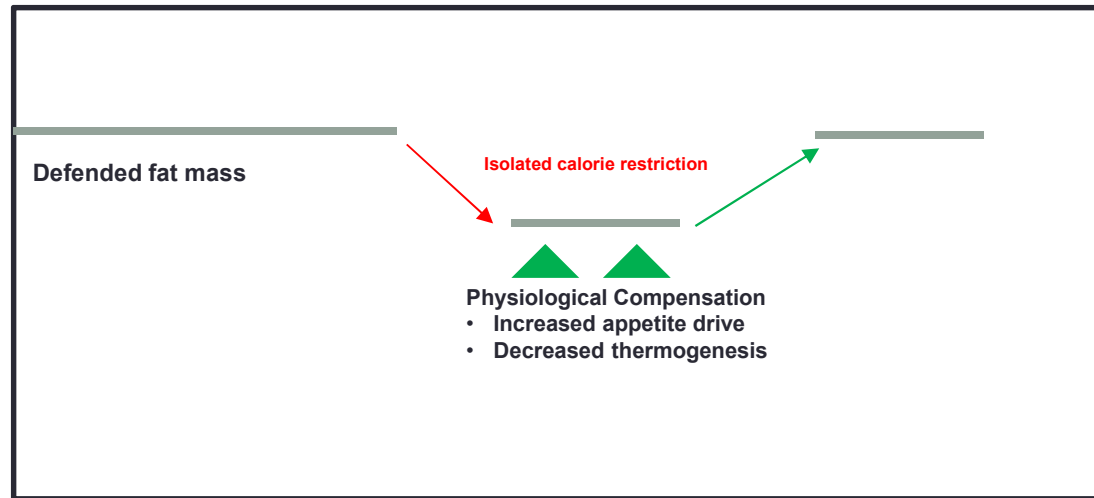
Deviation from this set point elicits a **physiological** compensatory mechanism controlling **food intake** and **energy expenditure**

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## Defense of a Body Fat Storage “Set Point”

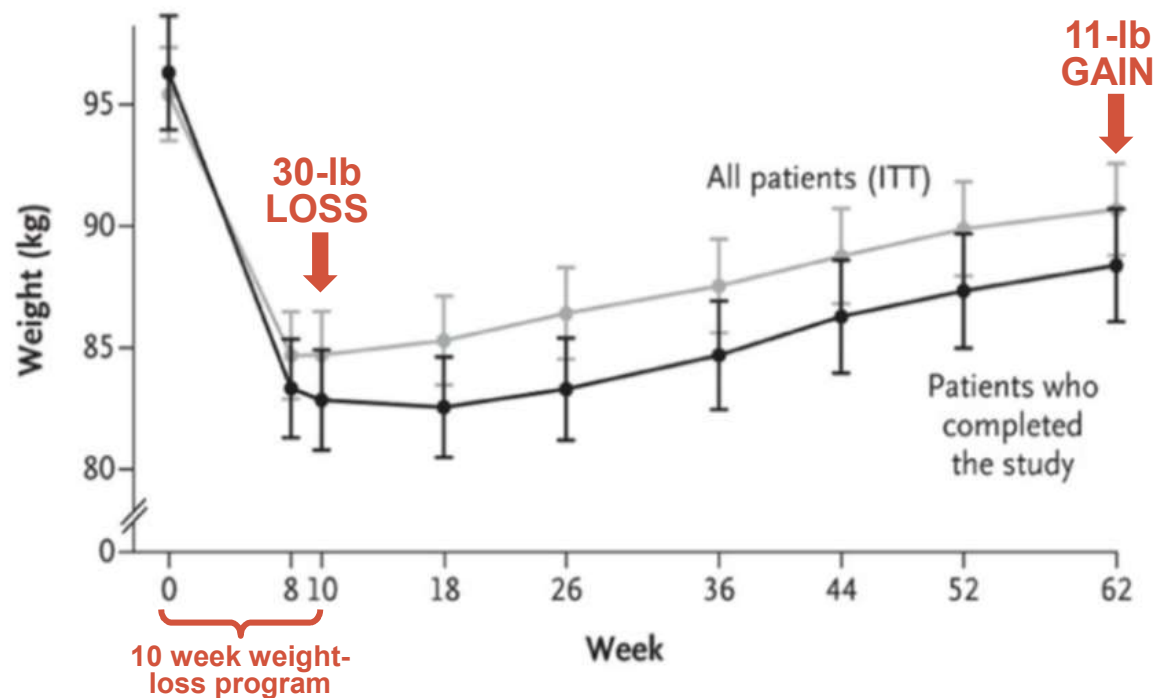


# Counter-Physiologic Weight Loss: Caloric Restriction



# 14% Weight Loss Led to Major Hormonal Adaptations Which Lasted for 1 Year

Changes in Weight from Baseline to Week 62



Sumithran P, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2011;365:1597-1604.

# 14% Weight Loss Produced Changes in 8 Hormones That Encourage Weight Regain

Mean fasting and postprandial levels of some peripheral signals at baseline and 62 weeks

14% Weight Loss <i>Reduced:</i>	<i>Increased:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Leptin - 65%</b> ↓</li> <li>- Adipose hormone</li> <li>- Regulates appetite</li> <li>- Control of metabolism &amp; energy homeostasis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ghrelin</b></li> <li>- Gastric hormone</li> <li>- Promotes <b>hunger</b></li> <li>- Fat deposition</li> </ul>
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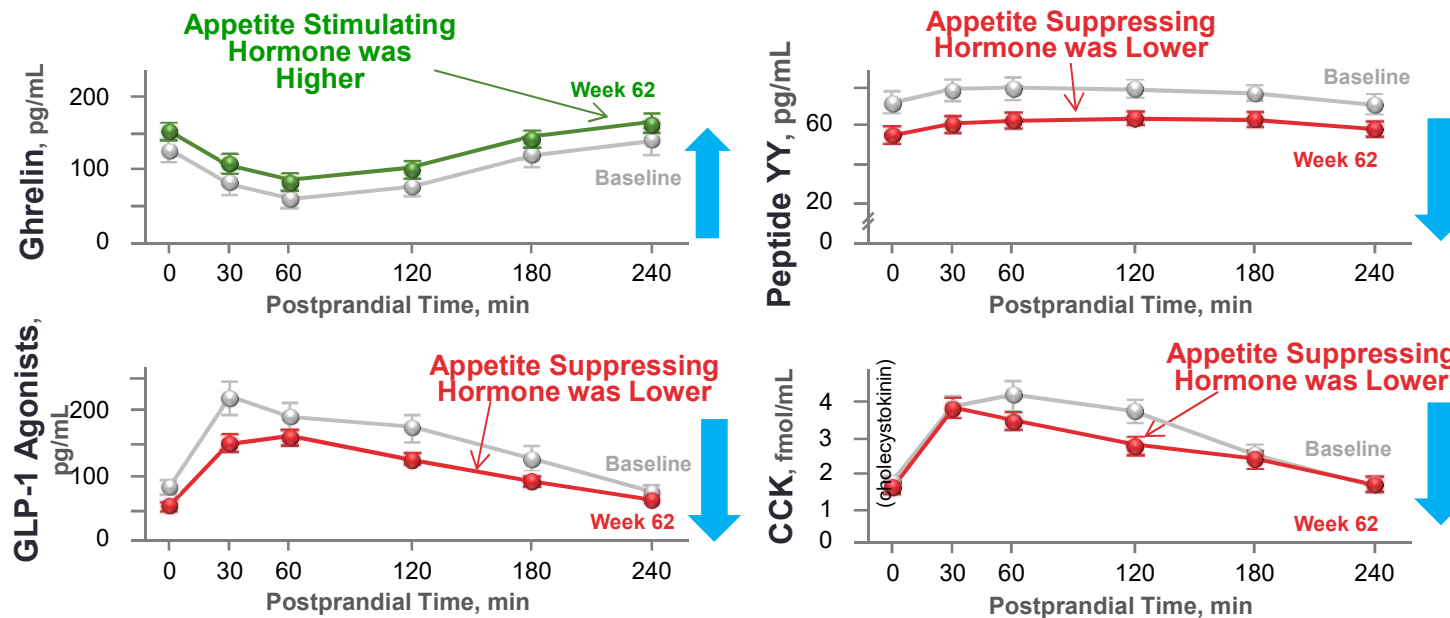
10-week, lifestyle-based weight loss intervention in healthy overweight and obese adults (n=34)

Led to sustained elevations in appetite stimulating hormone(s) and decreases in appetite suppressing hormones

Net result of these hormonal changes is **WEIGHT GAIN**

# Sustained Changes in Peripheral Signals for Up to One Year Following Weight Loss

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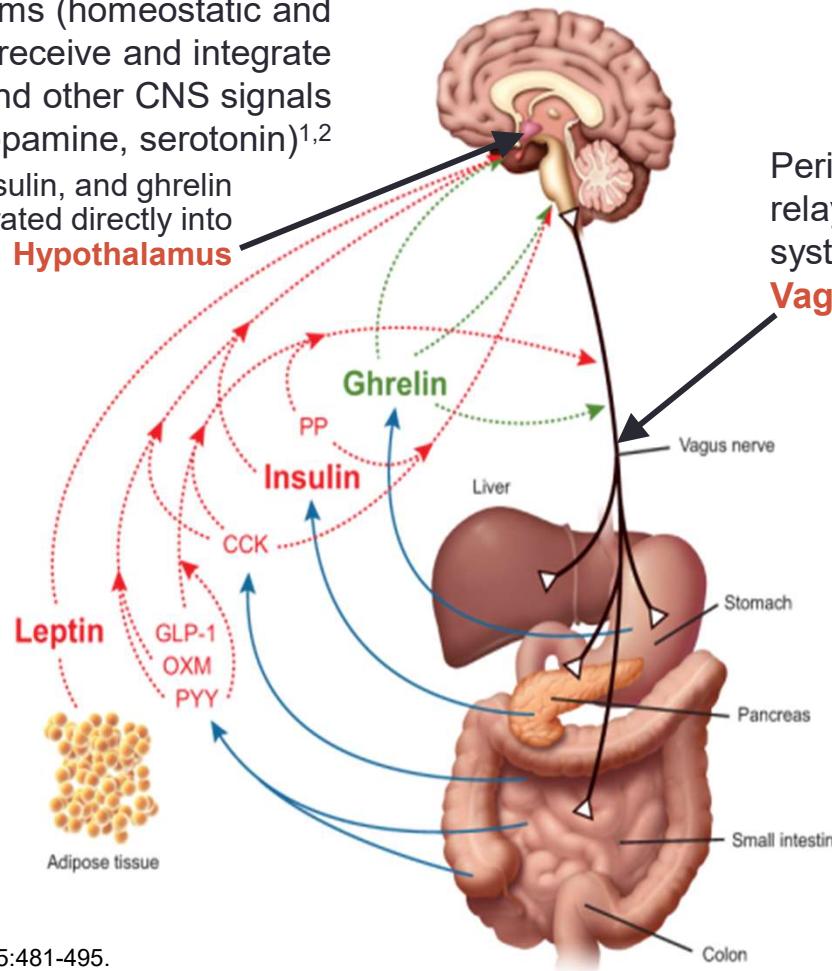


# Complex Peripheral Signals are Integrated Into CNS Systems to Regulate Body Weight

Brain systems (homeostatic and reward) receive and integrate peripheral and other CNS signals (eg, dopamine, serotonin)<sup>1,2</sup>

Leptin, insulin, and ghrelin are integrated directly into **Hypothalamus**

Peripheral signals are relayed to brain systems via blood and **Vagus Nerve**<sup>1,2</sup>



Peripheral signals are released by pancreas, gastrointestinal system, and adipose tissue<sup>1,2</sup>

CNS, central nervous system  
 PFC, prefrontal cortex  
 NAc, nucleus accumbens  
 VTA, ventral tegmental area  
 PP, pancreatic polypeptide  
 CCK, cholecystokinin;  
 GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide 1  
 OXM, oxyntomodulin  
 PYY, peptide YY.

■ ■ ■ Appetite Stimulating  
 ■ ■ ■ Appetite Suppressing

Primarily based on data from animal studies.

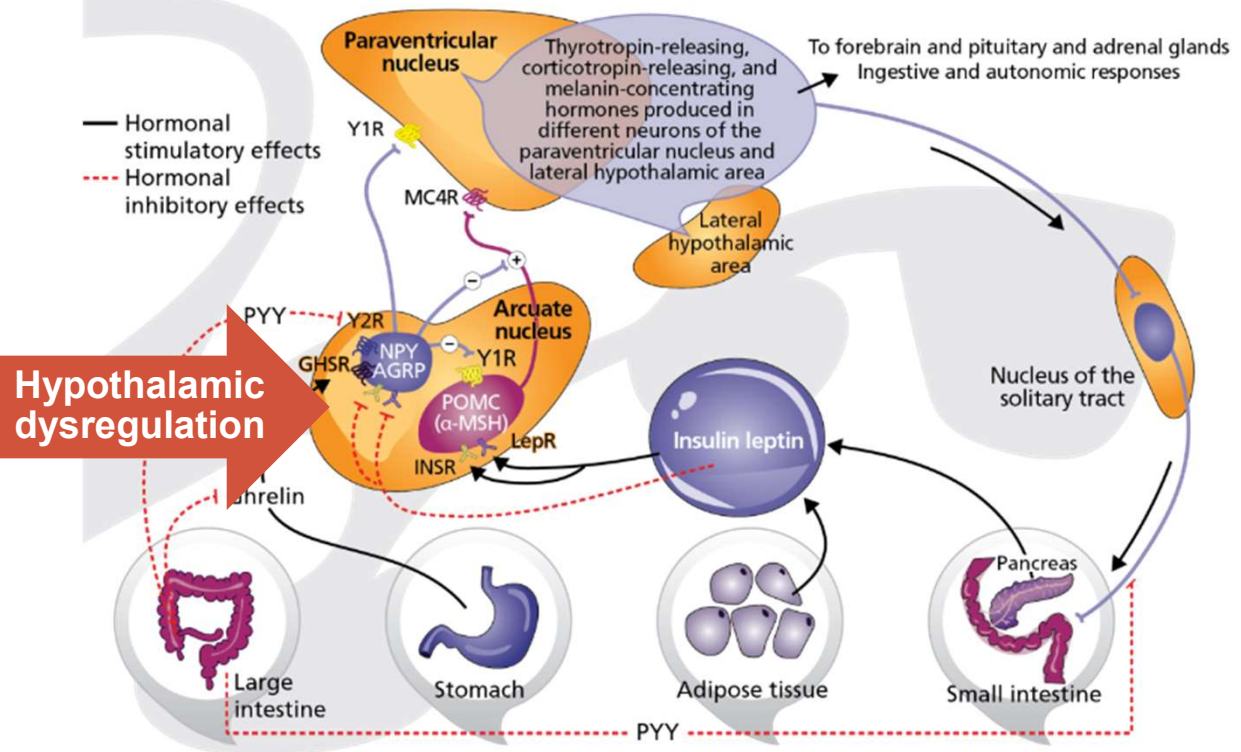
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 2. Mendieta-Zerón H et al. *Gen Comp Endocrinol.* 2008;155:481-495.

# Hypothalamic Dysregulation Diminishes Signaling to Cortex and NTS, Leading to Greater Weight Gain

When damaged, the brain can't tell how much fat is stored or how much has been eaten

Brain becomes resistant to key hormone, leptin

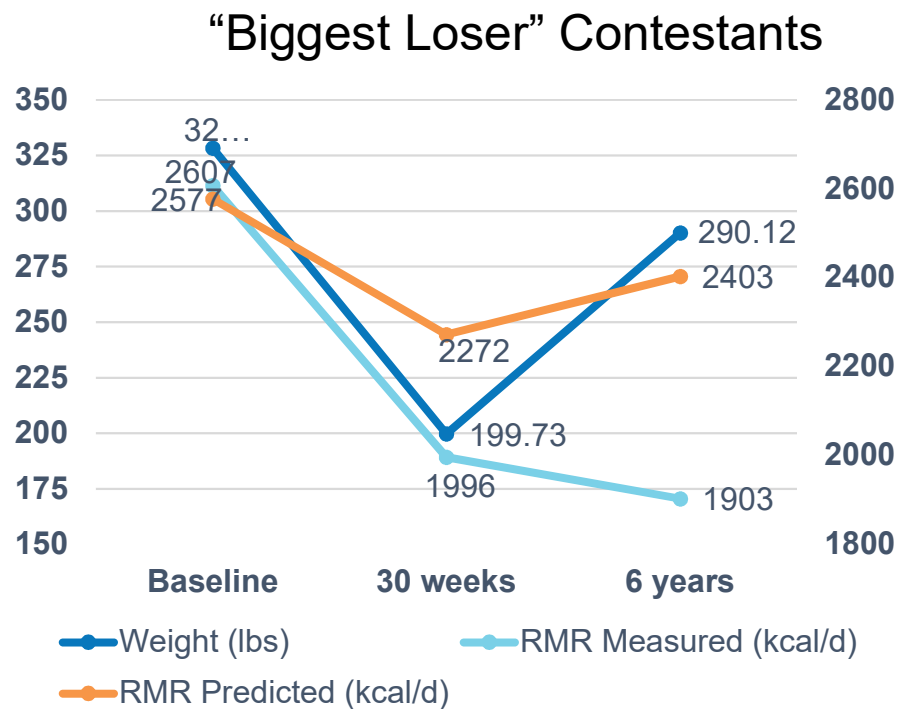
Agouti-related peptide  
 α-MSH: α-melanocyte-stimulating hormone  
 GHSR: growth hormone secretagogue receptor  
 INSR: insulin receptor;  
 LepR: leptin receptor  
 MC4R: melanocortin-4 receptor  
 NPY: neuropeptide Y  
 POMC: proopiomelanocortin  
 PYY: peptide YY  
 Y1R: neuropeptide Y1 receptor  
 Y2R: neuropeptide Y2 receptor



## Metabolic Adaptation to Weight Reduction

- Reduction in **resting metabolic rate** greater than that predicted with weight loss alone
- Associated with degree of reduction in **leptin** levels greater than the percentage of weight loss alone
- Greater weight loss = greater metabolic adaptation
- Subject to individual variability
- Metabolic adaptation after weight loss has been demonstrated for up to 6 years.

# Resting Metabolic Weight Decreases During Weight Loss and Weight Regain



N = 14

Competition = 30 weeks

Weight regain was not significantly correlated with metabolic adaptation at the competition's end ( $r = -0.1, P = 0.75$ )

Those maintaining greater weight loss at 6 years also experienced greater concurrent metabolic slowing ( $r = 0.59, P = 0.025$ )

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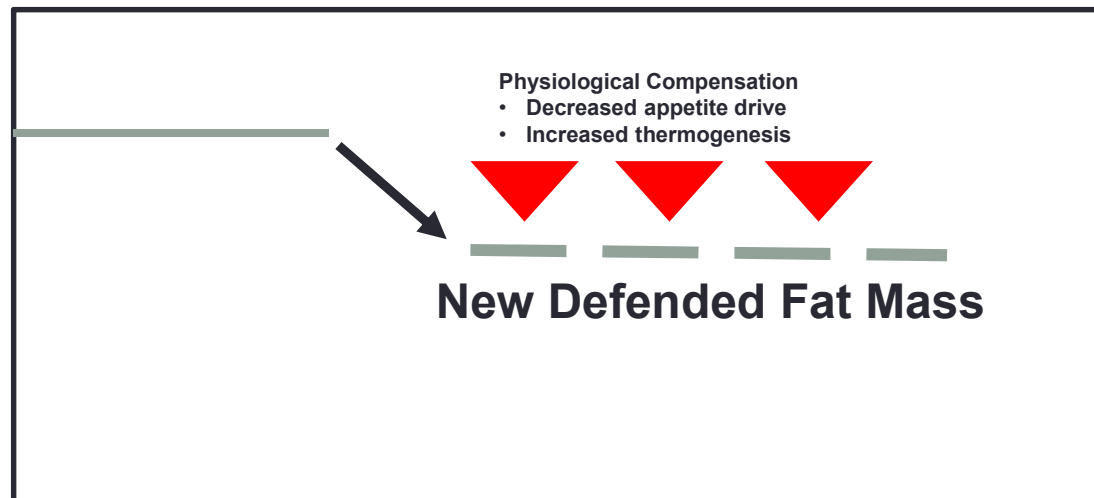
EAT LESS  
MOVE MORE

The major problem – nearly all obesity treatment is  
**not physiologically driven**

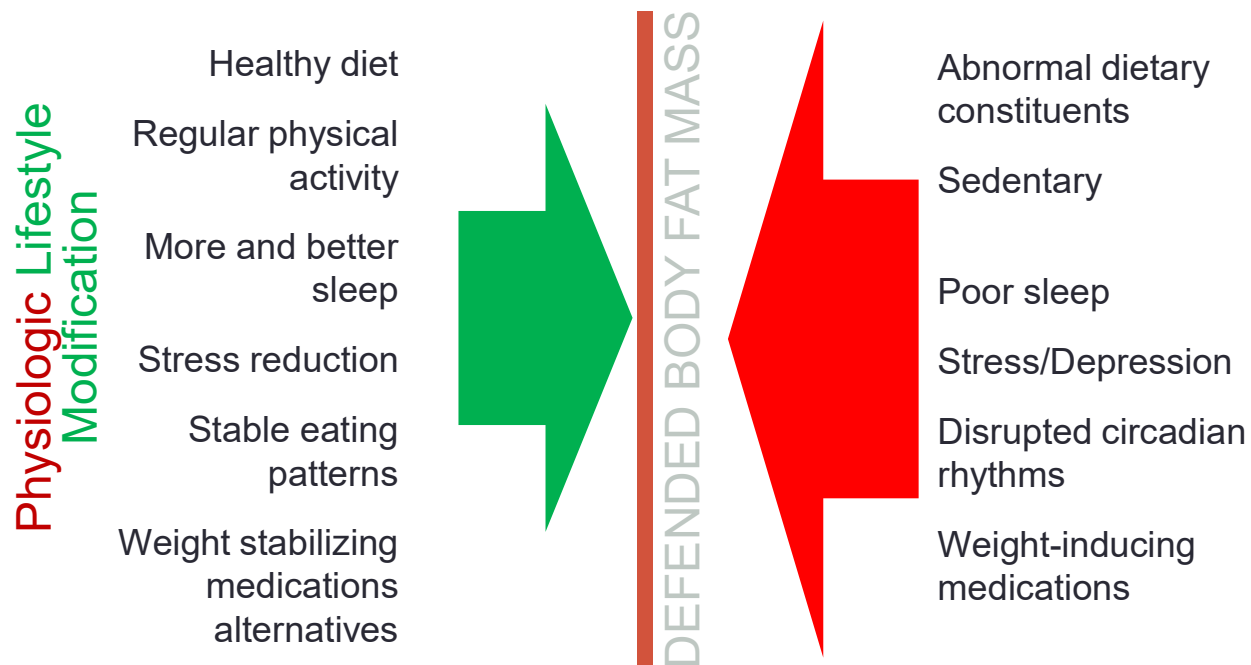


# IMPLICATIONS FOR OBESITY TREATMENT

Physiologic Weight Loss:  
**Targeted Lifestyle Modification, Effective Medications,  
Surgery**



# Battle of Physiologic Forces that Influence Fat Mass

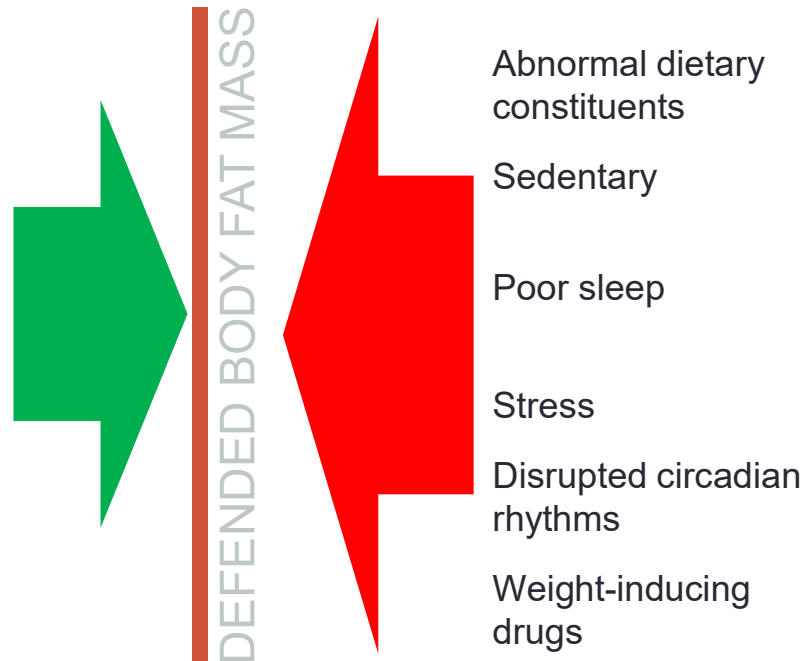




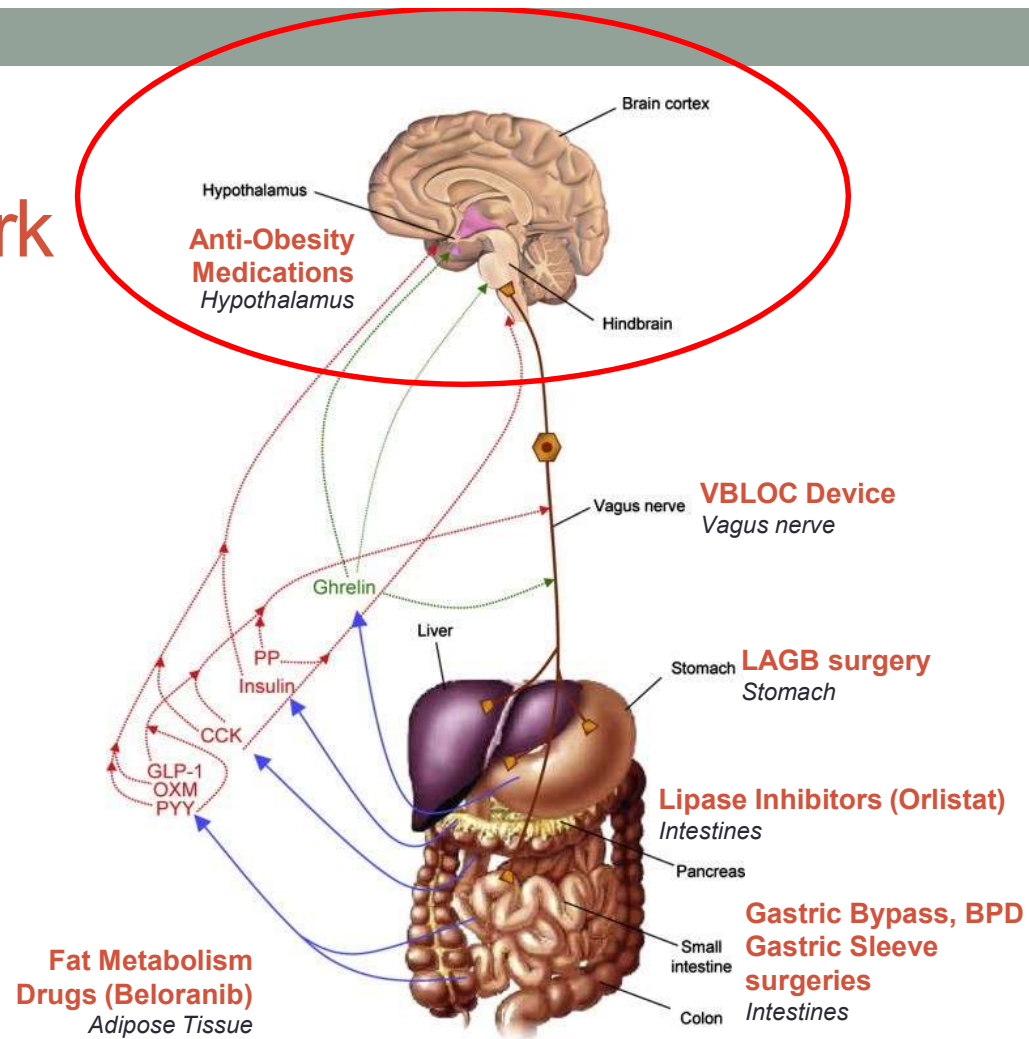
# Battle of Physiologic Forces that Influence Fat Mass

## Anti-Obesity Medications

<b>Phentermine plus topiramate-ER</b> (3.75 mg/23 mg for 2 weeks, increased to 7.5 mg/46 mg, escalating to a max of 15 mg/92 mg; 1x/d)	Noradrenergic + GABA-receptor activator, kainite /AMPA glutamate receptor inhibitor causing appetite suppression
<b>Bupropion/ naltrexone</b>	Inhibitor of dopamine and noradrenaline reuptake + μ opiate antagonist
<b>Liraglutide</b> 3.0 mg <b>Sema 2.4 mg</b>	Glucagon-like peptide 1 (GLP-1) agonist

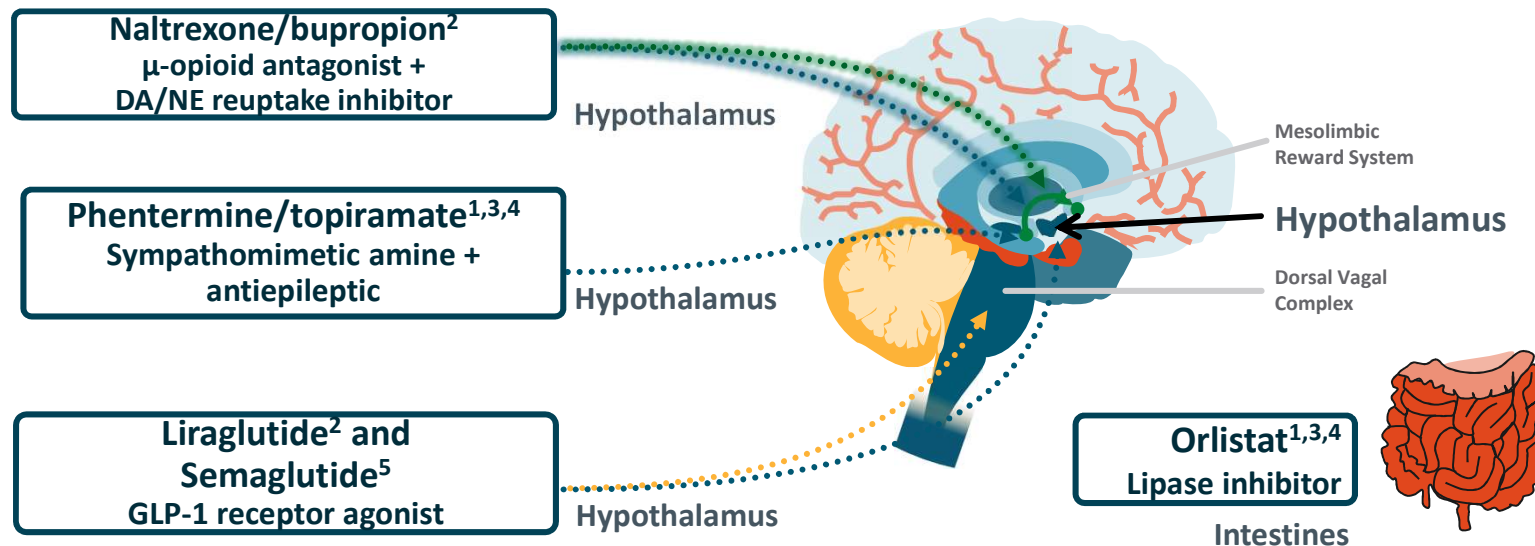


# Where Obesity Treatments Work



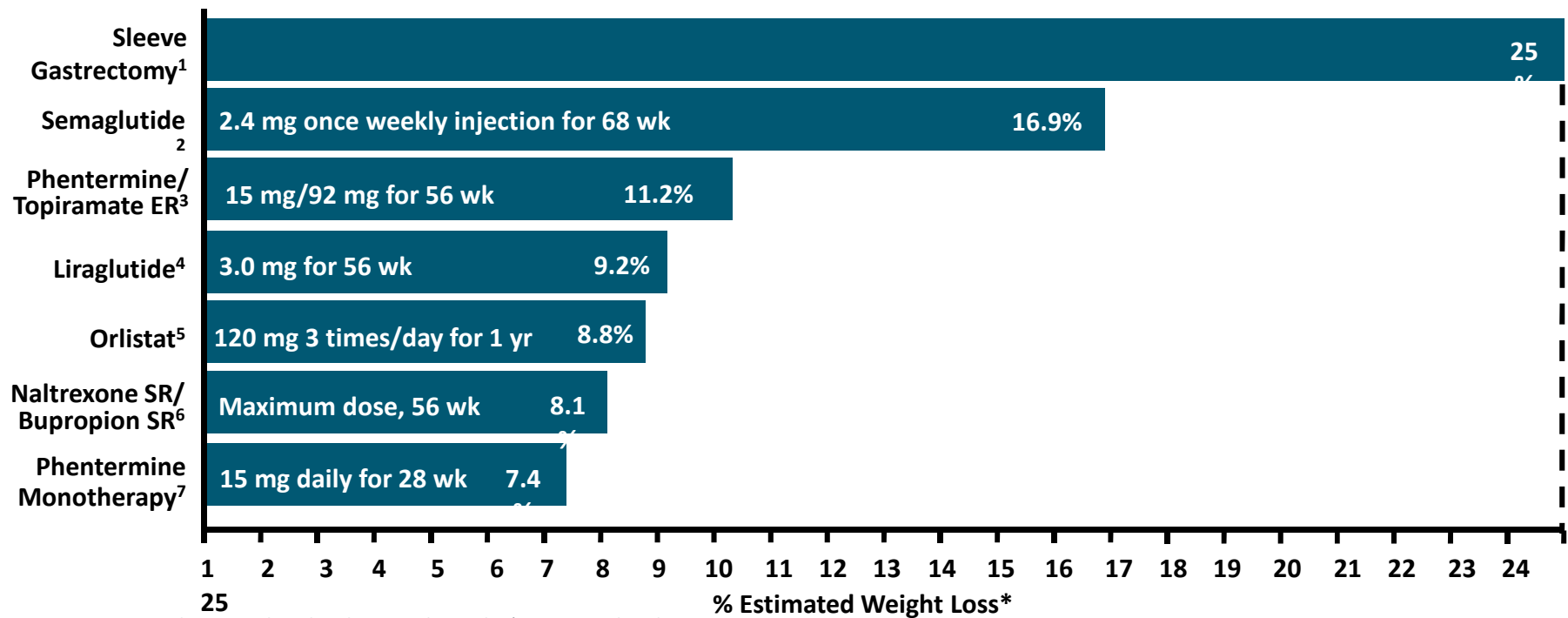
# Current Obesity Pharmacotherapy for Long-term Use

- Multiple pharmacotherapies with varying MoA currently approved in US for long-term treatment of obesity<sup>1-4</sup>



1. Yanovski. JAMA. 2014;311:74. 2. Apovian. J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2015;100:342. 3. Kim. Clin Pharmacol Ther. 2014;95:53. 4. Dietrich. Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2012;11:675. 5. Christou. Obes Rev. 2019;20:805.

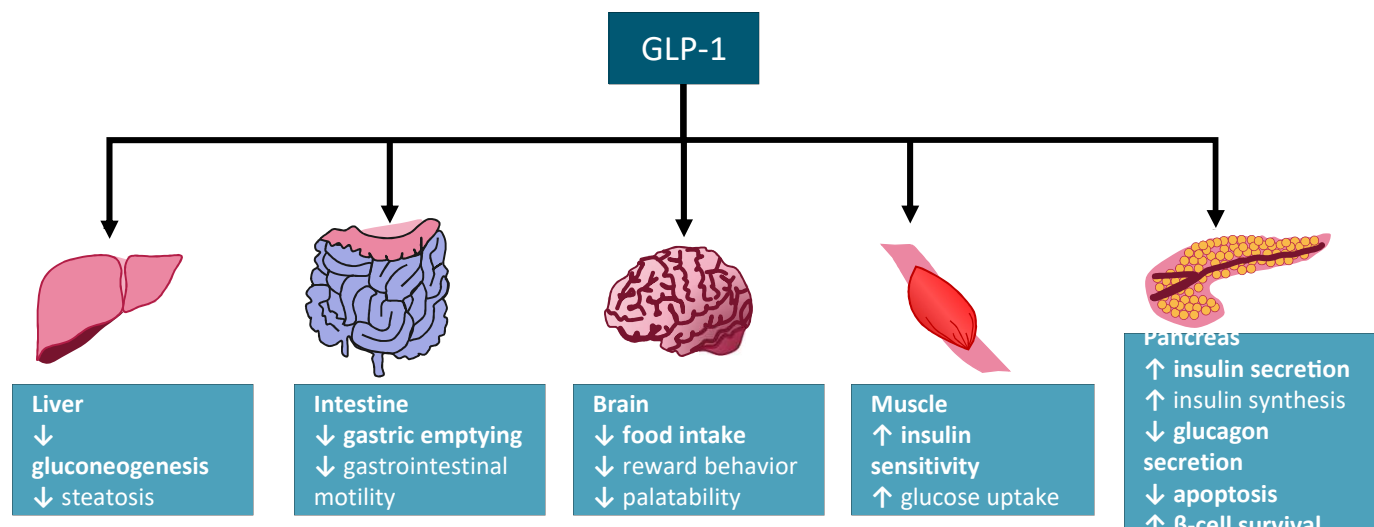
# Efficacy of Current FDA-Approved Obesity Therapy



Direct comparisons between clinical trials cannot be made. \*Per protocol analysis.

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# Regulation of Body Weight and Glucose Metabolism by GLP-1 Receptor Agonism



- The specific mechanism of action is multifactorial, with gut, brain, and systemic improvements in insulin sensitivity each contributing a finite fraction to the total efficacy

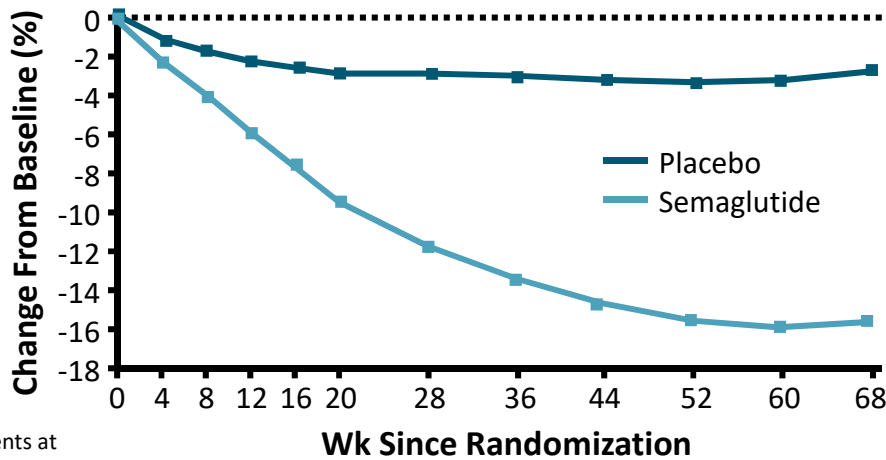
## Semaglutide (2.4 mg): Efficacy vs Placebo



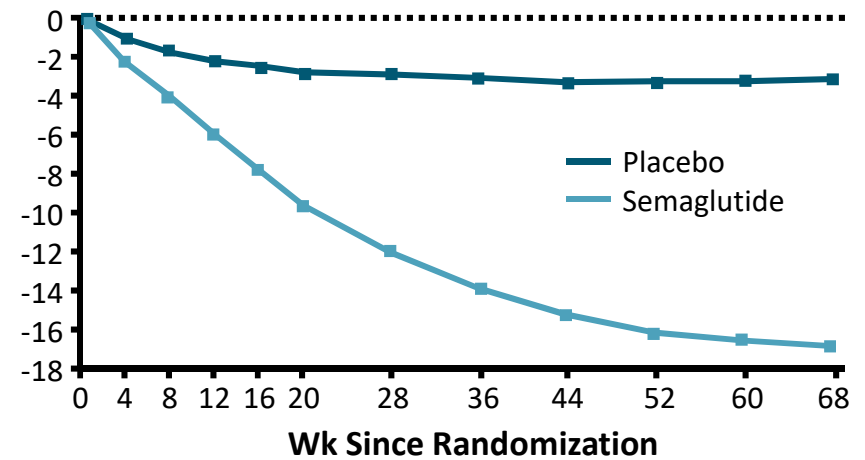
# STEP 1 Trial: Body Weight Changes With Semaglutide

- Double-blind, placebo-controlled phase III trial in adults with BMI >30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> without diabetes (N = 1961)

Change in Body Weight, Observed In-Trial Data



Change in Body Weight, Observed On-Treatment Data

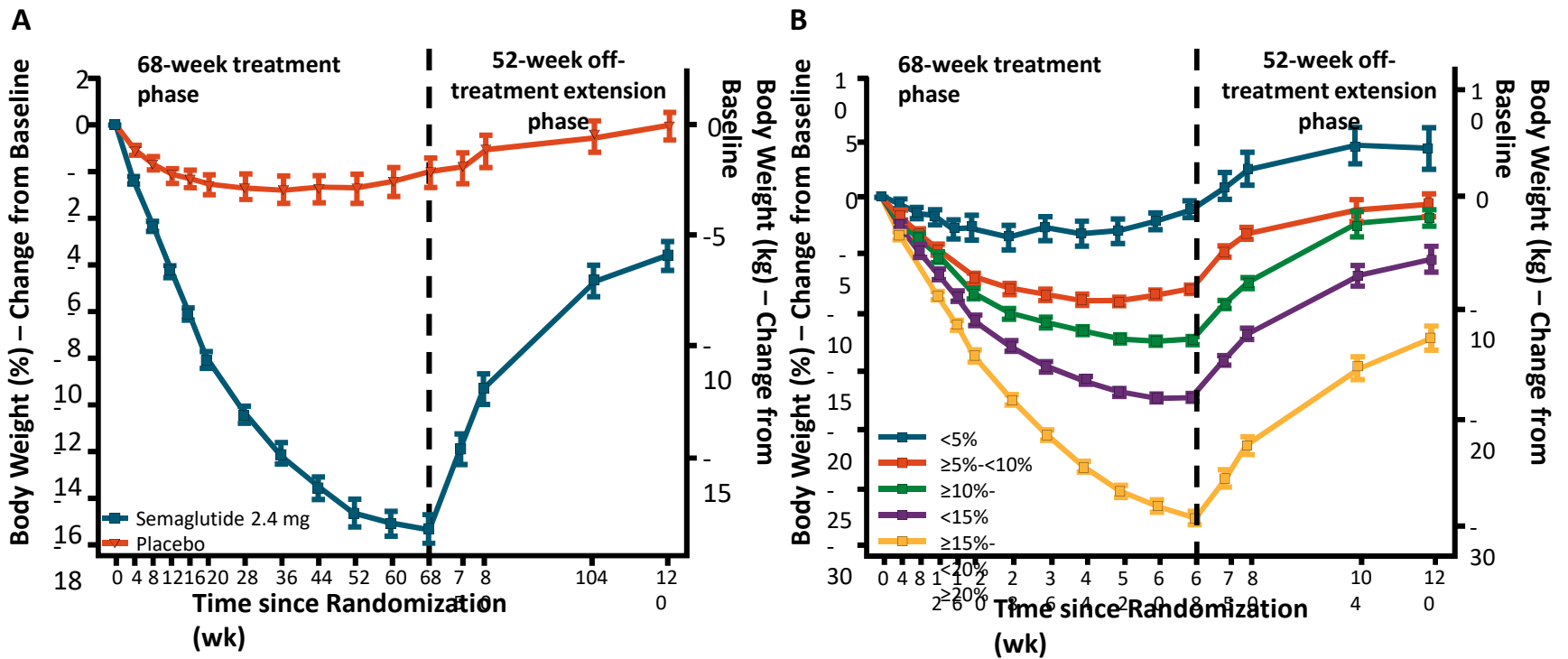


Patients at Risk, n	0	4	8	12	16	20	28	36	44	52	60	68
Placebo	655	649	641	619	615	603	592	571	554	549	540	577
Semaglutide	1306	1290	1281	1262	1252	1248	1232	1228	1207	1203	1190	1212

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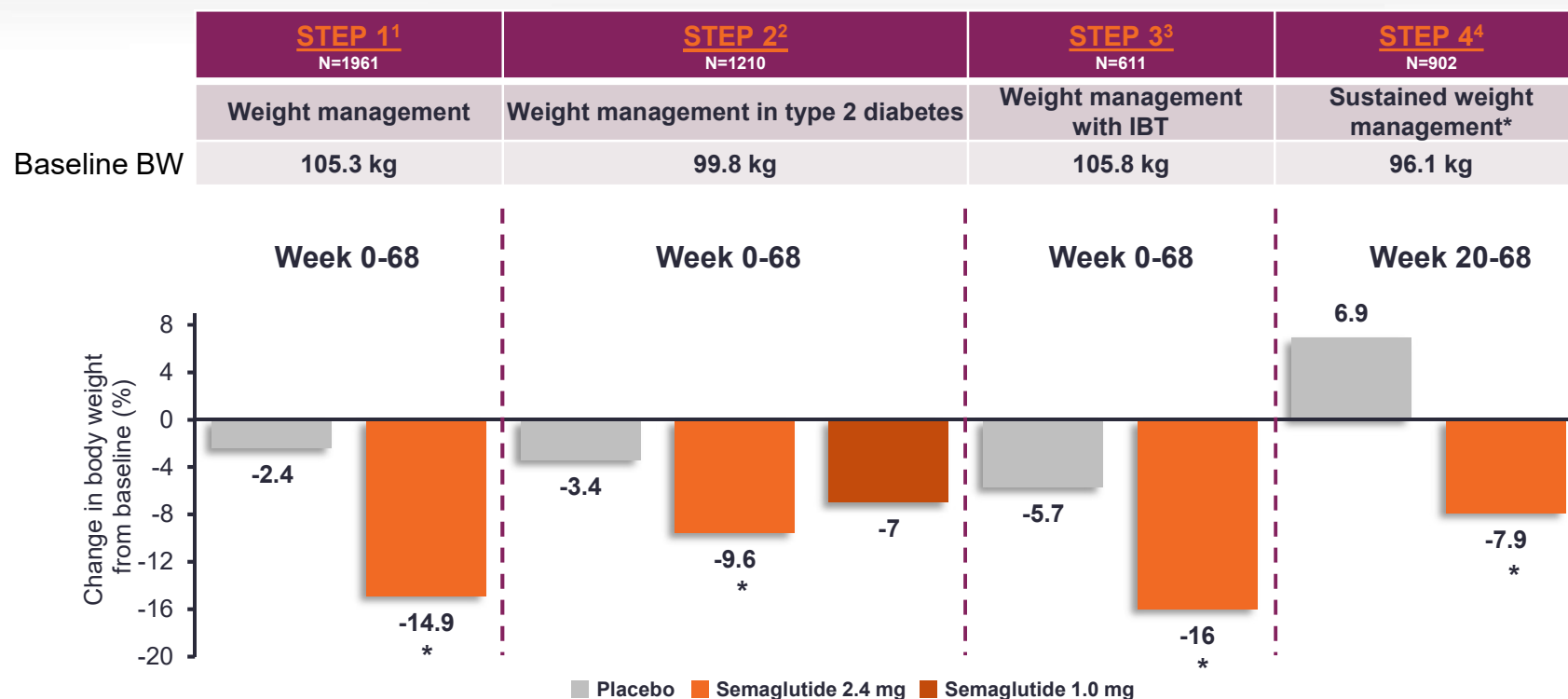
# STEP 1 Trial Extension of Semaglutide 2.4 mg



Wilding. Diab Obes Metab. 2022;1.



# Semaglutide 2.4 mg: Mean Weight Loss (STEP Trials)



Primary endpoint. \*Statistically significant vs placebo.

BW = body weight; IBT = intensive behavioral therapy

1. Wilding JPH et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2021;384(11):989-1002. 2. Davies M et al. *Lancet*. 2021;397(10278):971-84. 3. Wadden TA et al. *JAMA*. 2021;325(14):1403-13.

4. Rubino D et al. *JAMA*. 2021;325(14):1414-25.

# SELECT Trial: Cardiovascular Outcomes, August 2023

Randomised, double-blind, parallel-group, placebo-controlled trial

Semaglutide 2.4 mg **reduced risk of major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE) by 22%** in adults with overweight or obesity

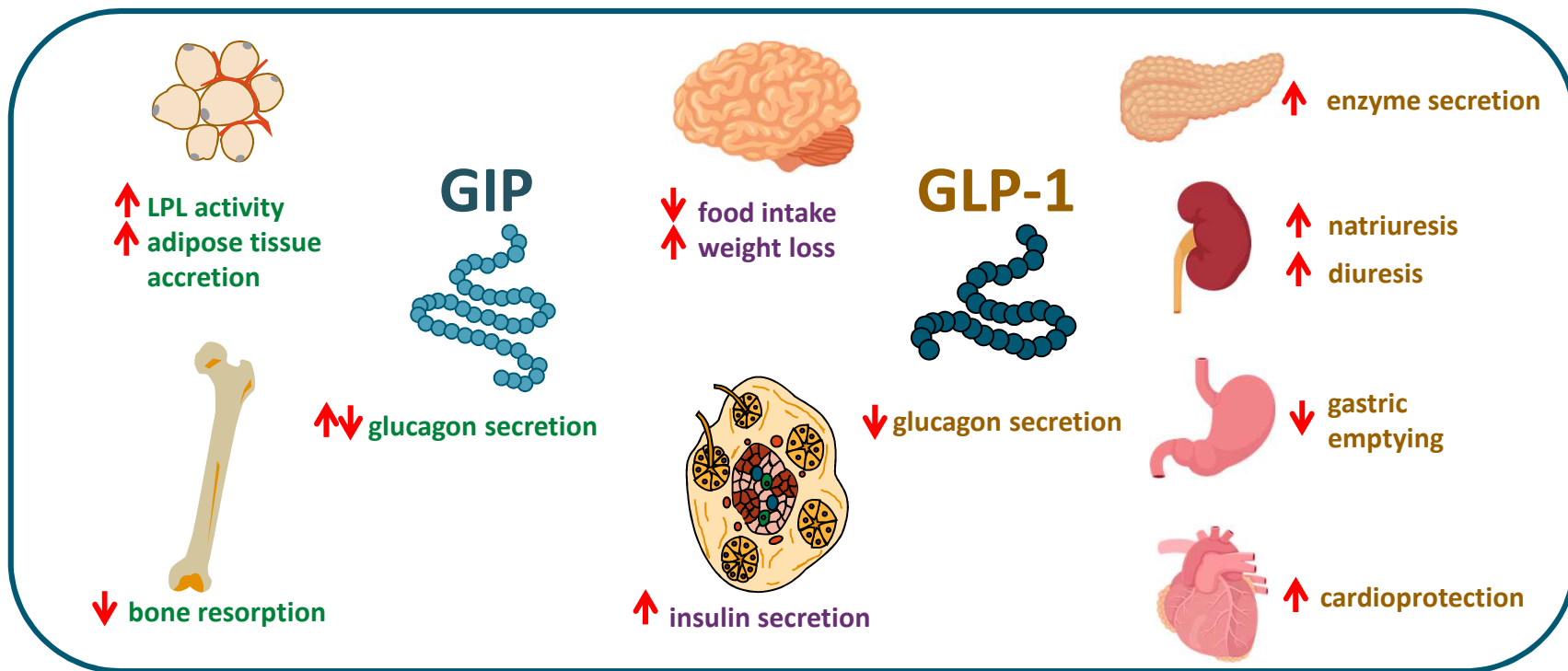
- n = 17,604 adults
- $\geq 45$  years
- BMI  $\geq 27$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- with established CVD and no prior history of diabetes

Evaluated subcutaneous once-weekly semaglutide 2.4 mg vs placebo as an adjunct to standard of care for prevention of MACE, over a period of up to five years

**HOT OFF THE PRESS!**



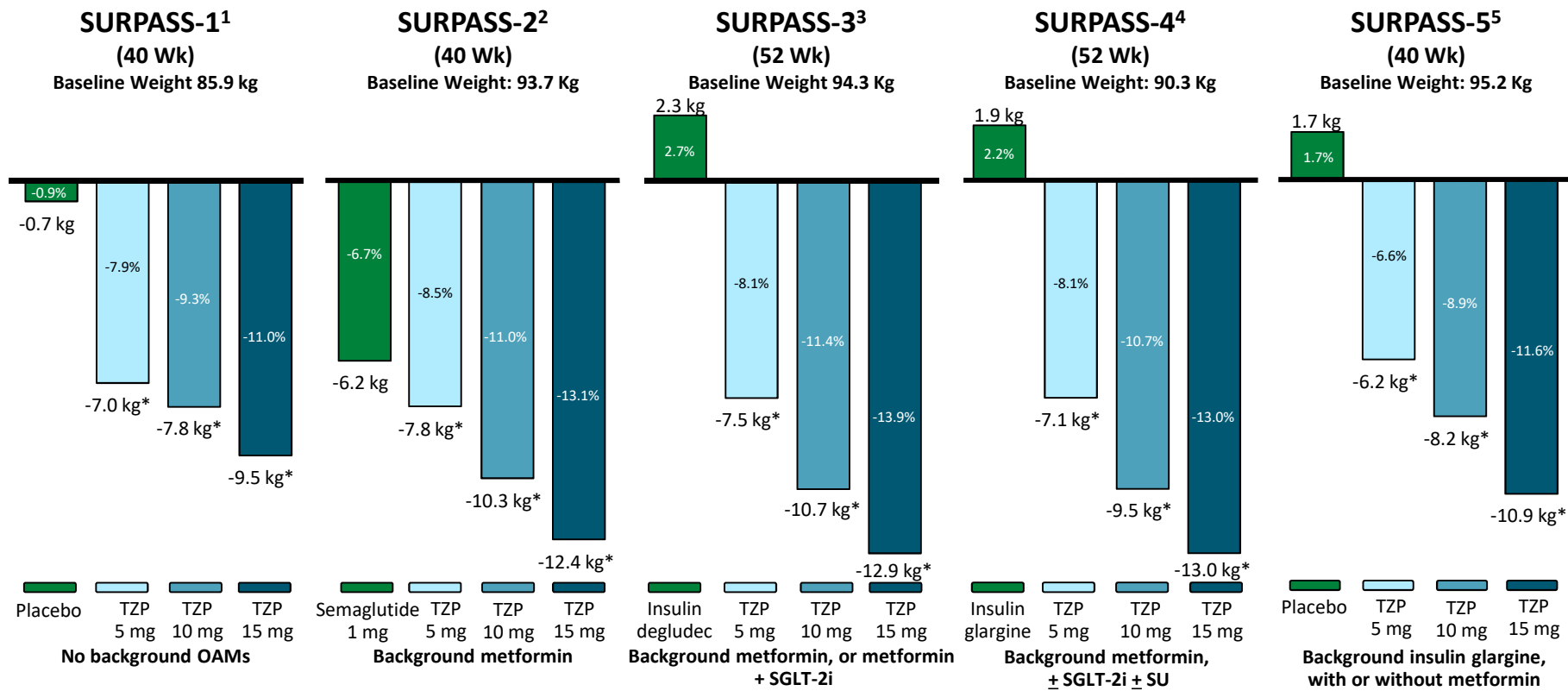
# The Evolving GIP–GLP-1 Partnership in Metabolism



# Tirzepatide: Novel Dual GIP and GLP-1 Receptor Agonist

- Tirzepatide is multifunctional 39 amino acid peptide based on native GIP peptide sequence and modified to bind to GIP or GLP-1 receptors
- Administered as once-weekly injection as half-life of 5 days
  - Starting dose 2.5 mg weekly, titrated at 2.5-mg increments monthly to max dose of 15 mg
- Demonstrated dose-dependent reduction in HbA1c (up to 2.4%) and body weight (up to 11.3 kg) in patients with T2D in phase I and II trials
- Contraindications and AEs similar to GLP-1 RAs
- Contraindications: personal or family history of MTC or MEN2
  - Precautions: pancreatitis, AKI, diabetic retinopathy, gallbladder disease
  - Adverse events: GI including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, abdominal pain

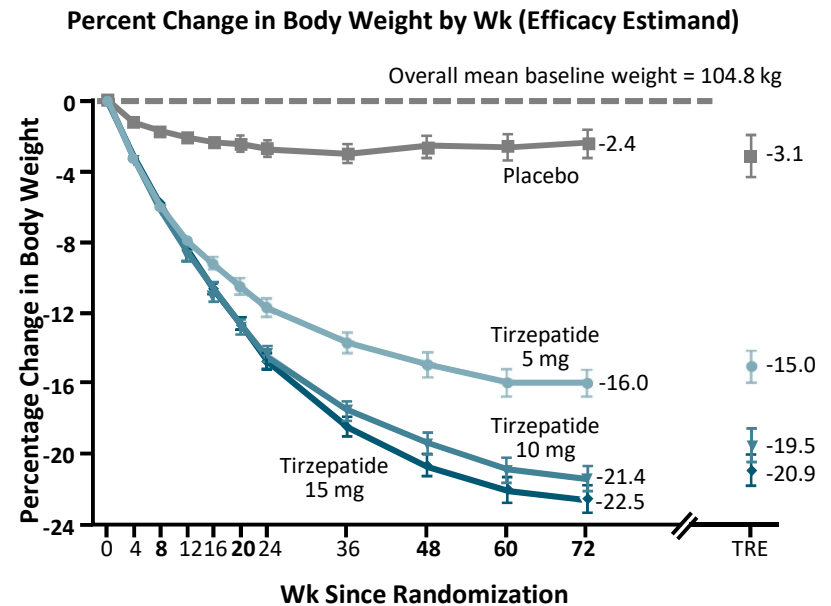
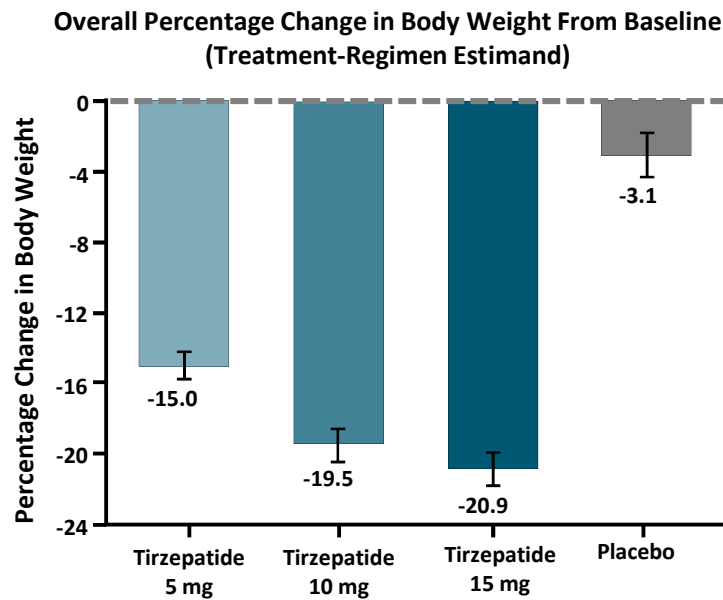
# SURPASS: Weight Loss With Tirzepatide in T2D



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\*Denotes statistical significance to comparator.

# SURMOUNT 1: Weight Loss With Tirzepatide



Not Currently FDA Approved for Weight Loss

# Battle of Physiologic Forces that Influence Fat Mass

**Bariatric Surgery**



DEFENDED BODY FAT MASS



Abnormal dietary constituents

Sedentary

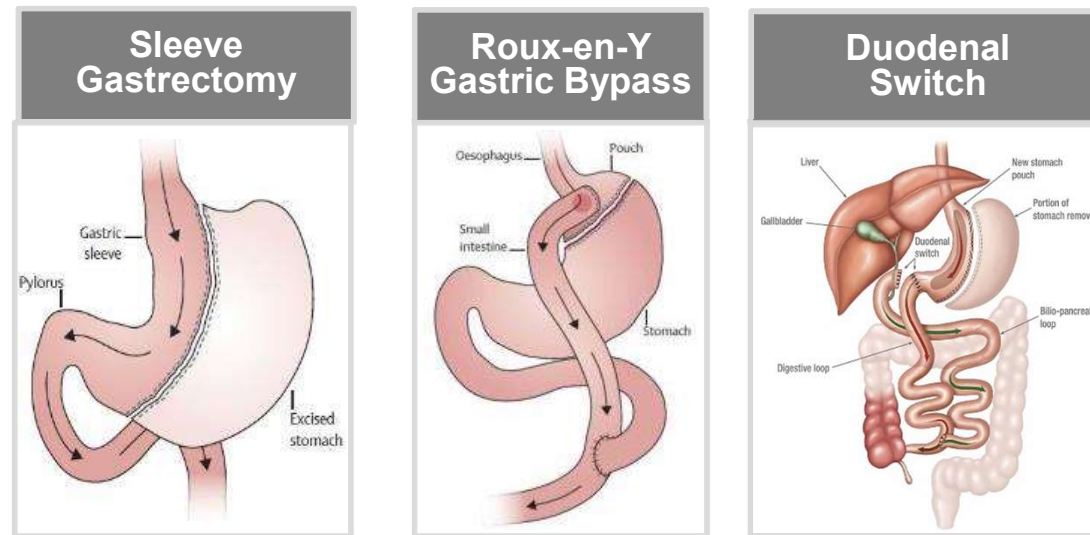
Poor sleep

Stress

Disrupted circadian rhythms

Weight-inducing drugs

# Most Common Bariatric Procedures



**98% performed laparoscopically**  
**Average length of stay – 1.2 days**

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# Why does bariatric surgery work so well?

<p><b>Food Intake</b></p>	<p><b>Potential Mediators of Decreased Food Intake</b></p>	<p><b>Hormonal</b></p>	<p><b>Food Preferences Change</b></p>	<p><b>Change in Bile Acids</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes in hunger and fullness via enhanced satiety leading to decrease in calorie intake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased transit of food into mid-gut through gastric pouch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GLP-1 and PYY increase</li> <li>• Ghrelin decreases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dumping syndrome?</li> <li>• Conditioned food avoidance?</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mean caloric intake 600-700 one month postop to 1000-1800 after first year</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mediators for Food Preferences</b></p>	<p><b>Change in Gut Microbiota</b></p>	<p><b>Calorie Malabsorption</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average reduction of 1800 kcal per day from pre-op intake sustained for several years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taste function domains</li> <li>• Sensory-discriminative (<i>stimulus identification</i>)</li> <li>• Hedonic (<i>ingestive motivation altered brain responsiveness to high calorie food cues</i>)</li> <li>• Physiological (<i>digestive preparation</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short chain fatty acids – calorie extraction/signals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exclusion of 10% of the bowel after RYGB unlikely to result in malabsorption</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>Energy Expenditure</b></p>	<p><b>Neural</b></p>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase/Decreased basal metabolic rate after bariatric surgery – in gut?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vagal and partial vagal transection</li> </ul>	





# PATIENT CASE

## Mrs. Jones

38-year-old woman with a history of depression, migraine headaches, premenstrual dysphoric disorder, seasonal allergies, who presents for routine medical follow-up. No significant change in health since last visit 6 months ago but is concerned about a 10-lb weight gain. She has been following a low-fat meal plan but not much physical activity.

### Examination:

- Weight, 288 lbs
- Height, 67"  
BMI, 45 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Waist circumference, 46 inches

### Medications

- Propranolol 160 mg QD
- Paroxetine 37.5 mg QD
- Diphenhydramine 25 mg at bedtime

### (+) ROS

- Occasional AM headaches and daytime fatigue

### Labs

- Unremarkable except A1c is 6.4% and fasting insulin 79 mIU/L

# Weight Loss Journey

## Initial “**Physiologic**” Recommendations:

- Started Mediterranean-type meal plan instead of low-fat diet
- Screened and treated her OSA with CPAP
- Stopped paroxetine and diphenhydramine
- Started metformin XR
- Started bupropion ER/Naltrexone ER
- Increased physical activity
- Enrolled in bariatric surgery process

### 3 months:

- 5% weight loss
- Weight 274#

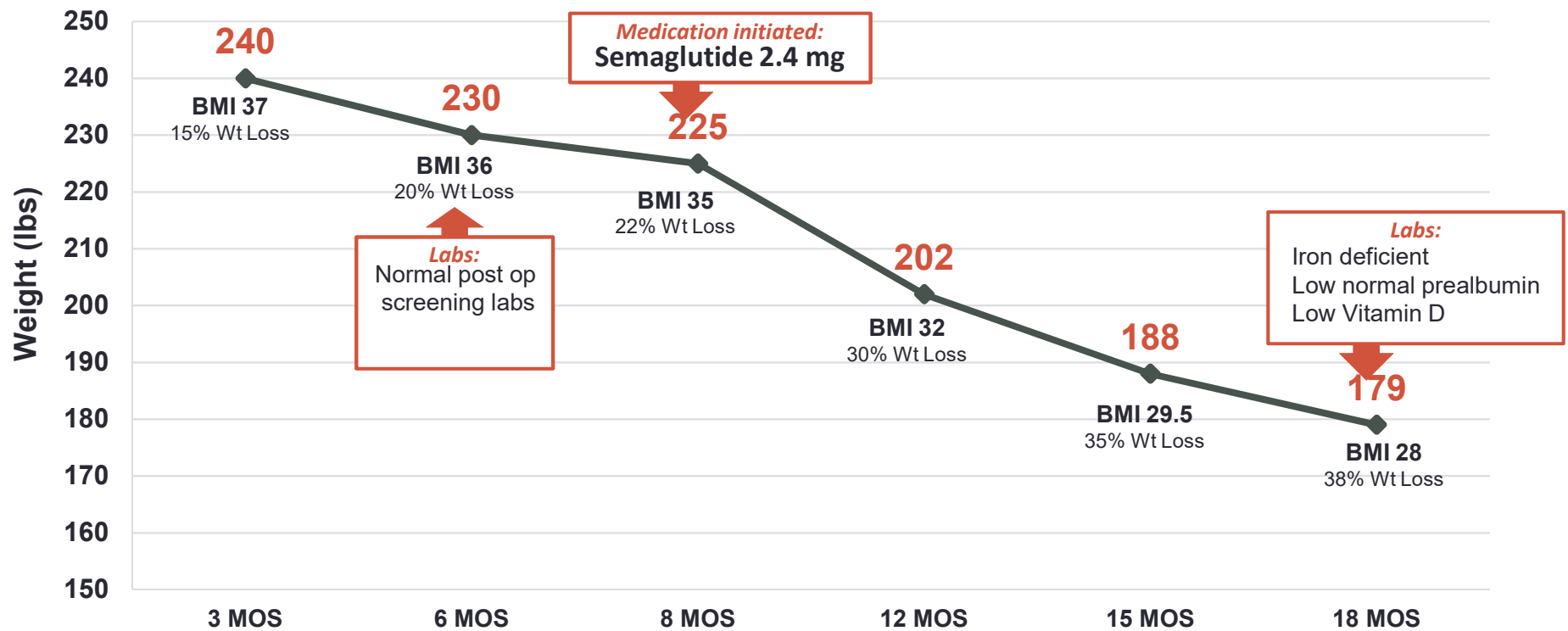
### 6 months:

- 8% weight loss / 265#
- **Underwent uncomplicated laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy**

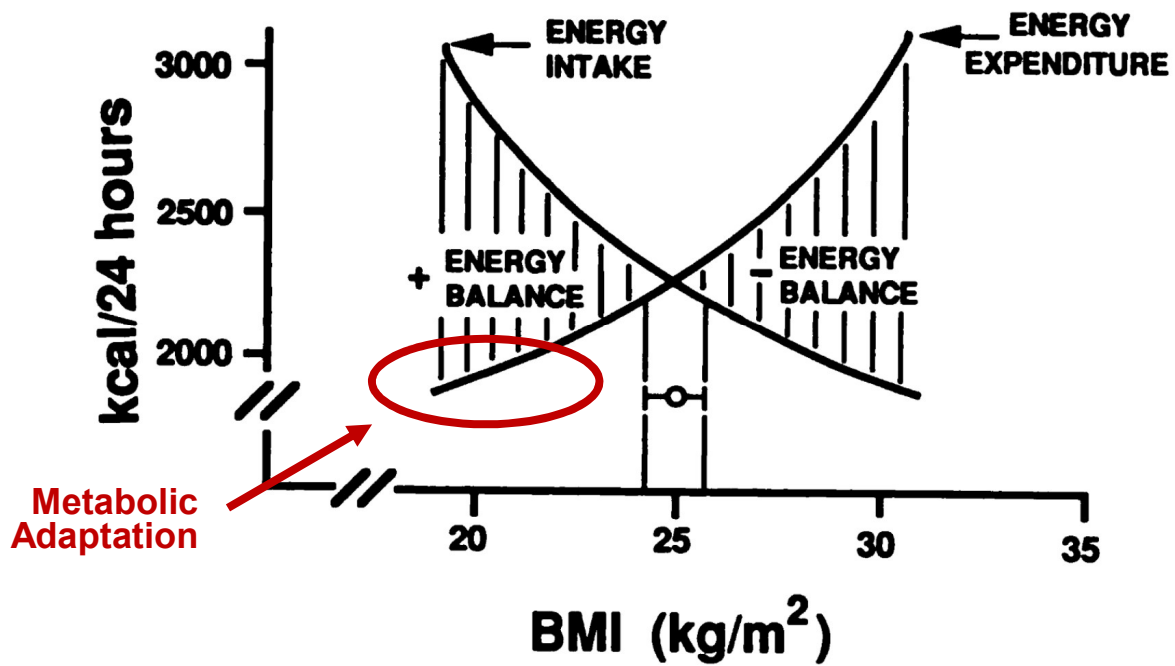
## Post Surgery Weight Loss Journey (Con't)

- 3 months post op
  - 15% weight loss
  - 240#/BMI 37
- 6 months post op
  - 20% weight loss
  - 230# / BMI 36
  - **Labs obtained**
- 8 months post op
  - 22% weight loss
  - 225# / BMI 35
  - Initiated Semaglutide 2.4 mg
- 12 months post op
  - 30% weight loss
  - 202# / BMI 32
- 15 months post op
  - 35% weight loss
  - 188# / BMI 29.5
- 18month post op
  - 38% weight loss
  - 179# / BMI 28
  - **Labs obtained**

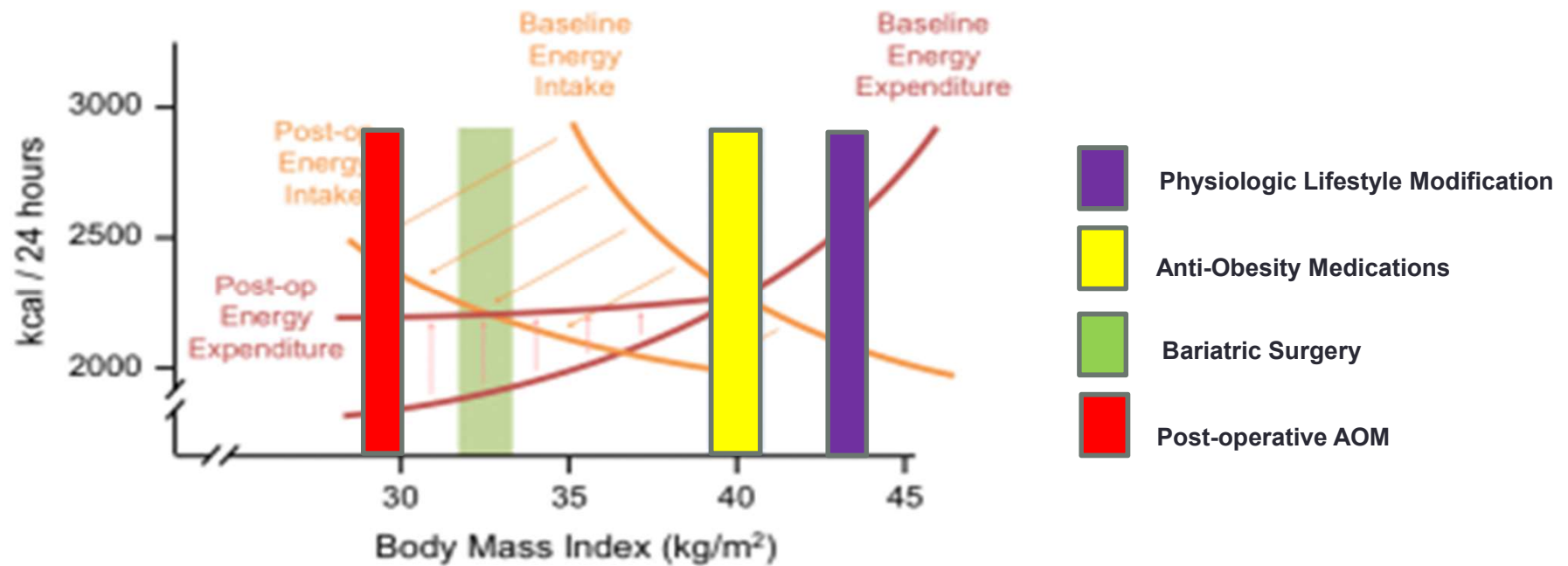
# Mrs. Jones: Post-op Weight Journey



# Defense of a Body Fat Storage “Set Point”



# Physiologic Weight Loss: Physiologic Lifestyle Modification, Effective Medications, Surgery





## Conclusion:

- The disease of obesity is a major driver of cardiometabolic diseases
- A modest weight loss of at least 5-10% does have significant metabolic benefits but greater weight loss → greater benefit.
- Obesity is a dysregulation of energy balance which is a function of the brain
- Physiologic lifestyle Modification, effective AO medications, and bariatric surgery are often required for physiologic compensation to a **NEW DEFENDED FAT MASS**

# Q & A

# Roundtable Discussion on Keynote



1. What resonated with you most in Dr. Still's presentation?
2. What are you now rethinking given the information Dr. Still shared?
3. How are you incorporating therapeutic weight loss into your treatment plans? How do you get patient buy-in for the efficacy of existing obesity interventions?

**Speaker: Patient Perspective**

**Patricia Nece**



# Breakout Session Overview



- These breakouts will run concurrently.
- The breakout room assignments are only suggestions.
- In fairness to the facilitators, once you've selected a breakout, we politely ask you to remain in that room.
- We encourage conversation from all!

# Breakout Facilitators

## Diabetes



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## Kidney Disease



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## Cardiovascular



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Associate Professor  
UC San Diego Health

# Suggested Breakout Assignments

## Diabetes Breakout

### Salon I

- Nkem O Akinsoto
- Fred Bloom
- Ken Bogenschutz
- Suelyn Boucree
- James Gaither
- Thomas Grace
- Insha Haque
- Leslie High
- Leon Jerrels
- Sonya Kokil Raikar
- Chalak Muhammad
- Richard Mulcahey
- Courtney Peters
- Kay Sadik
- Bruce Taylor

## Kidney Breakout

### Plaza C

- Robert Charles
- Dave Dolton
- Claire Grawburg
- Angie Griffith
- Victoria Harris
- Meredith Milligan
- Tesha Montgomery
- Sara Mukherjee
- Philip Oravetz
- Stacie Smith
- Laura Wilson
- Stephen Winn

## Cardiovascular Breakout

### Plaza D

- Alka Atal-Barrio
- Alexander Baer
- David Boyd
- Frank Colangelo
- Stephanie Copeland
- Rebecca Fitch
- Joel Ortiz
- Barbara Pritchard
- Crystal Redfern
- Christi Taylor
- Rachel Thomas
- Martine Thurin

## Panel Discussion with Facilitators and Audience



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