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List of Abbreviations

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| ACEI | angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors |
| ADL's | activities of daily living |
| ASMBS | The American Society of Metabolism and Bariatric Surgery |
| BMI | body mass index |
| BPD | biliopancreatic diversion |
| DVT | deep venous thrombosis |
| EWL | excess weight loss |
| FRC | Functional residual capacity |
| LAGB | laparoscopic Adjustable band gastroplasty |
| PAP | pulmonary artery pressure |
| RGB | Roux-en-Y gastric bypass |
| RTP | reversed Trendelenburg Position |
| SWL | Safe Working Load |
| TP | Trendelenburg Position |
| VBG | vertical band gastroplasty |
| VTE | venous thromboembolism |

Introduction

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As a trust, the need is to be proactive rather than reactive to the rise in obesity and caring for the bariatric patient. All our patients have a right to expect nondiscriminatory and appropriate healthcare and treatment. This includes providing the ability within healthcare facilities to deal with basic, easily anticipated requirements of mobilization and care. **(Rundle, 2002).**

Obese patients may not present until late in the course of their illness due to mobility and transportation problems, sedentary life-styles and depression. It often takes a great deal of effort to present with a problem as they may feel embarrassed and sometimes they are aware of a resentment from medical staff because of their size and the problems that surround the issue. Assessment is the first step, it identifies goals, equipment needs and care packages that meet both the individual and the staff involved which improves functional capability. Assessing a morbidly obese patients care needs should include detailed information on independence, mobility, activities of daily living (ADL'S) which includes Airway, Breathing, circulation, dignity and the equipment requirement. Also Risk assessments should be calculated. How to resuscitate a bariatric patient and how to weigh a bariatric patient should be in mind. The psychological needs should never be neglected. (Dartford, et al.: **American Society of Metabolism and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) Guidelines for the Care of Bariatic Patient, June 2006)**

Aim of Work

The aim of this work is to through some lights on the perioperative care of bariatric surgery patients and evaluation and management of their risks.

Definition & Pathophysiology of morbid Obesity

- **Definition:**

Obesity can be defined using the body mass index (BMI), which is the weight in kilograms divided by the height in meters squared. BMI is the most common internationally accepted standards use to measure weight and the height of the people. **Volker (2004)**

$$\text{BMI} = \text{Weight (Kg)} / \text{Height (M)}^2$$

TABLE 1-A

| BMI | interpretation |
|------------|-----------------------|
| < 20 | Underweight |
| 20 - 24.9 | Healthy Weight |
| 25 - 29.9 | Overweight |
| 30 – 34.9 | Obese (Class 1) |
| 35 - 40 | Obese (Class 2) |
| 40+ | Morbid Obesity |

(National Audit Office – Tackling Obesity in England 2001, WHO)

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Morbid obesity is defined as 100 lb above the ideal body weight **or** 50-100 percent above one's ideal body weight.

(The United States National Institutes of Health (NIH), 2001)

- **Pathophysiology of morbid obesity:**

Causes:

The real causes of morbid obesity are still unknown but sedentary lifestyle may be a major cause. Obesity Results from Greater Energy Intake than Energy Expenditure. Environmental, social, and psychological factors contribute to abnormal feeding. Childhood overnutrition is a possible Cause of Obesity. The number of fat cells in obese children is often as much as three times that in normal children. Neurogenic abnormalities are also a cause of Obesity. People with hypophysial tumors that encroach on the ventromedial nuclei of the hypothalamus often develop progressive obesity. **(Guyton and Hall 2006)**