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# Obesity Treatment: Drug or Surgery?

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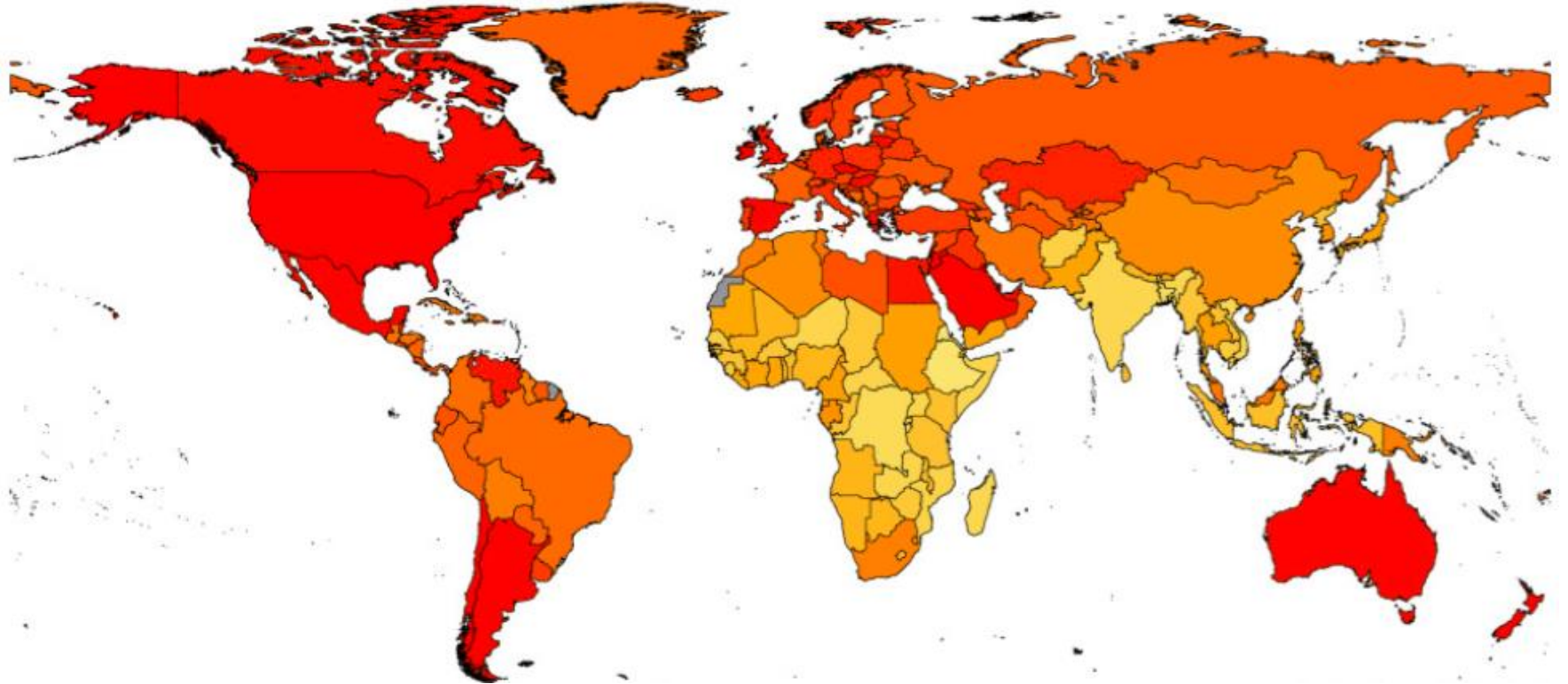
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# Global Obesity Map 2014



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## CMA recognizes obesity as a disease

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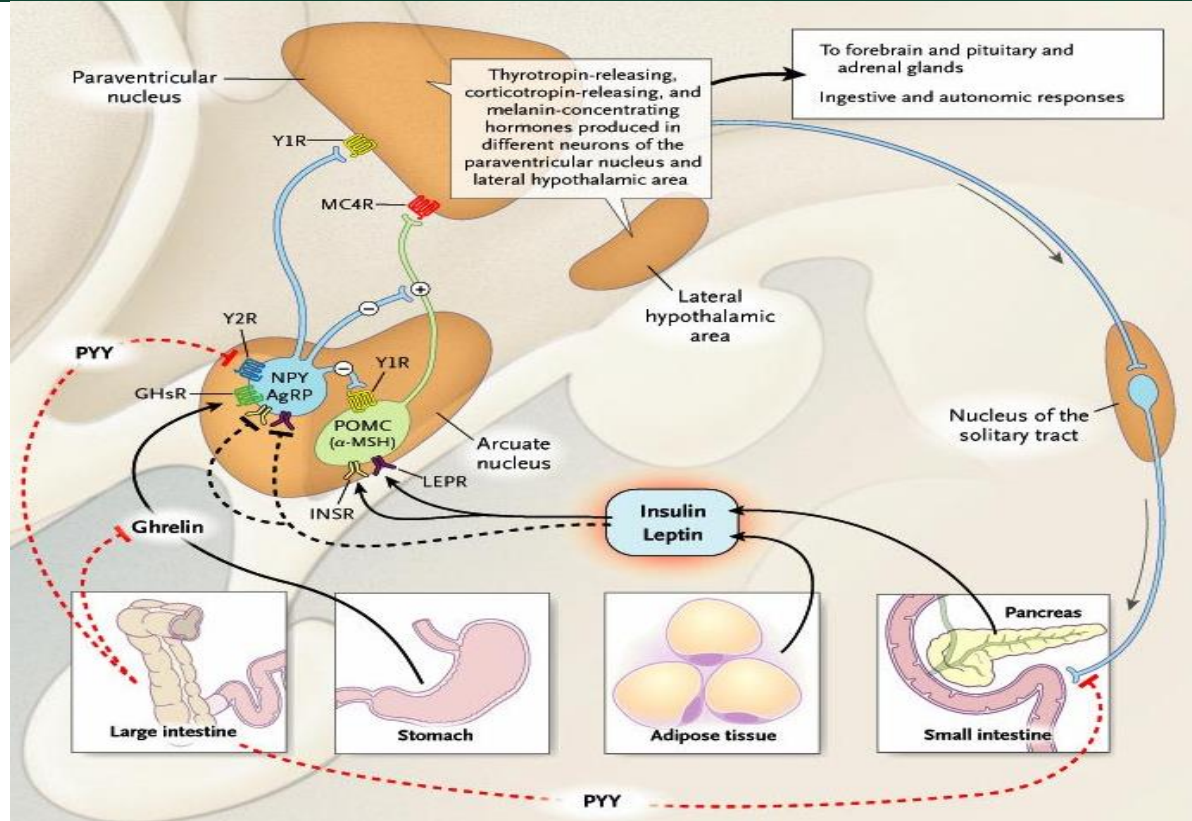
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The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) has declared obesity to be a chronic medical disease requiring enhanced research, treatment and prevention efforts.

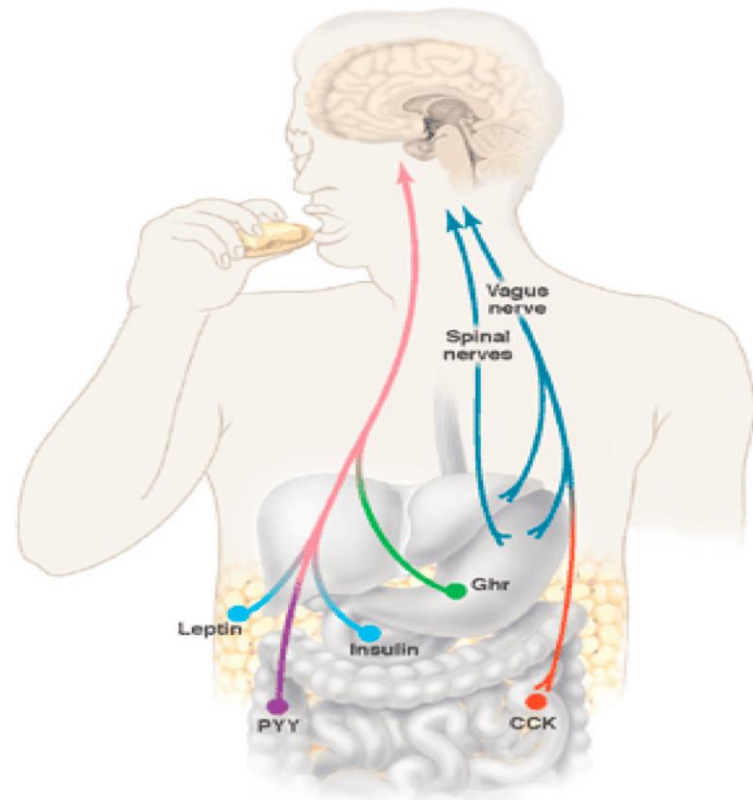
At the recent meeting of the CMA Board of directors, overwhelming support was given to a resolution to this effect that had been referred to the Board for consideration from the August General Council meeting.

“It is important for health care providers to recognize obesity as a disease so preventive measures can be put in place and patients can receive the appropriate treatment,” said CMA President Cindy Forbes.

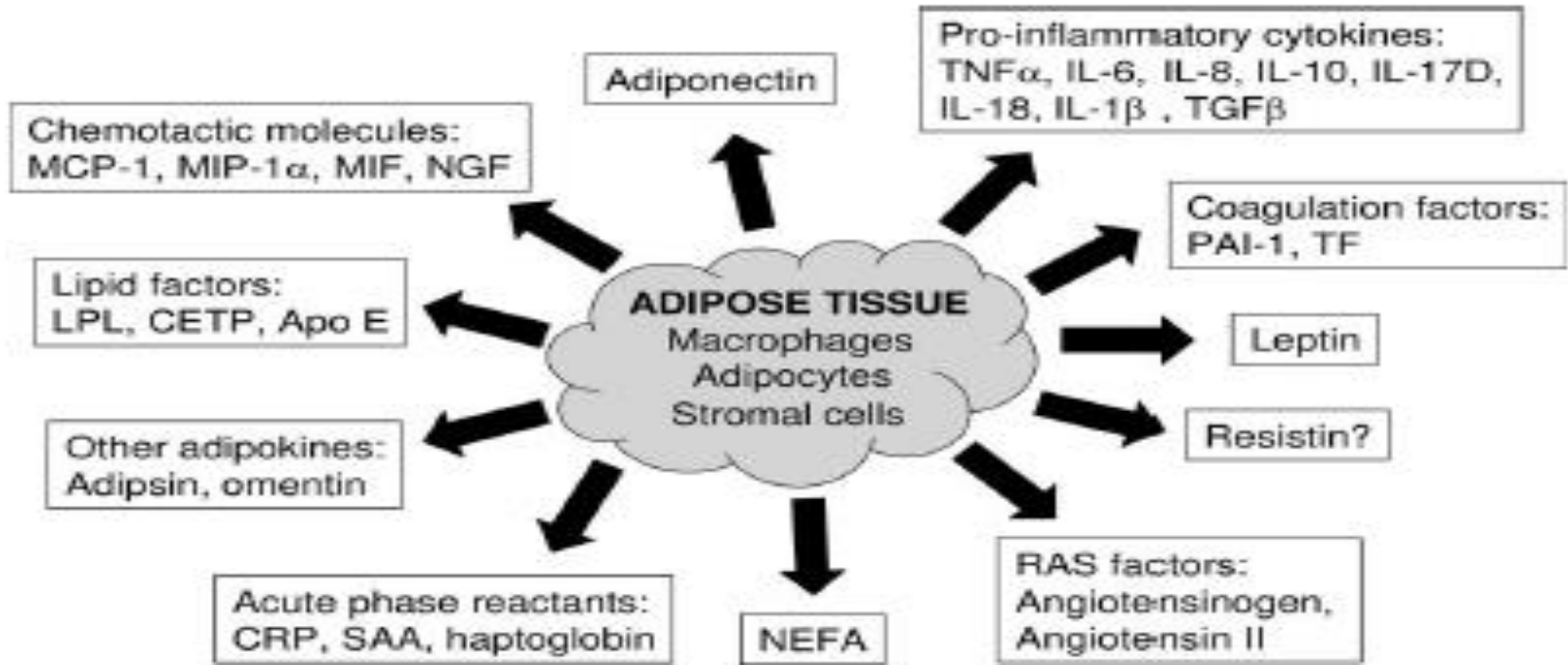
# Central Control of Energy Metabolism



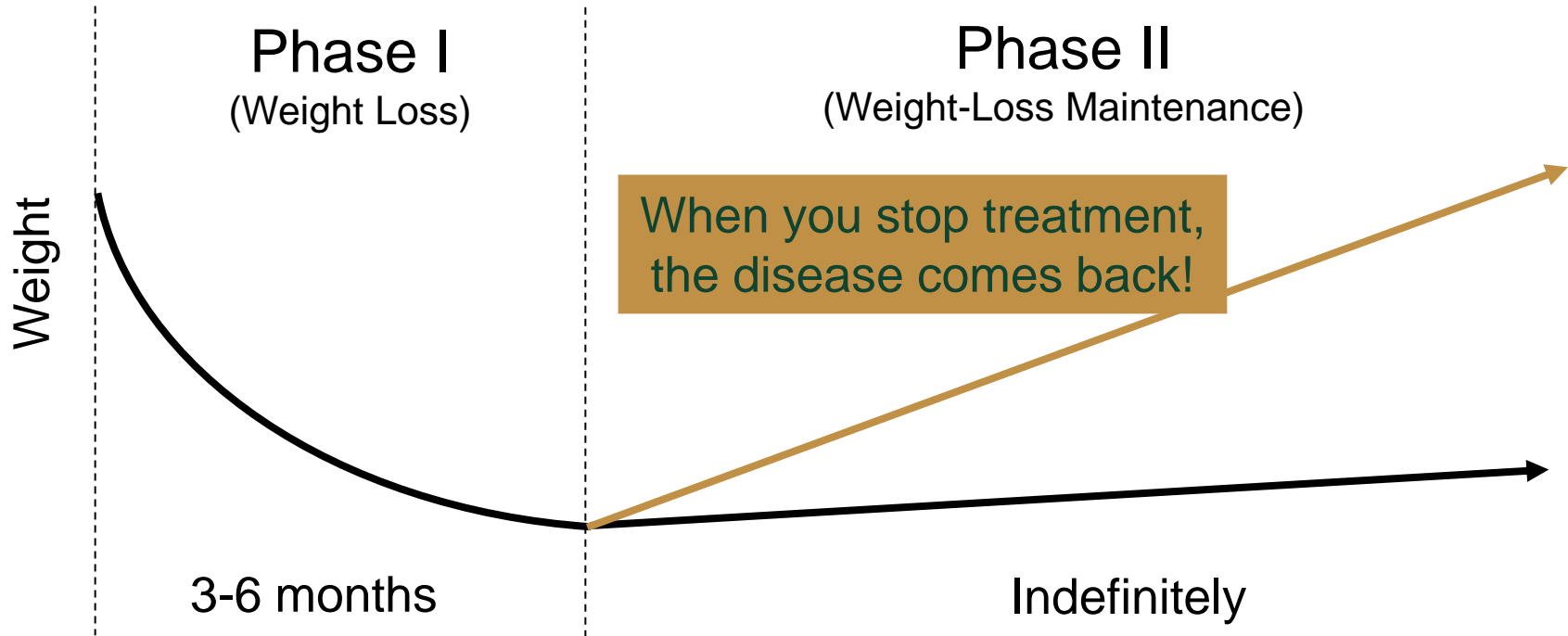
# Long-Acting Adiposity Signals and Short-Acting Meal-Related Signals that Contribute to Energy Balance



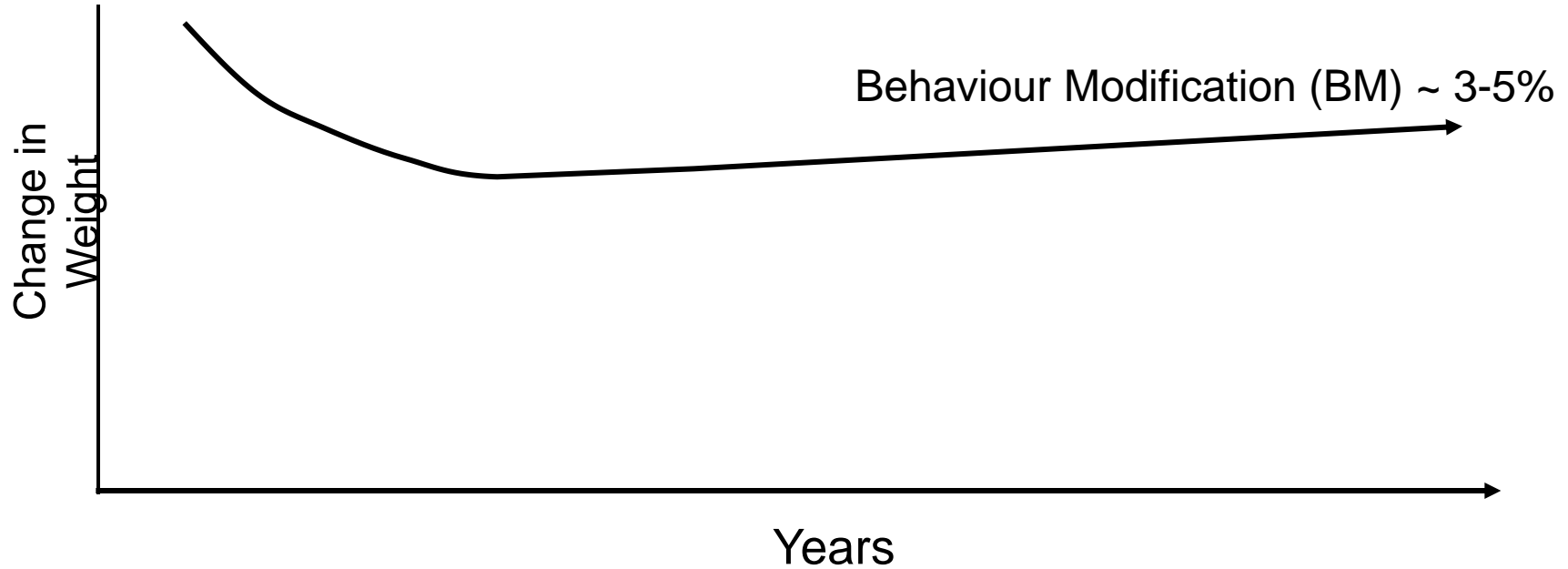
# Adipose Tissue Adipokines



# Phases of Obesity Treatment

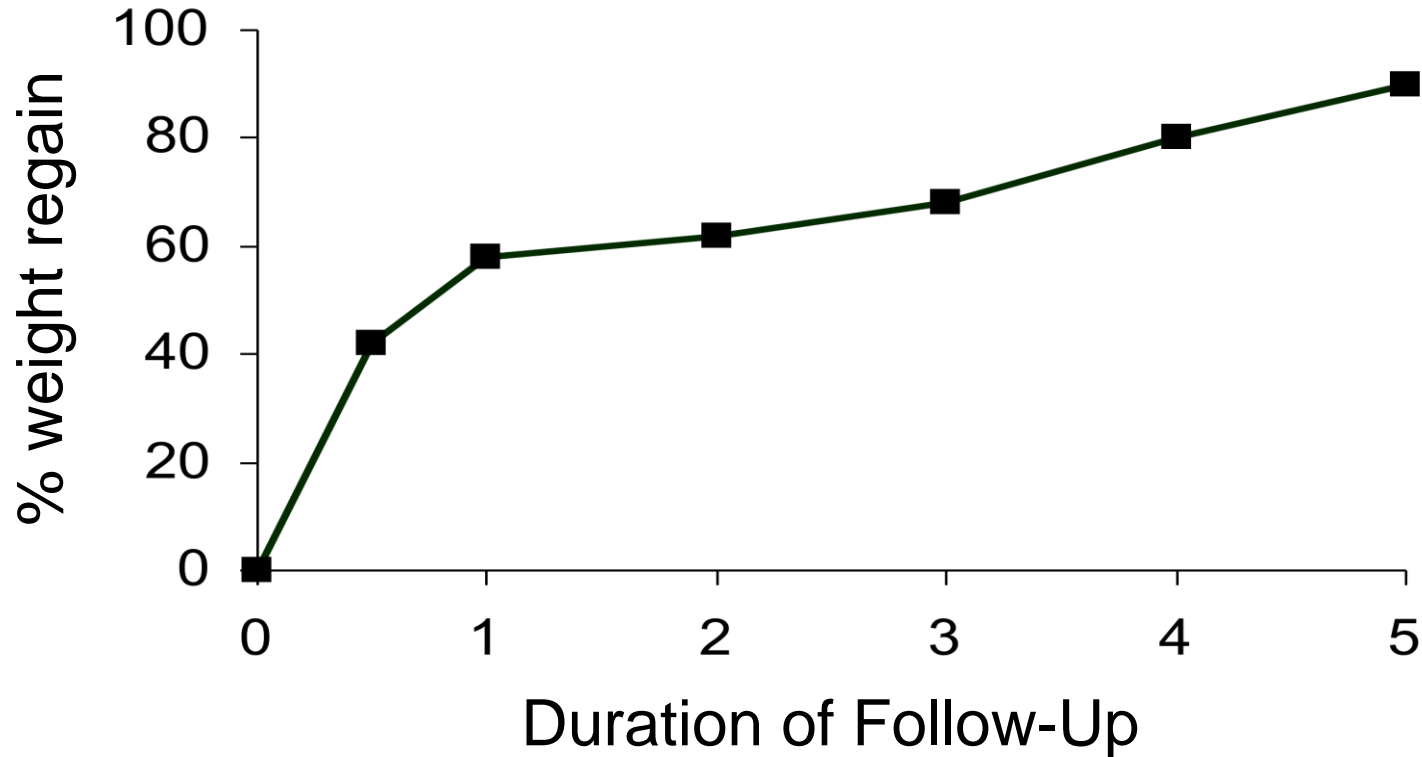


# Typical Treatment Success

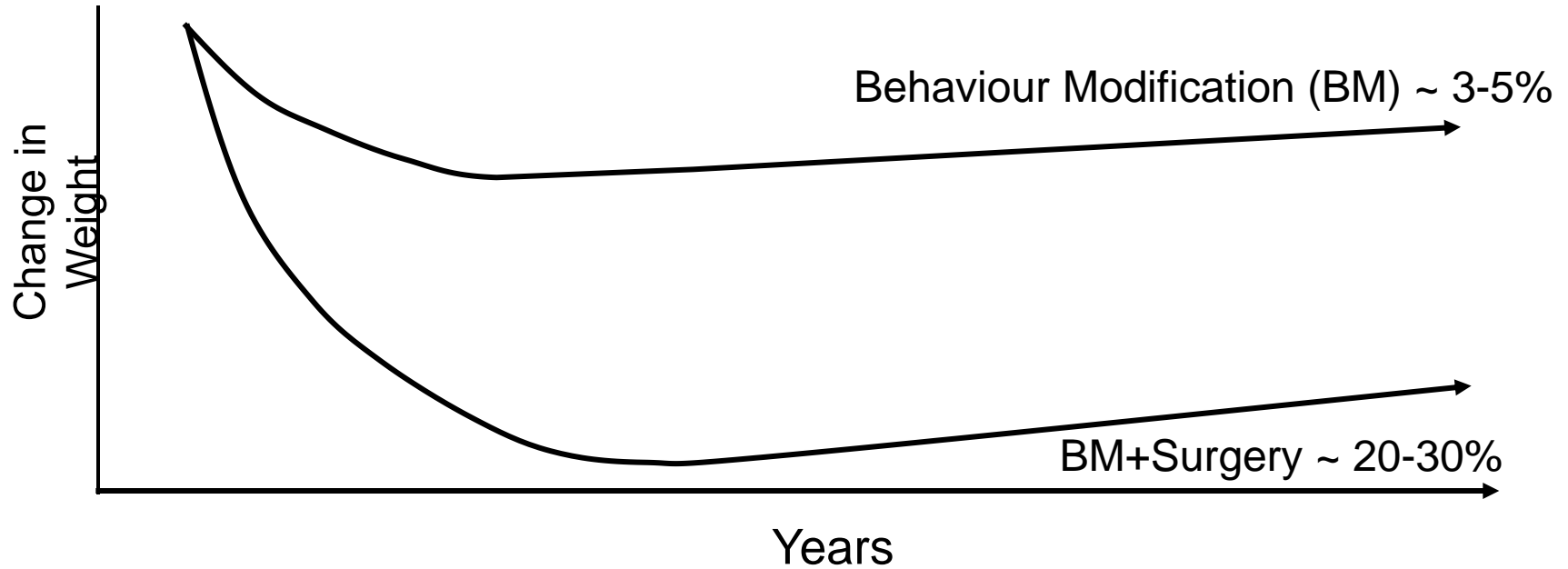




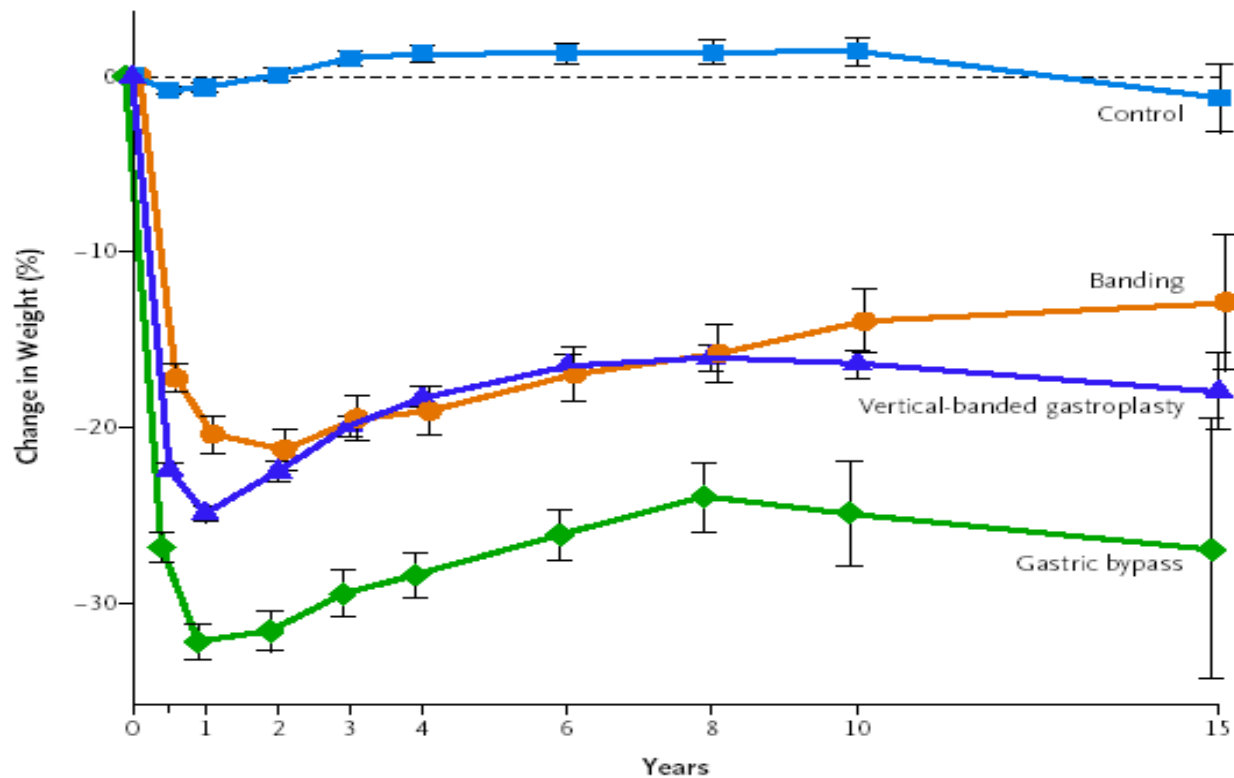
# Recovery of Lost Weight After Diet-Induced Weight Loss (16 studies)



# Typical Treatment Success

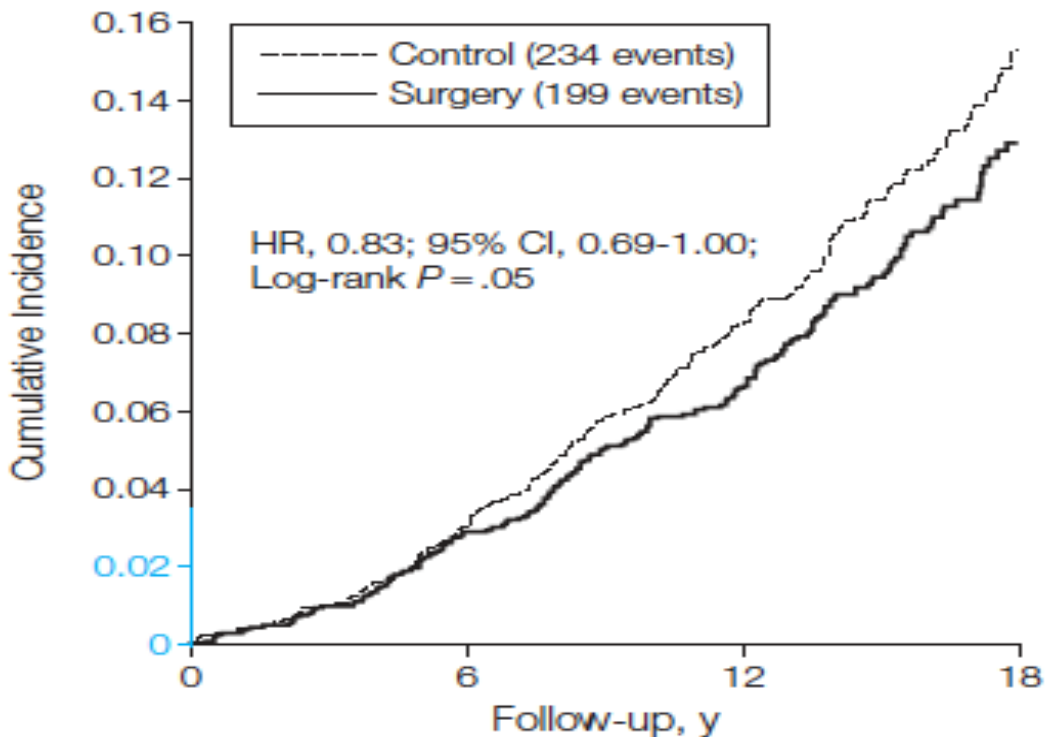


# Long-Term Maintenance of Weight Loss in Swedish Obese Subjects (n=2010 vs. 2037)





### Total cardiovascular events



No. at risk		0	6	12	18
Control		2037	1945	1326	361
Surgery		2010	1921	1468	375

OR

## Bariatric Cardio

- Lars Sjöström, M
- Markku Peltone
- Peter Jacobson,
- C. David Sjöström
- Kristjan Karason
- Hans Wedel, Ph
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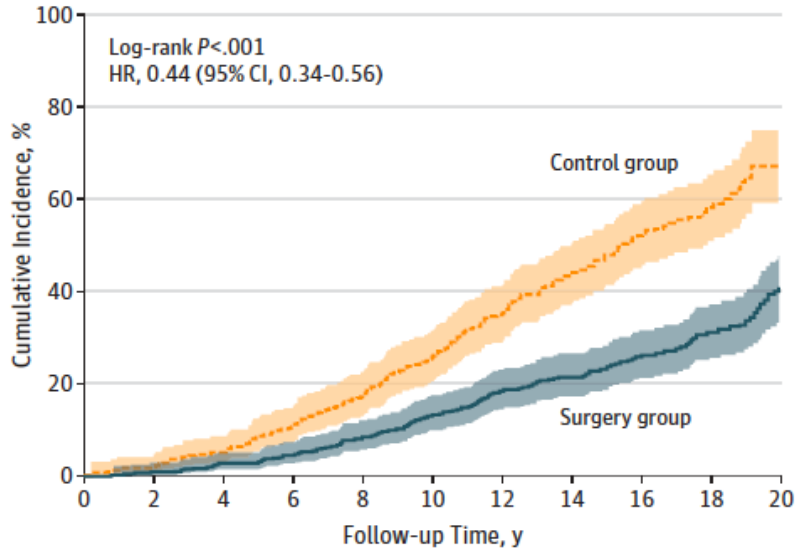
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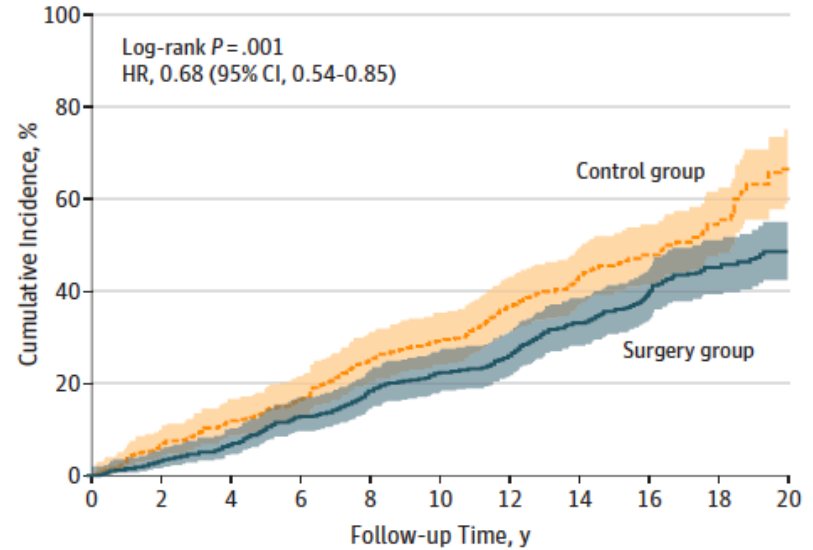
# Incidence of Micro and Macro-Vascular Complications After Bariatric Surgery

Microvascular complications



No. at risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Control	260	251	239	222	201	177	146	104	68	46	19
Surgery	343	336	326	318	301	280	257	207	160	112	63

Macrovascular complications



No. at risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Control	260	240	225	214	191	178	155	116	80	53	20
Surgery	343	330	315	294	270	254	238	186	142	92	54



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## Bariatric Surgery versus Conventional Medical Therapy for Type 2 Diabetes

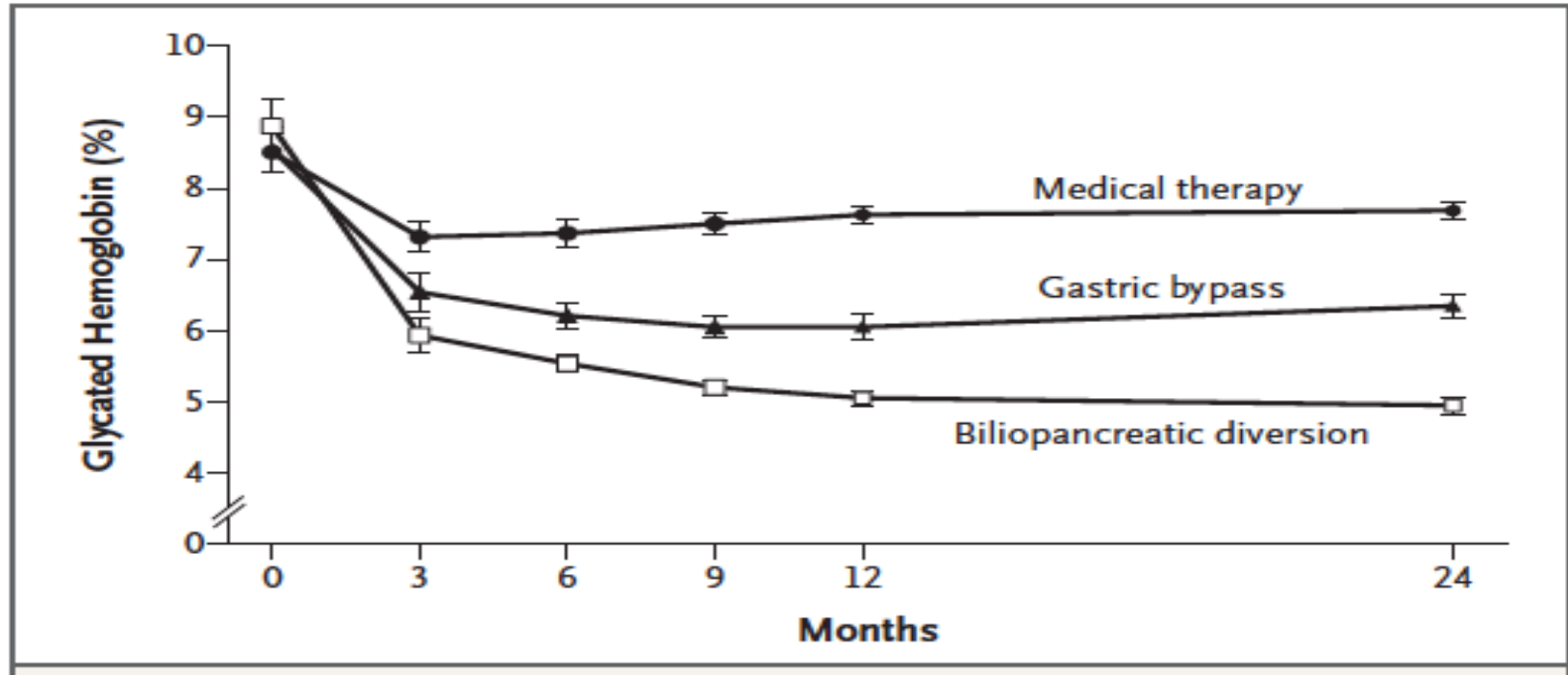
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## Bariatric Surgery versus Intensive Medical Therapy in Obese Patients with Diabetes

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Susan Thomas, R.N., Beth Abood, R.N., Steven E. Nissen, M.D.,  
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# HbA1c During 2 Years of Follow-Up



# Potential Mechanisms of Type 2 Diabetes Regression in Bariatric Surgery

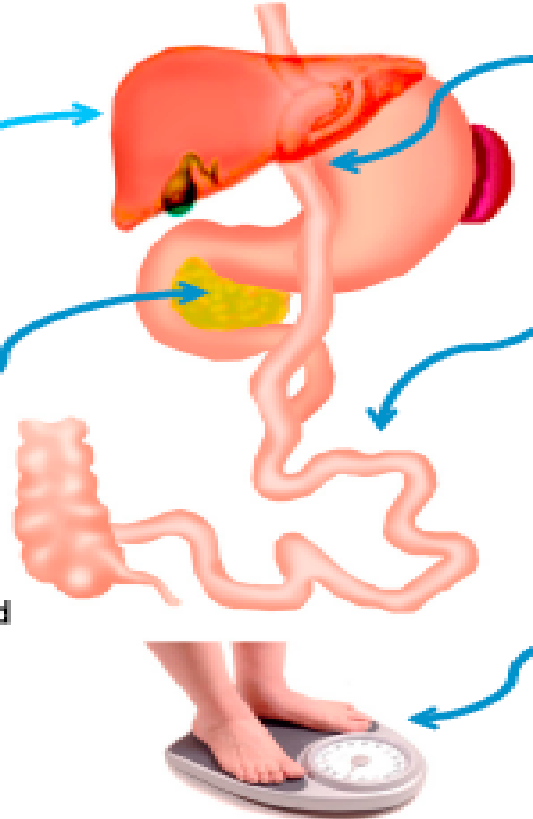
1 .Perioperative calorie restriction:  
Doubling of hepatic  
Insulin sensitivity

2. *Unretarded* passage of nutrients  
into small intestine

4. Dramatic  
stimulation of  
insulin secretion  
by GLP-1,  
This is the site  
where the GLP-1  
receptor antagonist,  
exendin 9-39,  
blocks meal-induced  
hypersecretion of  
insulin

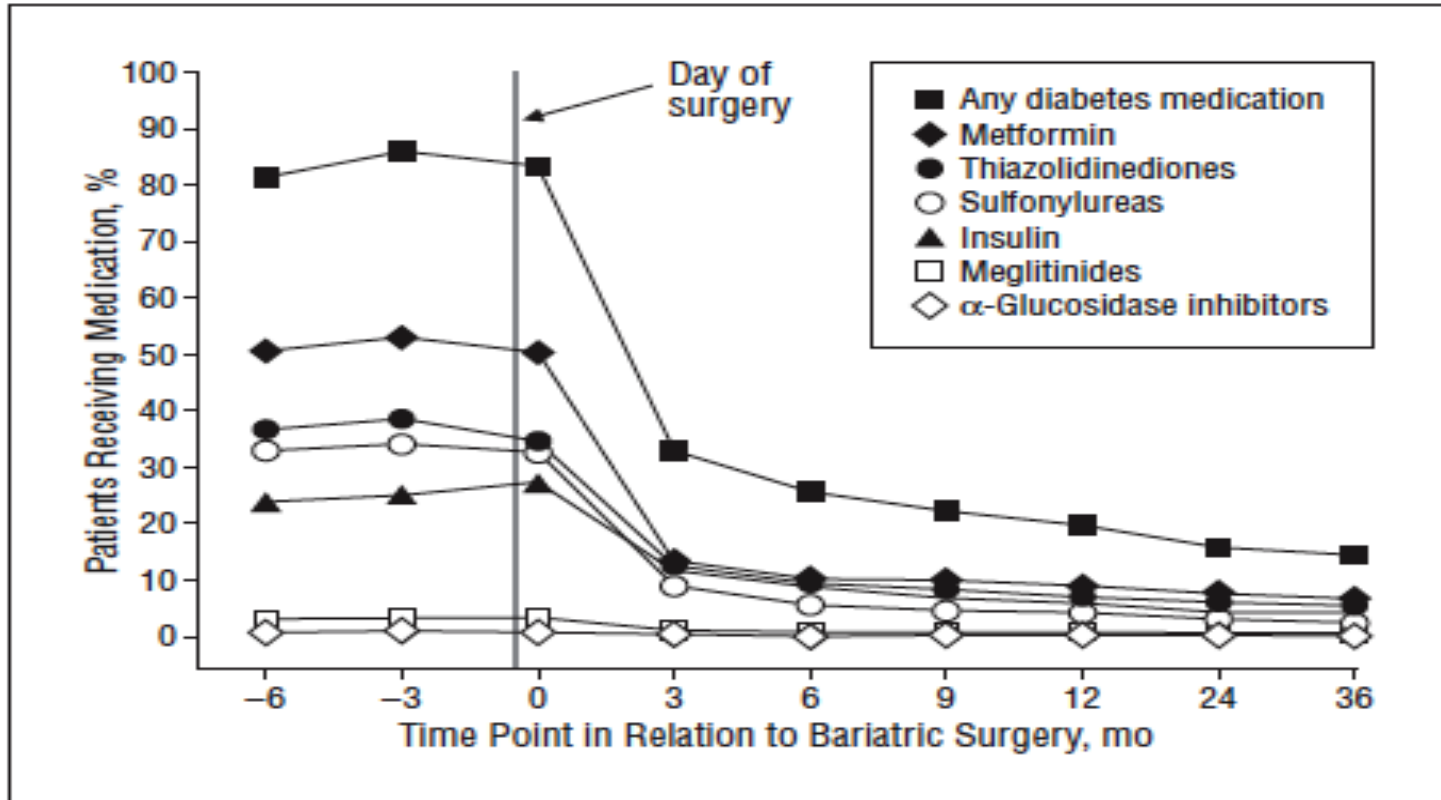
3. Abnormally high exposure  
of distal small intestine  
(with high L-cell density)  
to digested nutrients and  
secretions -> exaggerated  
release of GLP-1 and PYY

5. Weight loss (with time)  
-> diabetes resolution in  
about 50 %





# Use of Diabetes Medication Before and After Bariatric Surgery (n=2235)

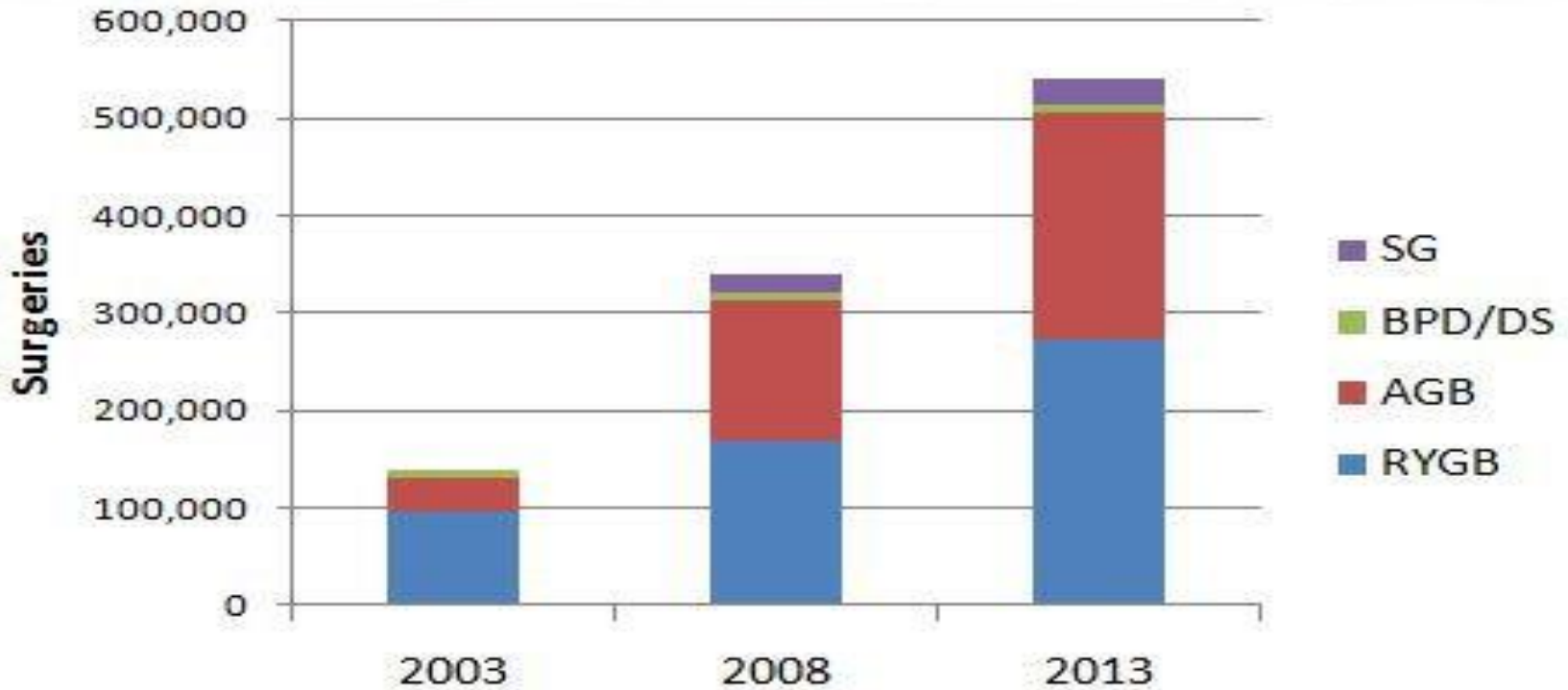


# Estimated Number of Eligible Patients

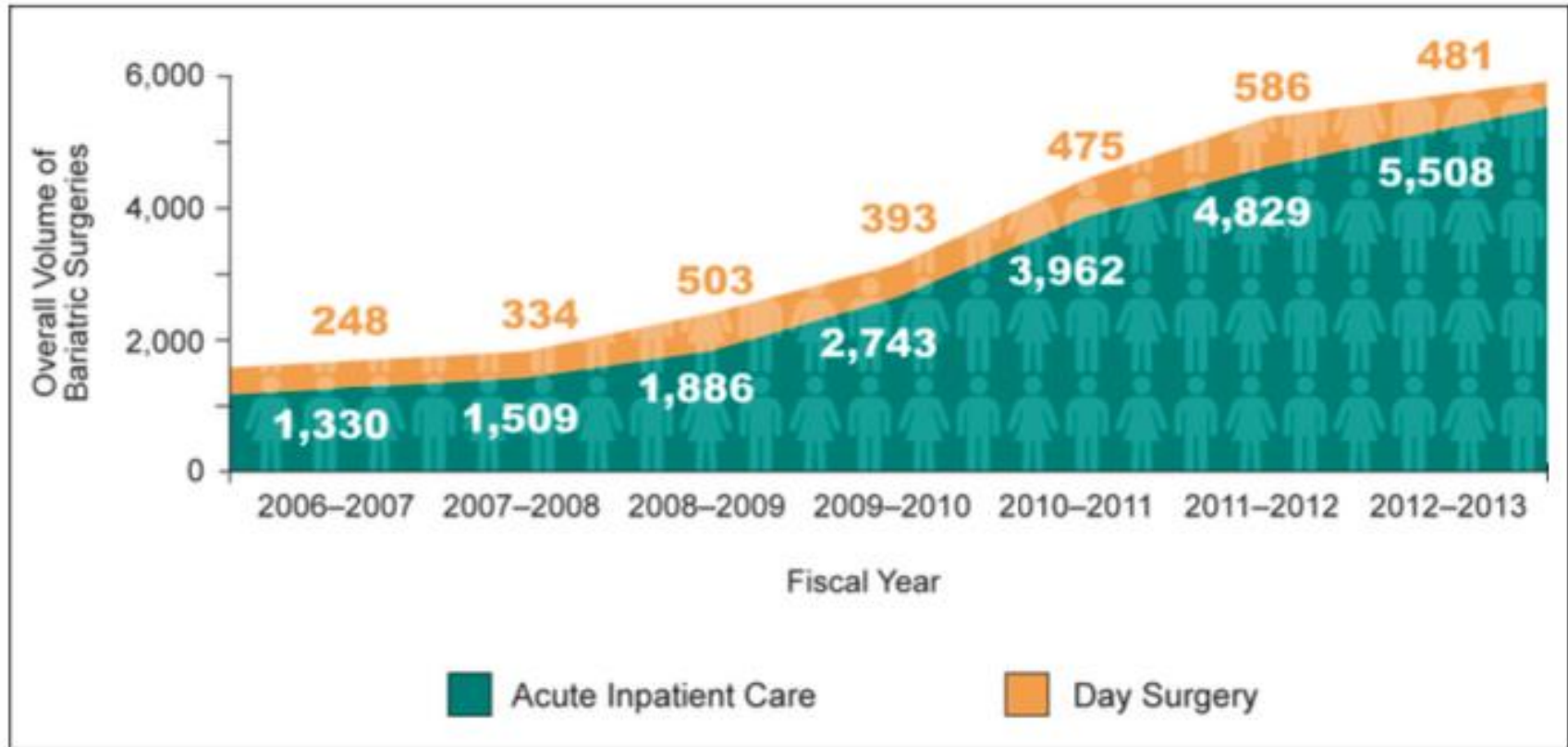
Estimate	Country
>10,000	Colombia, Croatia, Switzerland, Taiwan, Ukraine
>25,000	Finland, Greece, Panama
>50,000	Austria, Belgium, Kuwait, Lithuania
>100,000	Portugal, Venezuela
>250,000	Jordan, Netherlands, Peru, Serbia
>500,000	Canada, Japan, United Arab Emirates
>1,000,000	Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, Germany, India, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand & Australia, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Syria, USA
No estimate	Guatemala, Romania

This amounts to a conservative estimate of >16,000,000 patients eligible for bariatric surgery in IFSO member countries

# Global Trends in Bariatric Surgery



# Bariatric Surgeries in Canada



# Chipping Away At The Iceberg



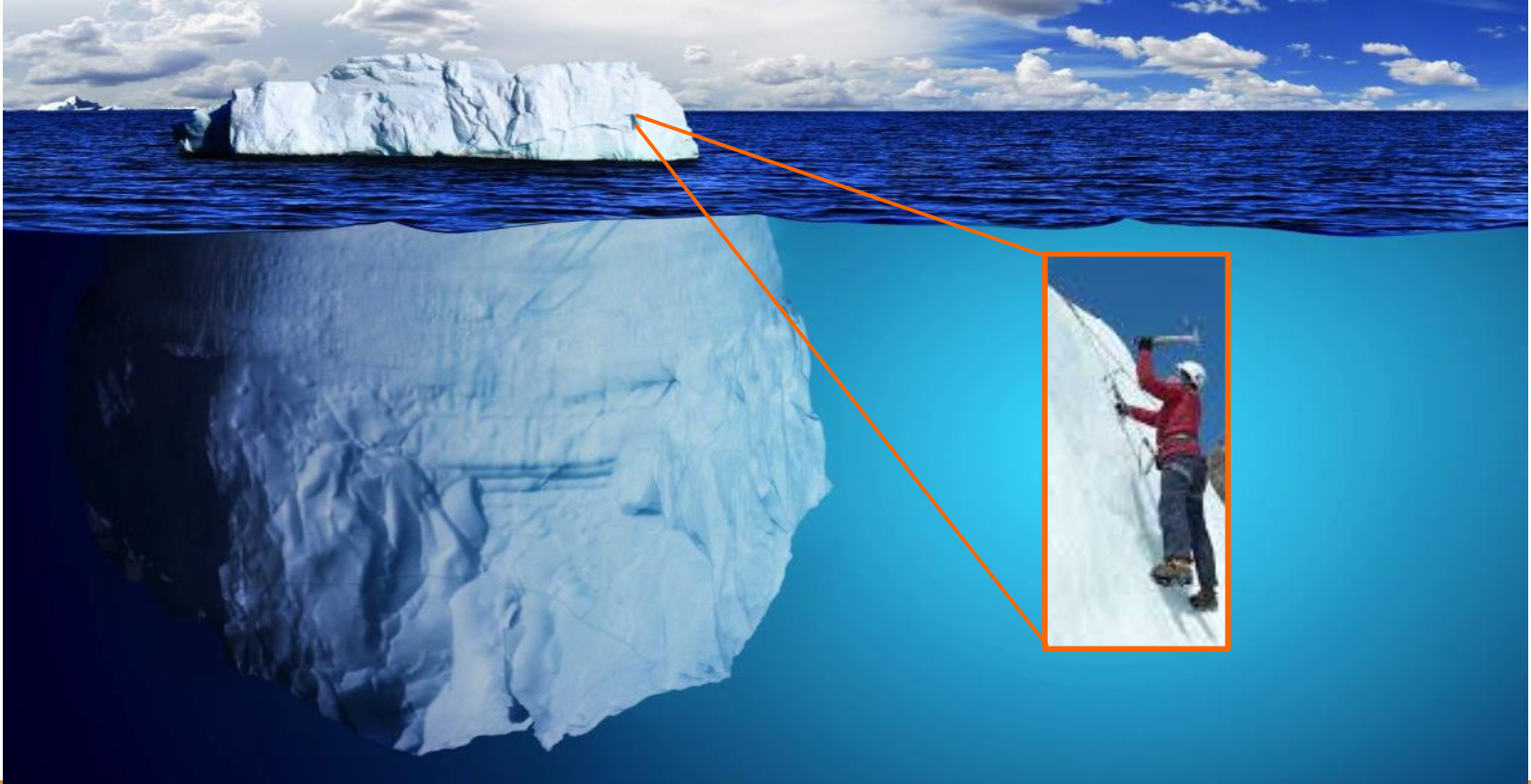
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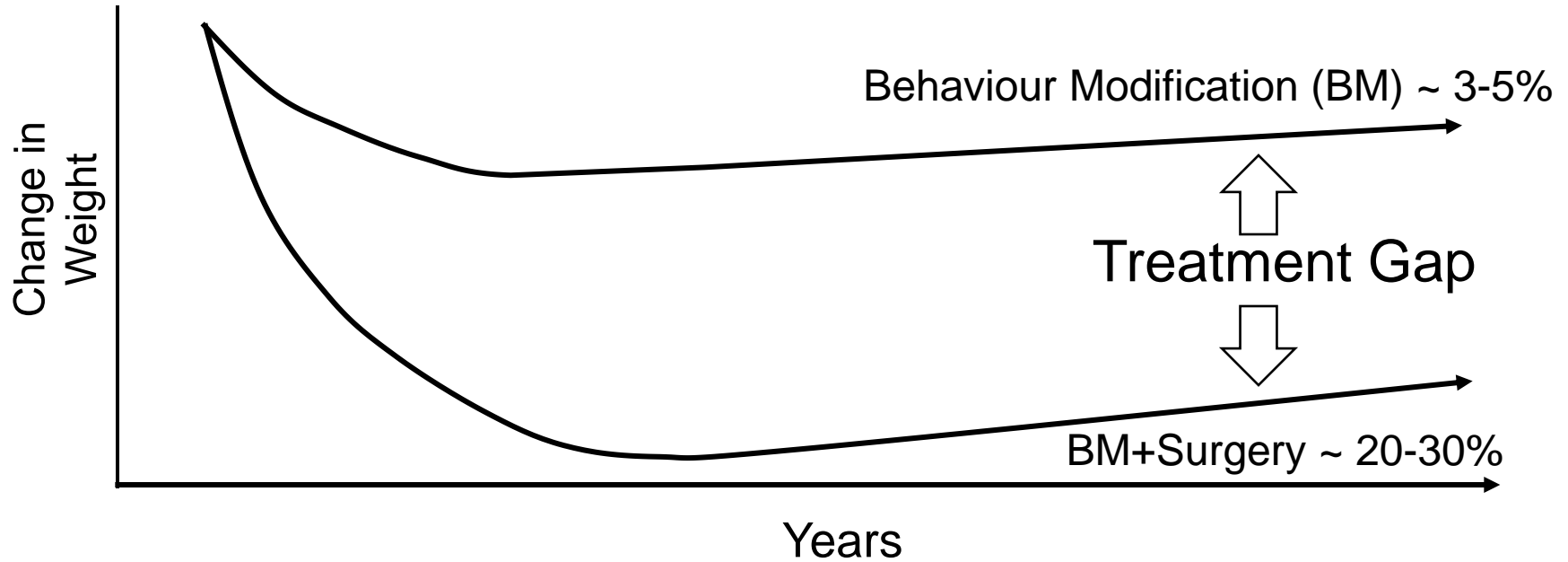
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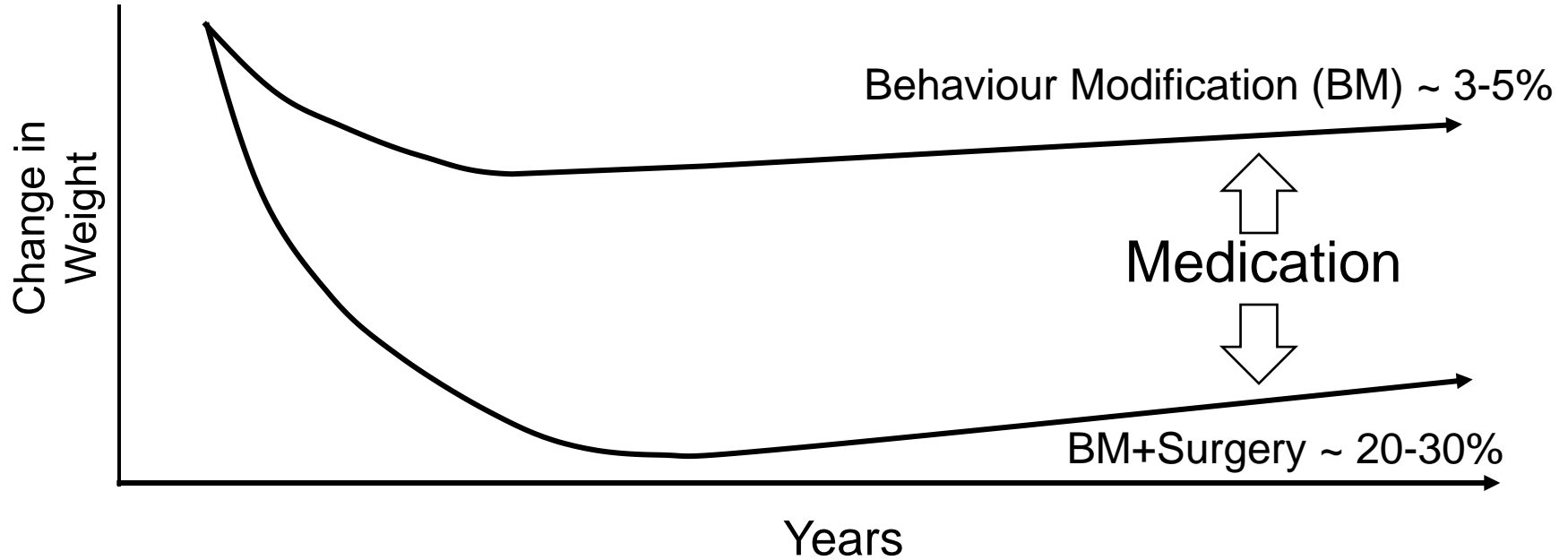
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# Typical Treatment Success

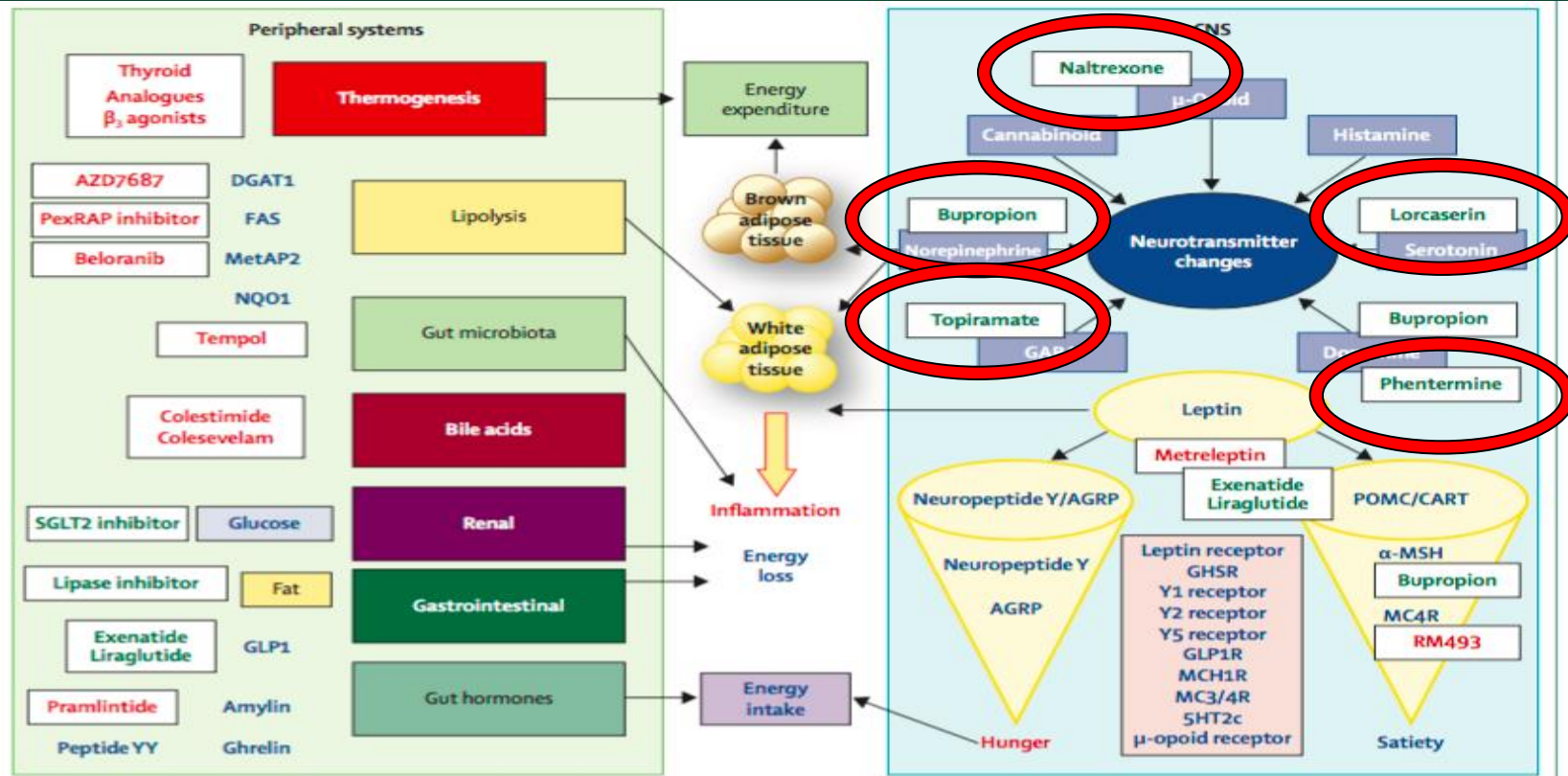


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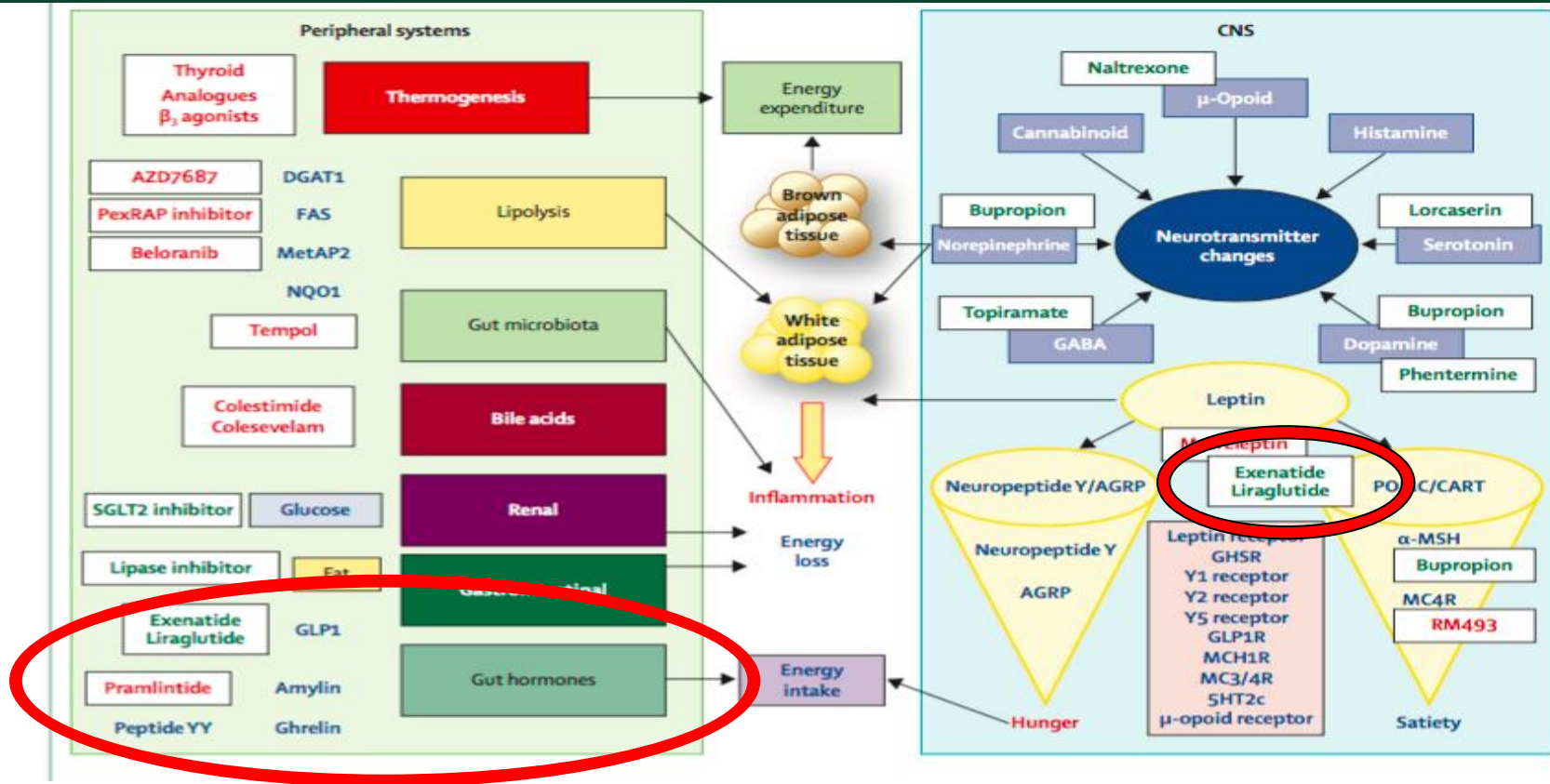




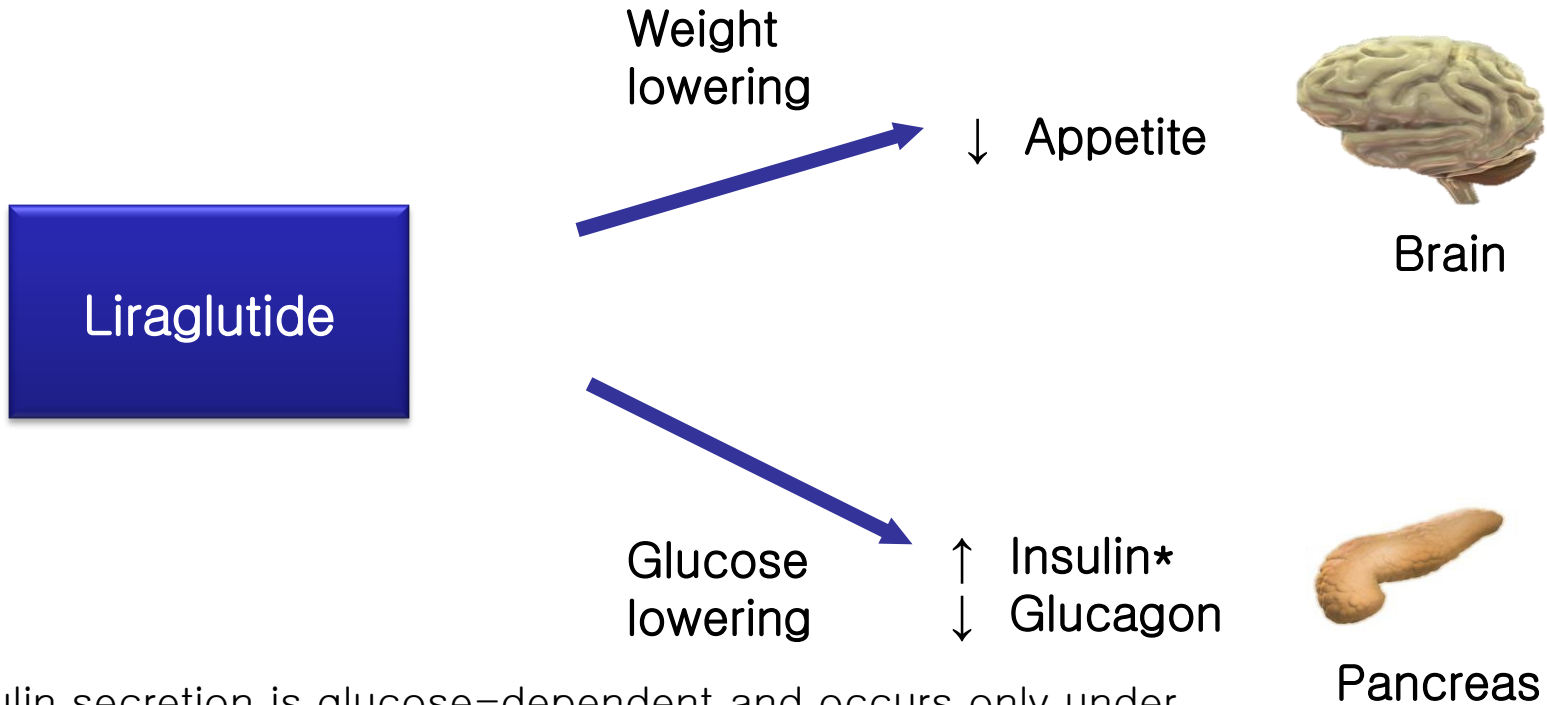
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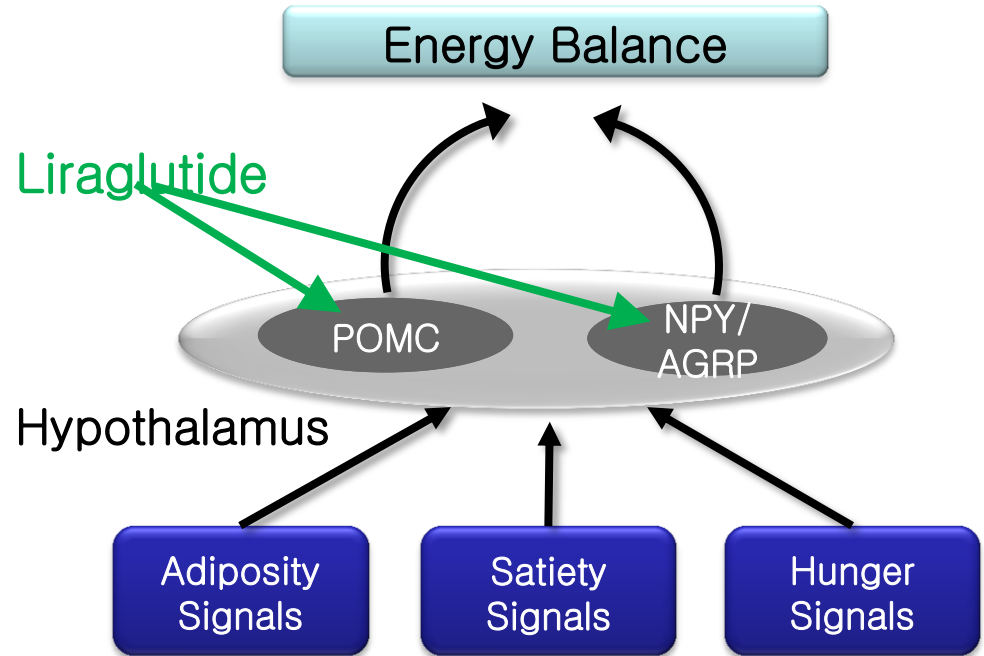
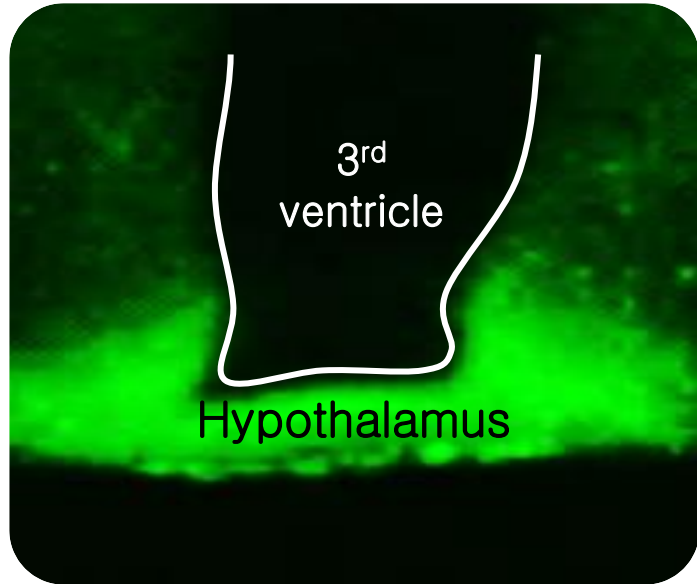


# Liraglutide – Independent Effects on Glucose and Body Weight



\*Insulin secretion is glucose-dependent and occurs only under hyperglycemic conditions

# Liraglutide Works Directly in Brain Areas Associated with Appetite Regulation

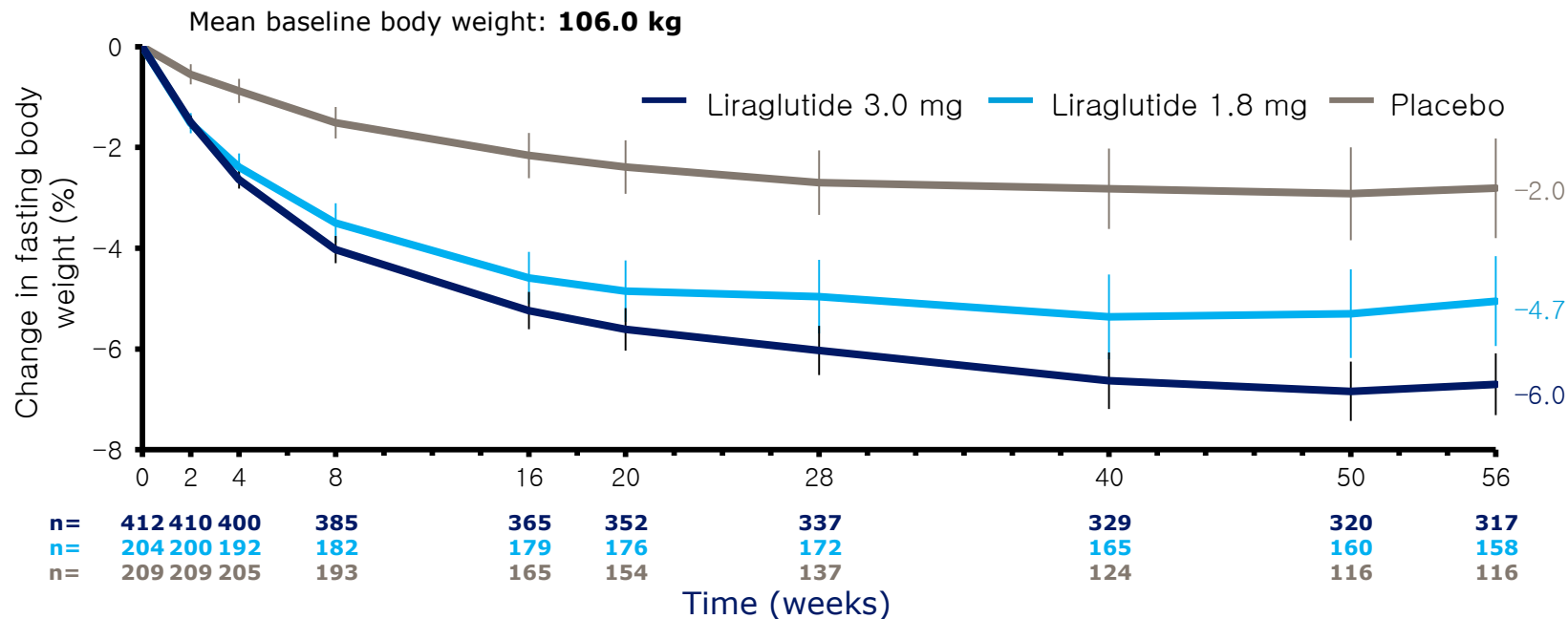


POMC, proopiomelanocortin;  
NPY, neuropeptide Y; AGRP, agouti-related peptide



# Liraglutide 3.0 mg in Diabetes: Weight Loss

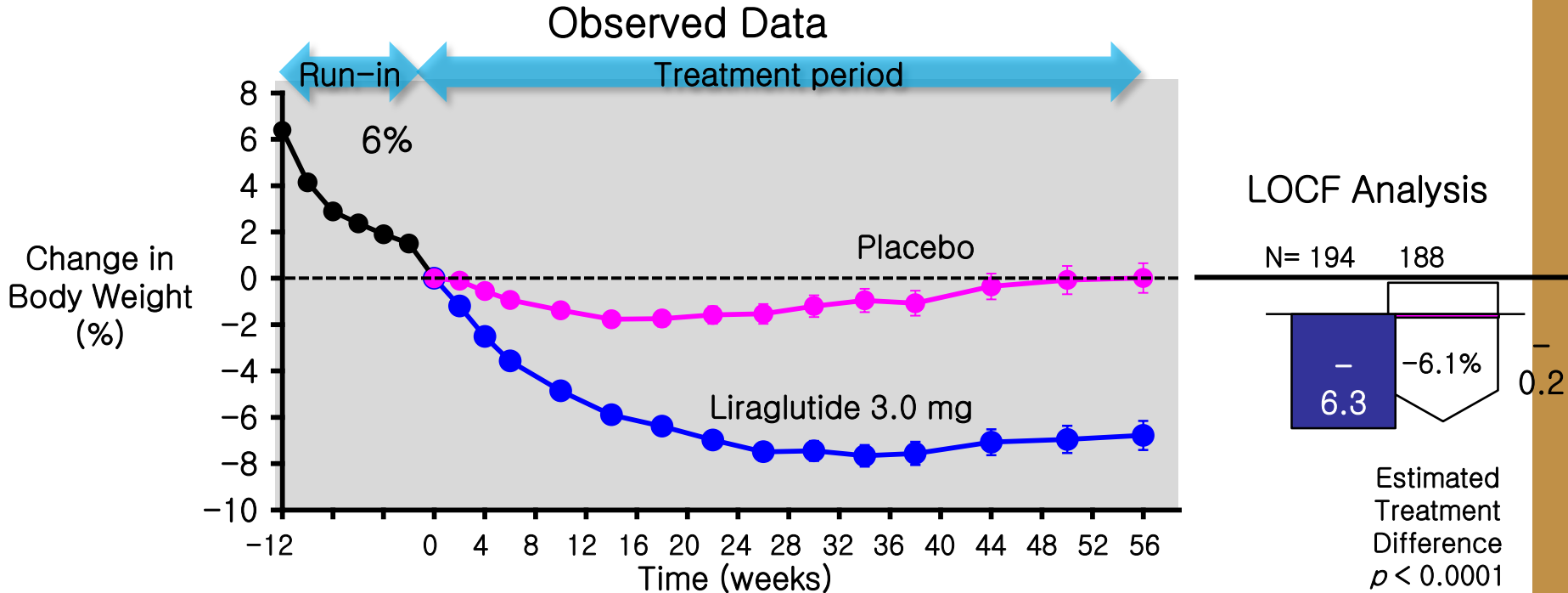
Liraglutide 1.8mg/day is not approved for weight management



FAS; line graphs are observed means ( $\pm 95\%$  Wald CI); statistical analysis is ANCOVA; CI, confidence interval; FAS, full analysis set

# SCALE Trial 1923:

## Weight Loss with Liraglutide 3.0 mg After LCD Run-



LCD = low calorie diet, Observed mean +/- SE for patients completing each scheduled visit with LOCF; N: number of patients contributing to analysis; data are LSMeans.



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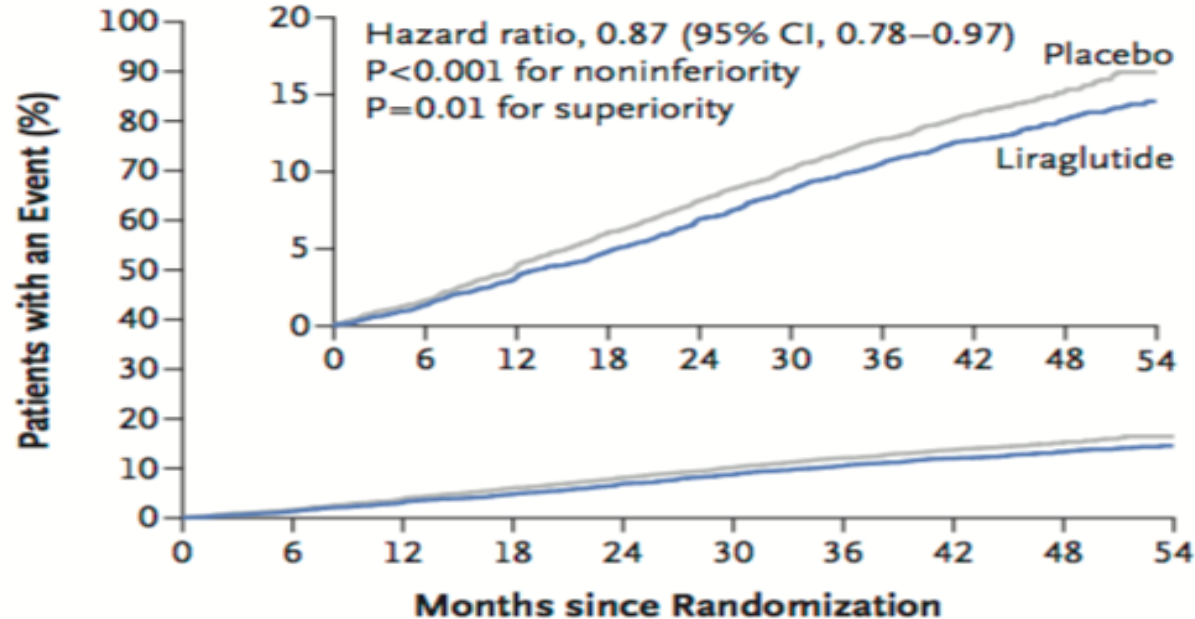
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# LEADER Trial – Liraglutide 1.8 mg



## A Primary Outcome



### No. at Risk

Liraglutide	4668	4593	4496	4400	4280	4172	4072	3982	1562	424
Placebo	4672	4588	4473	4352	4237	4123	4010	3914	1543	407





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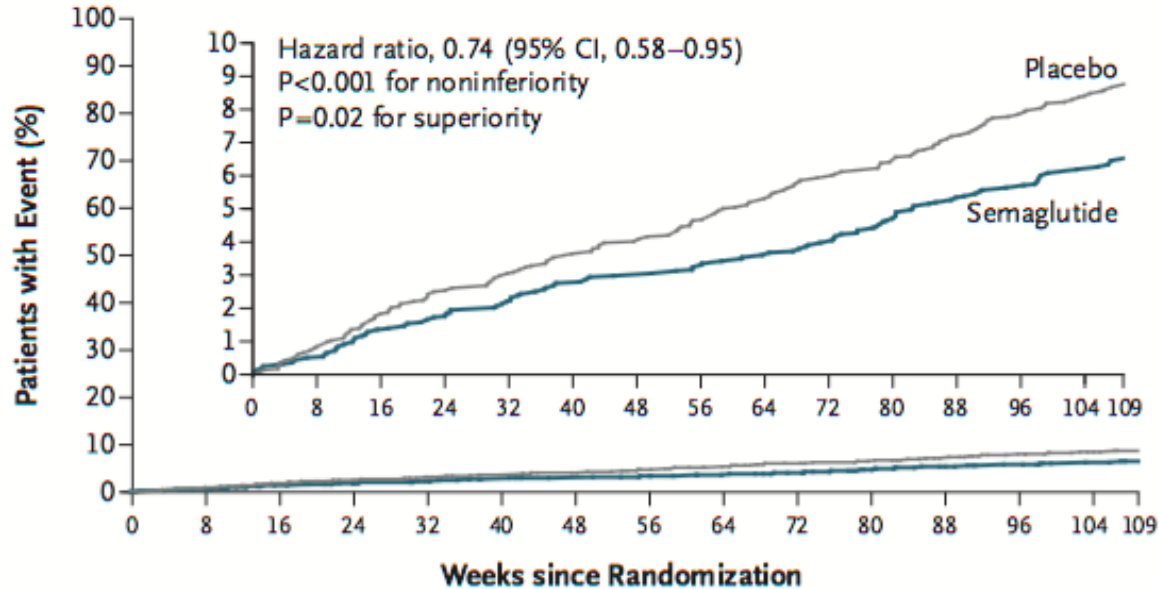
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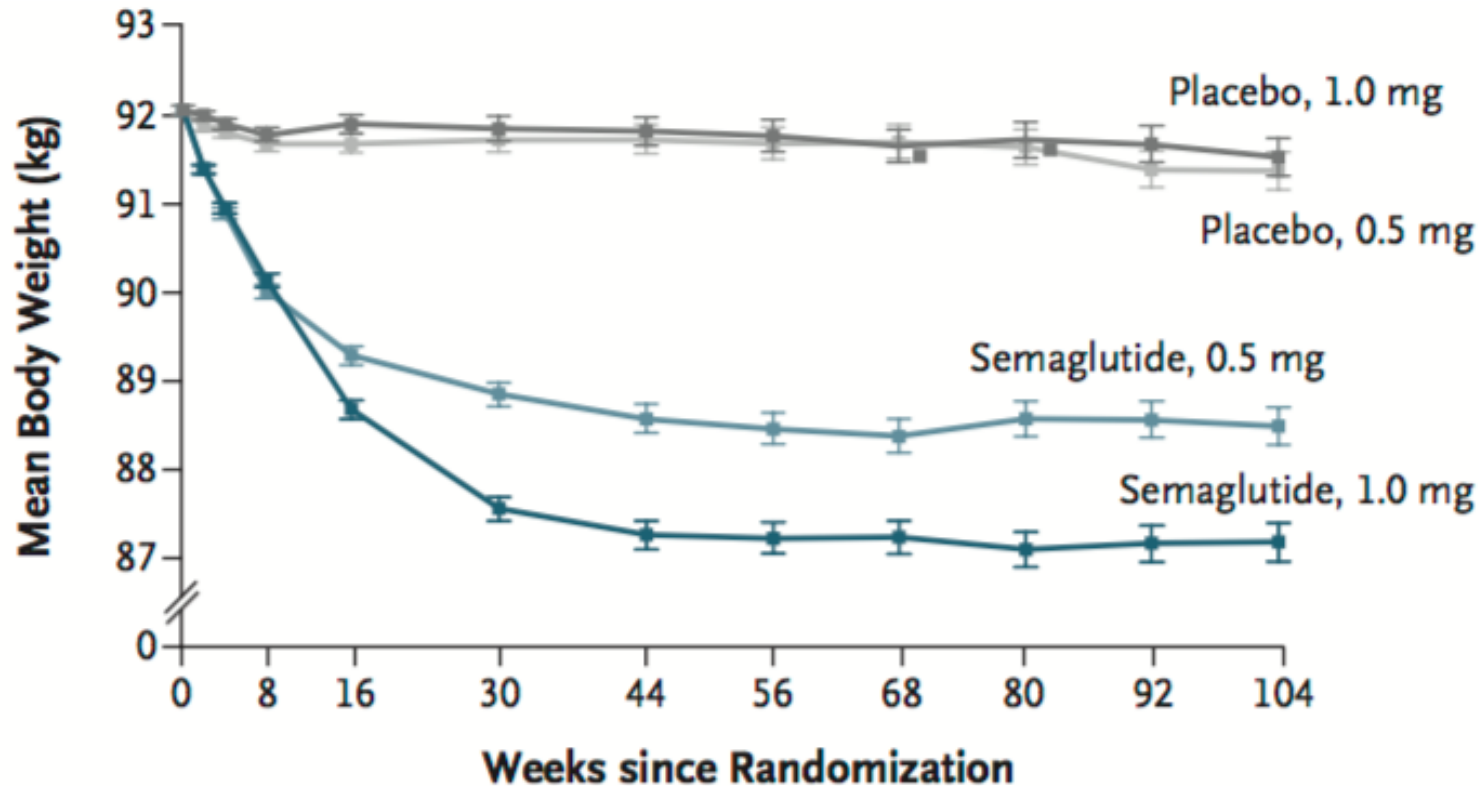
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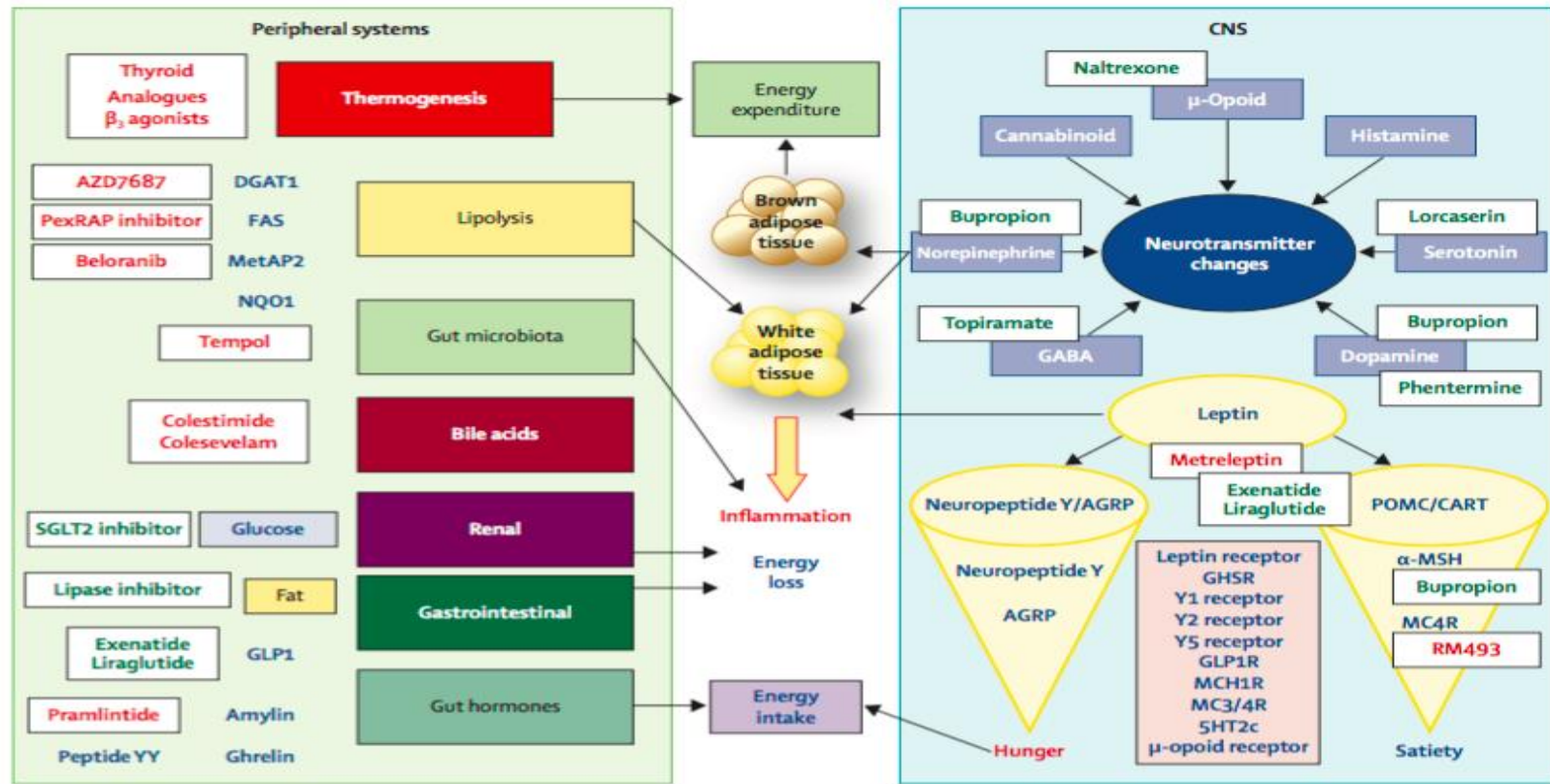
### No. at Risk

Placebo	1649	1616	1586	1567	1534	1508	1479
Semaglutide	1648	1619	1601	1584	1568	1543	1524

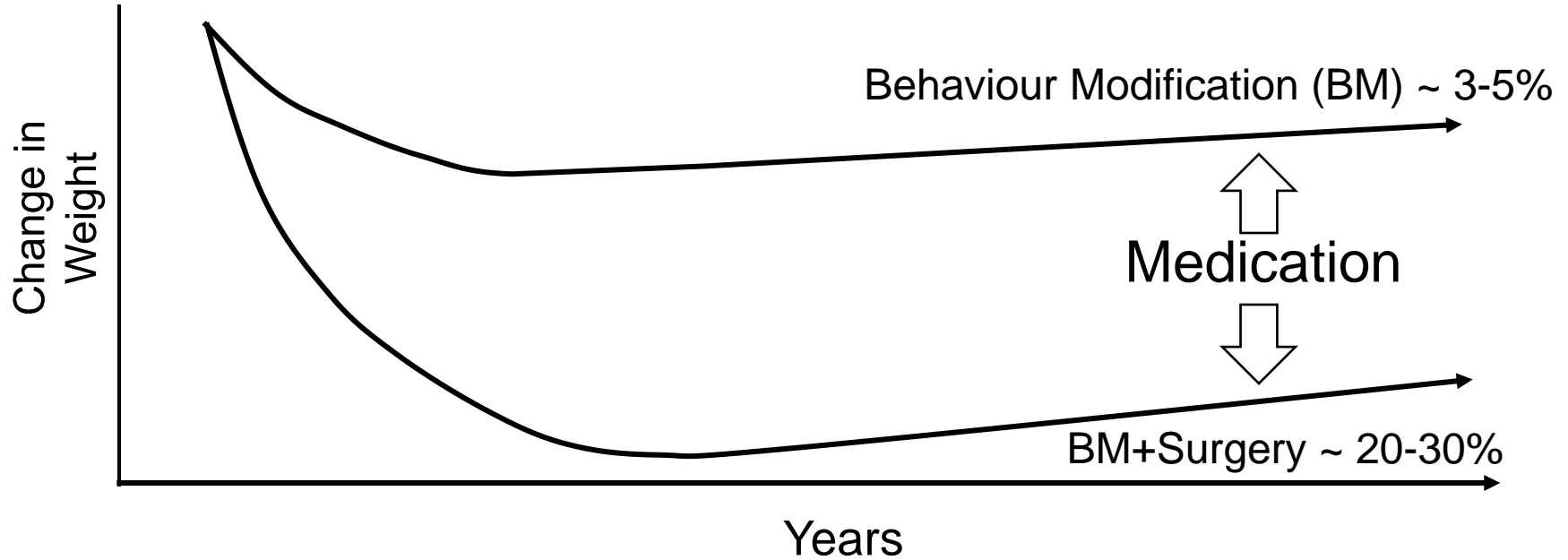
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# Typical Treatment Success



# Key Points



- Bariatric surgery remains the most effective treatment for severe obesity
- While providing important benefits to individual patients, bariatric surgery cannot be scaled to meet the needs of all people living with obesity
- Emerging pharmacotherapy for obesity will eventually fill the obesity treatment gap with increasing recognition of obesity as a chronic disease

# Dr. Sharma's Obesity Notes

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## In The News

### Diet, exercise not enough for some patients

Apr. 10, 2012 CBC – "Dr. Arya Sharma, chair of obesity research and management at the University of Alberta, applauds Williams for airing the issue publicly, saying there is a lot of stigma attached to being fat — and even more to using surgery to address the problem." [Read the article](#)

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"Incidental finding of bulky retroperitoneal lymphadenopathy in a patient with a primary occult small gastric carcinoid tumor."

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DR. ARYA SHARMA

Friday, April 20, 2012

## Obesity A to Zzzzzzzzzz



Regular readers are well aware of the increasing evidence that points to a major role for sleep deprivation in the current obesity epidemic. Indeed, one of the most evident societal changes coinciding with the epidemic spread of excess weight is the significant reduction in sleeping hours – in both kids and adults.

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Now a study by Orfeo Buxton and colleagues from Harvard University, published in *Science Translational Medicine*, shows just how profoundly sleep restriction and disruption of sleep cycles can affect your metabolism.

The experiments were designed to tested the hypotheses that prolonged sleep restriction with concurrent circadian disruption, as can occur in people performing shift work, impairs glucose regulation and metabolism.

Healthy adults were recruited to spend at least five weeks under controlled laboratory conditions in which they experienced an initial baseline segment of optimal sleep, three weeks of sleep restriction (5.6 hours of sleep per 24 hours) combined with circadian disruption (recurring 28-hour "days"), followed by 9 days of recovery sleep with circadian re-entrainment.

Not only die sleep restriction with concurrent circadian disruption markedly decrease participants' resting metabolic rates but these interventions also increased plasma glucose concentrations after a meal, due to reduced pancreatic insulin secretion.

Nine days of recovery sleep normalized all of these changes.

Interestingly enough, a recent study by Korean researchers, published in the *Journal of Sleep Research*, looking at the relationship between sleeping patterns and body weight in almost 1,000 school children (48.2% boys) aged 10 or 11 found that, after adjusting for relevant confounding variables (age, sex, breakfast eating, screen time and parental



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