

Peer Review

Review of: "Impact of Telemedicine on Post-Bariatric Surgery Outcomes and Patient Satisfaction During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Retrospective Study"

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Obesity is a public health problem and a chronic disease that stems from a variety of factors and requires sustained efforts to control. It is a severe threat to health and a significant risk factor for the development and worsening of other diseases. Rising levels of obesity are a significant challenge for public health, and obesity is considered a disease for priority intervention. Given its high prevalence worldwide, the WHO considers it the global epidemic of the 21st century since its growth is occurring equally in developed and developing countries. This observational, cross-sectional, quantitative study collected, analyzed, and evaluated data throughout the postoperative period. These data were then supplemented by data collected afterwards, making this a cross-sectional observational study. The data collection instrument included three sections. Sociodemographic, health, and weight information was collected in Section 1. Section 2 assessed comorbidities and surgical outcomes. In Section 3, the authors used a questionnaire on user satisfaction with the telephone consultation. After the hypotheses were defined, the analysis was performed via IBM® SPSS® statistical software, version 28. The sociodemographic characterization of the sample was based on sex and age. This research was carried out after authorization from the ethics committee, to which a request was addressed and authorized by the hospital's Board of Directors - CES Opinion no. 010/23. This study aimed to analyze the impact of the use of telemedicine during the COVID-19 pandemic on the results of bariatric surgery, surgical outcomes, and users' satisfaction with this follow-up. The study is well-constructed, and the conclusions are well-defined.

Declarations

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