

OBESITY AS RISK FACTOR OF POSTOPERATORY COMPLICATIONS IN CORONARY PATIENTS

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Introduction: The high prevalence of overweight and obesity currently evidenced in our society, is a cardiovascular risk factor added an important influence on the postoperative cardiac surgery (CS).

Objectives:

1. To analyze the relationship between the presence of obesity or overweight and the occurrence of complications in patients undergoing CS.
2. Designing a plan of action to prevent them.

Method: An observational, analytical, longitudinal. Displays of 40 patients (53% males, 47% females), intervened CS. In our unit 1/1/2006 to 30/5/2006. Inclusion criteria: Patients undergoing Valve Heart Disease and Surgery, age range 50-80 years. Key variables: age, sex, height, weight, abdominal circumference, body mass index (BMI.), clinical and laboratory data from the clinical history. We conducted semi structured interview adjusted eating habits, lifestyle and psychosocial aspects.

Results: Mean age: 70.34 years; average weight 73.08 Kg., 166.56cm height, average BMI of 26.37 Kg./m².

	Normal BMI	Overweight I	Overweight II	Obesity	total
Nº pacients	7	15	13	5	40
Presence of complications	1	4	6	5	16
Complication %	14%	27%	46%	100%	40%

Conclusions: 1. The increase in BMI raised the risk of surgical complications in coronary patients, highlighting the sternal dehiscence and mediastinum infection. 2. Obesity affects a higher morbidity and mortality, preventing it should occupy prominent place for the important social and implications involved. 3. We must undertake a programme of weight loss in these patients since the consultation once the diagnosis and planned intervention as primary prevention.

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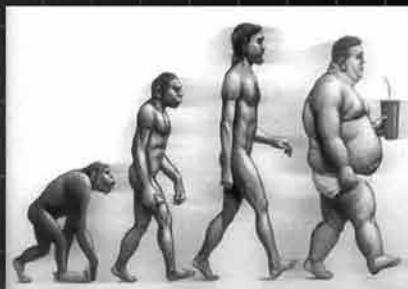
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BACKGROUND/AIMS

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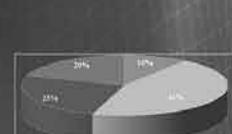


METHODS

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RESULTS

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Patients classification according to BMI
GRAPHIC 1.

COMPLICATIONS

a) Mediastinum Infection	22.5 % (9)
b) Sternal Dehiscence	10 % (4)
c) General Sepsis	2.5 % (1)

TABLE 1



Relation Overweight/Obesity and Complications
GRAPHIC 2.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The increase in BMI raised the risk of surgical complications in coronary patients, highlighting the sternal dehiscence and mediastinum infection.
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