

La Preabilitazione in Chirurgia Bariatrica e le sue Basi Fisiopatologiche

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Prehabilitation, enhanced recovery after surgery, or both? A narrative review

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Postoperative morbidity and mortality are largely the product of the *preoperative condition* of the patient, the *quality of surgical care* provided, and the *degree of surgical stress* elicited.^{1,2} This narrative review explores these three components to highlight the potential contribution of *prehabilitation* to patient recovery in modern surgical practices.

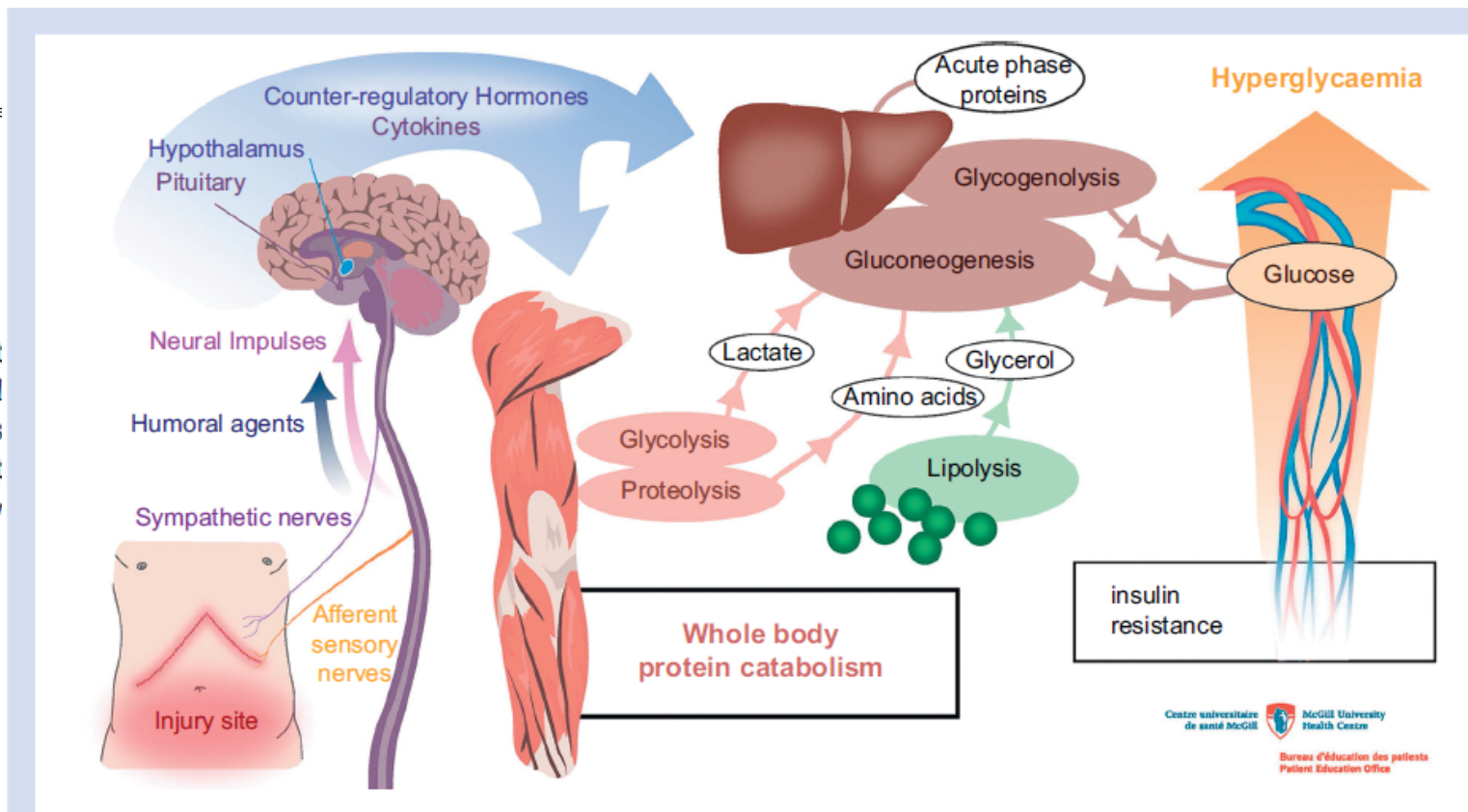
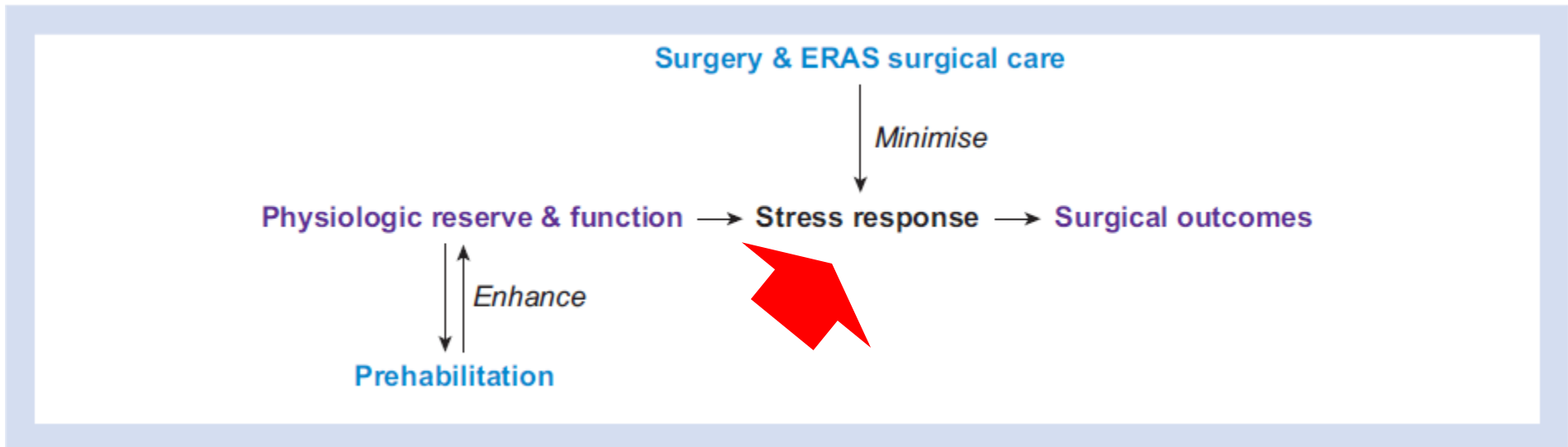
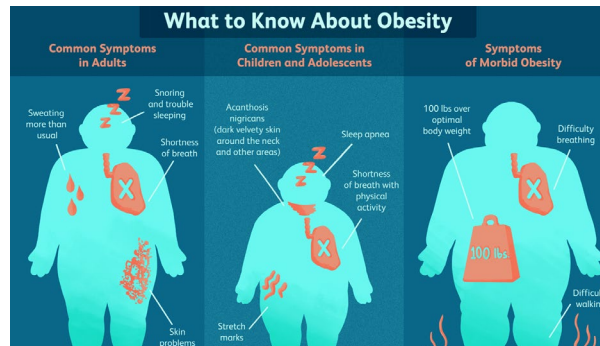


Fig 1. Surgical stress response. An increase in circulating glucocorticoids, catecholamines, and glucagon (i.e. counter-regulatory hormones) is elicited by activation of the hypothalamic–pituitary–adrenal axis and sympathetic nervous system. The response is mediated by afferent nerves and humoral factors including cytokines generated from the site of injury. Mobilisation of energy reserves promotes hyperglycaemia and catabolism. Hyperglycaemia develops as a consequence of insulin resistance coupled with an inappropriately high hepatic glucose production. Proteolysis and lipolysis accelerate to provide precursors for gluconeogenesis. The resultant amino acid efflux also supports the synthesis of proteins involved in the acute-phase response. (Reprinted with permission from Gillis et al⁵, figure 1.)





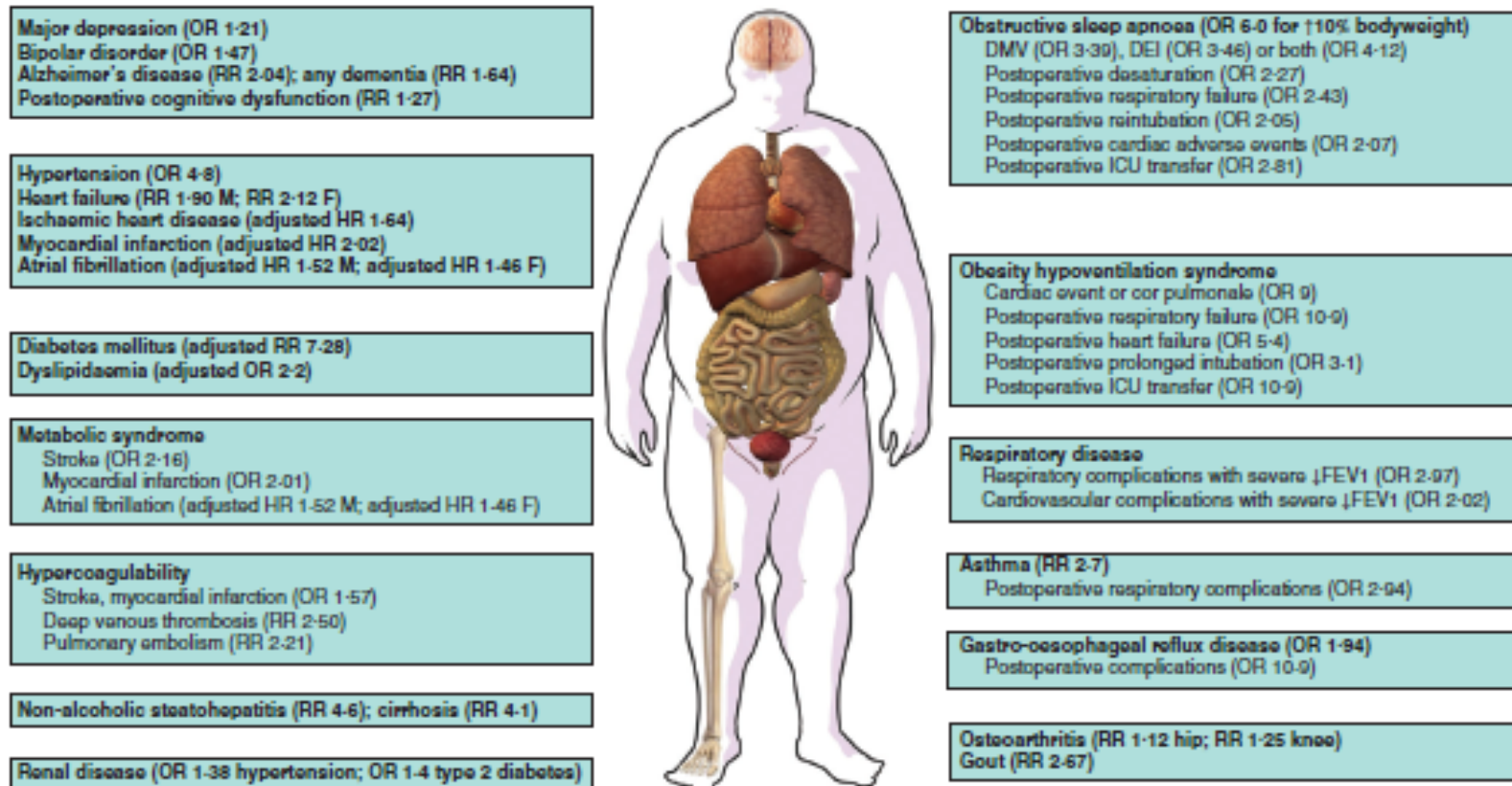
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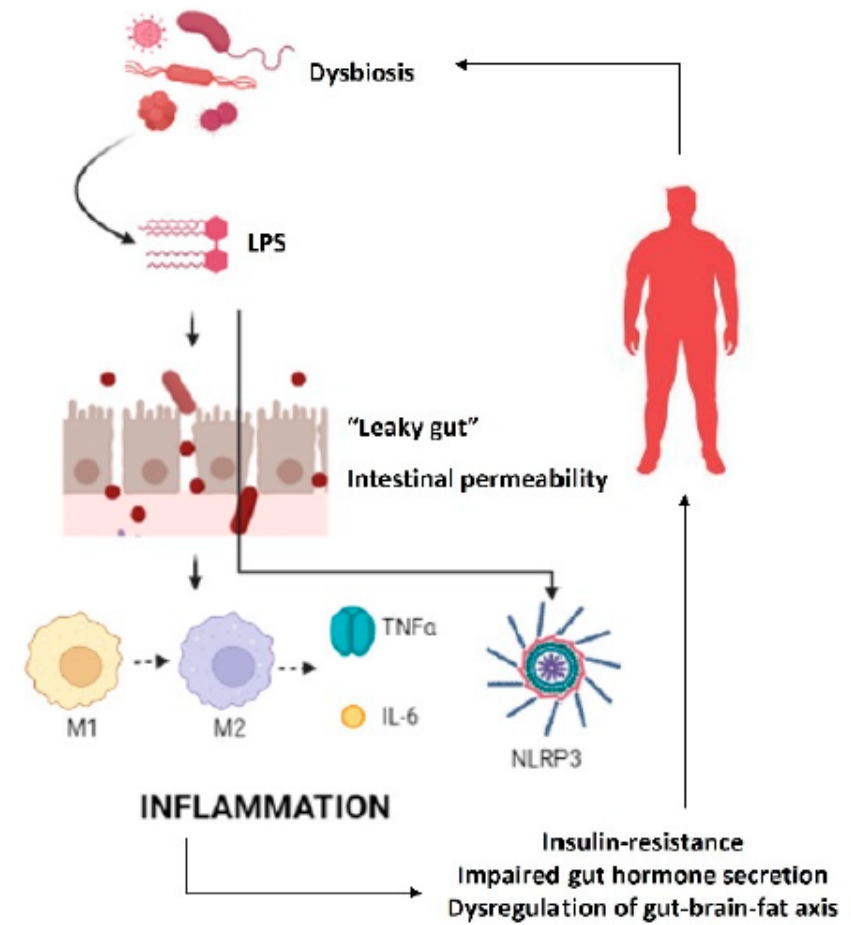
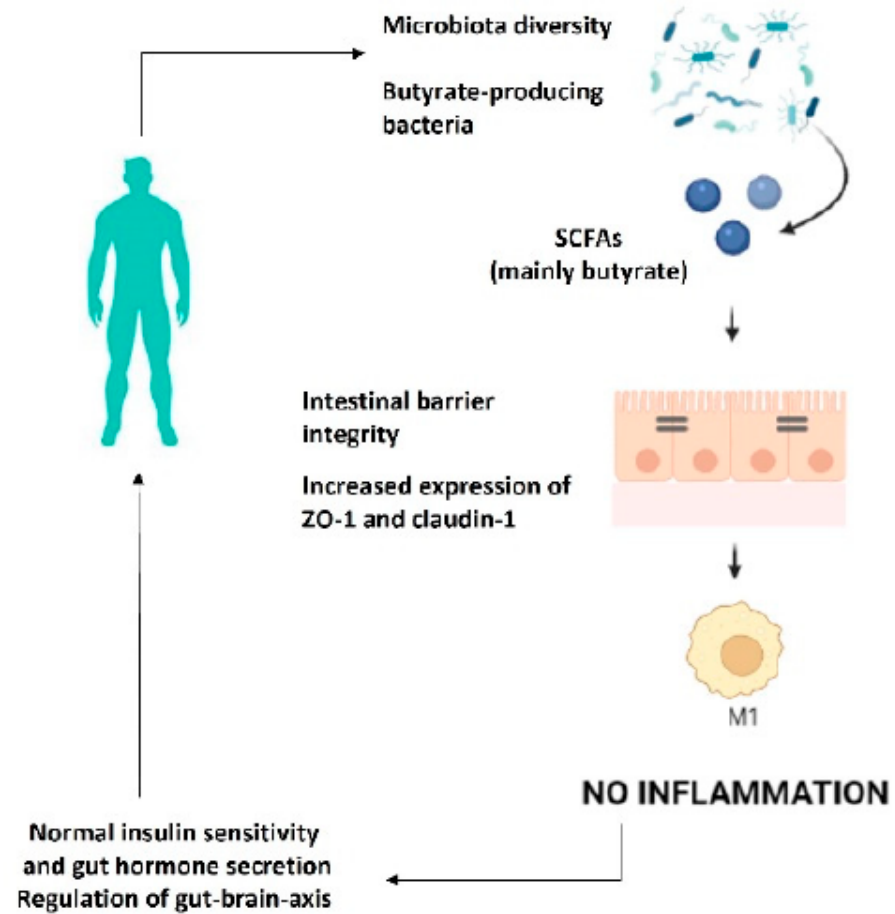
Perioperative care of the obese patient

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Fig. 2 Main obesity-related diseases^{7–50}





Review

Inflammation in obesity, diabetes, and related disorders

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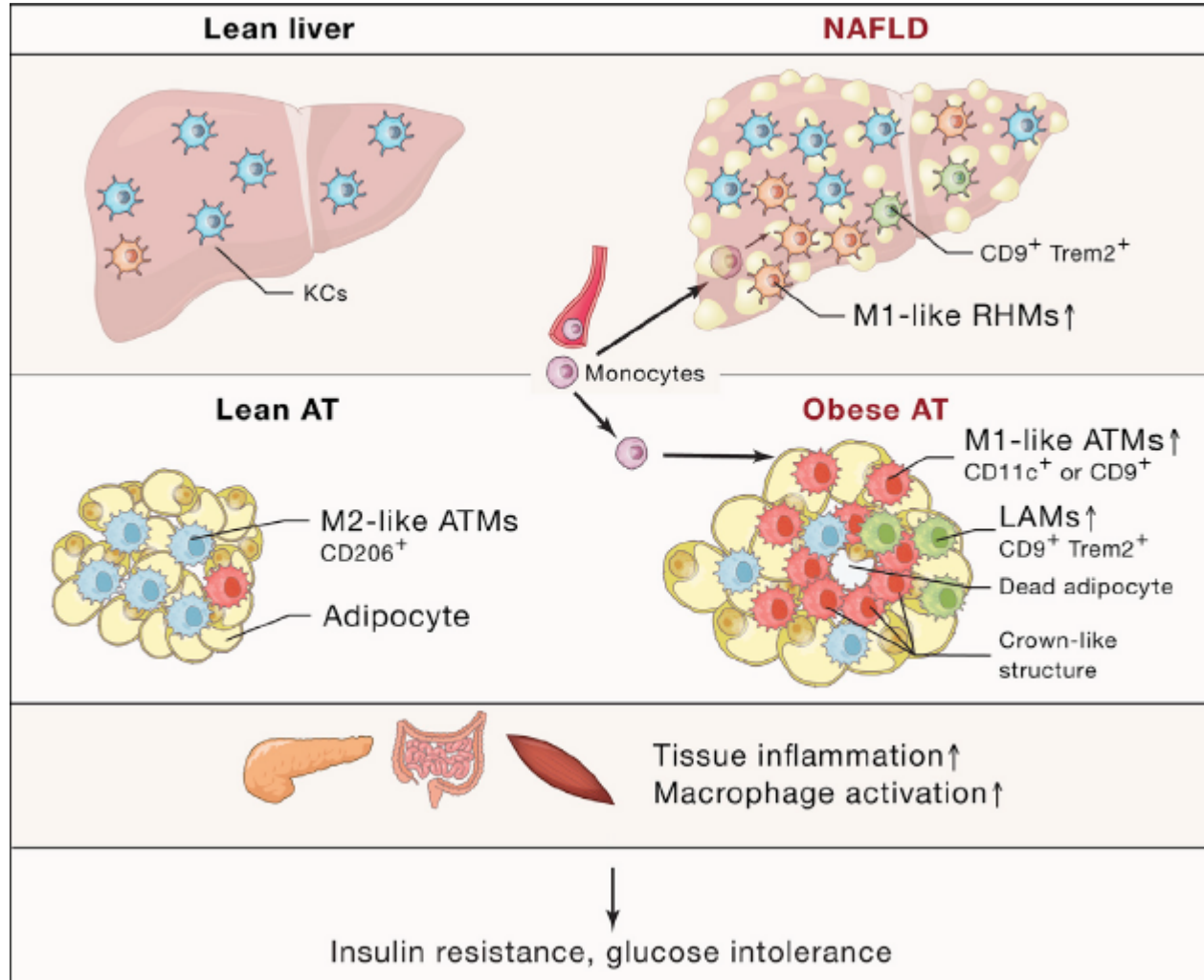
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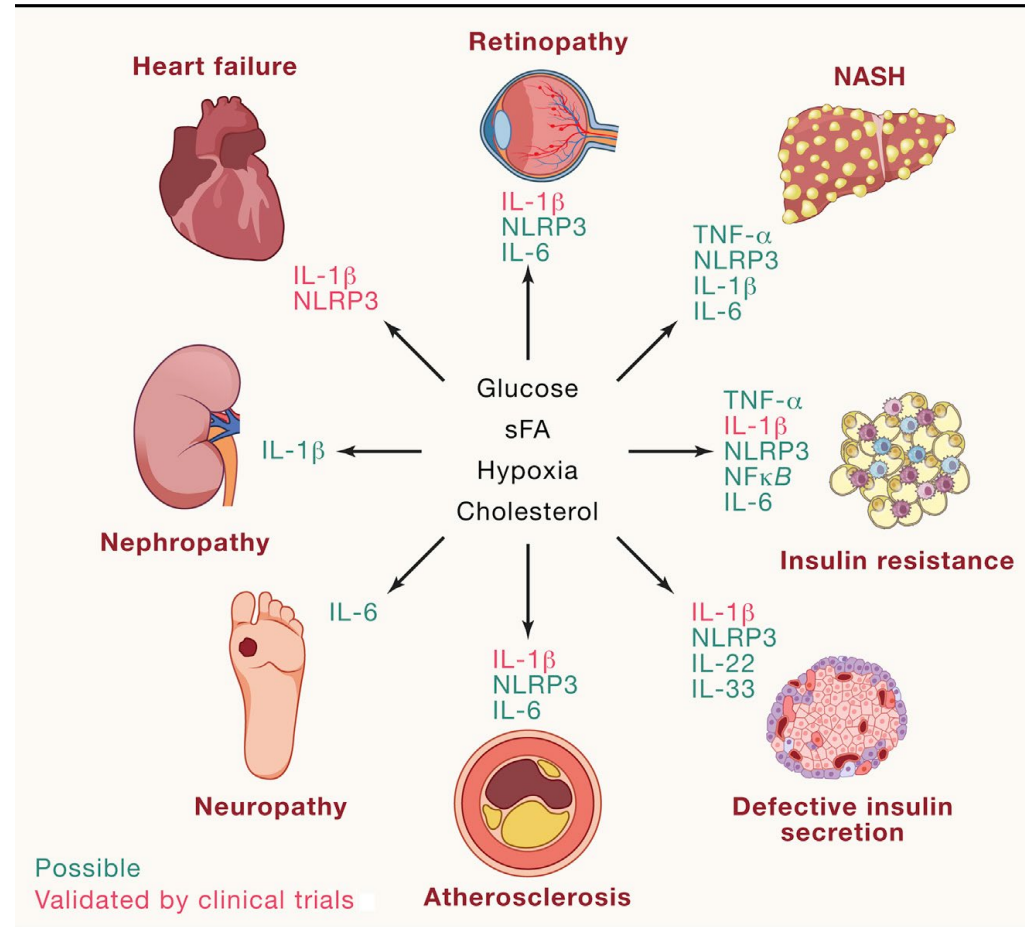
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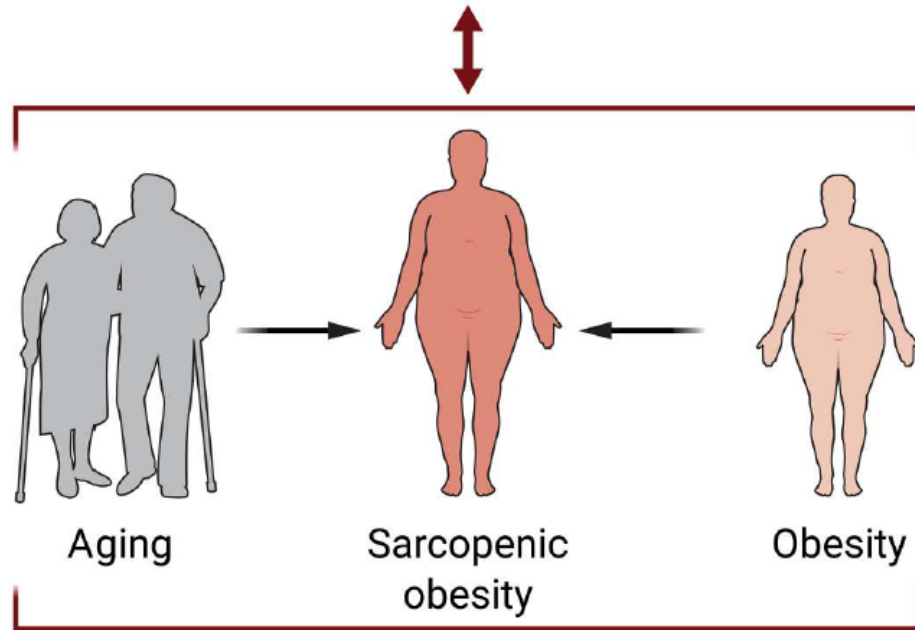


Normal	Pre-diabetes	Diabetes
Insulin →	Insulin ↑	Insulin ↓
Resident macrophages IL-1Ra →	Macrophages ↑ miR-21-5p ↑ Amyloid ↑ IL-1β ↑ IL-1Ra →	Macrophages ↑↑ miR-21-5p ↑↑ Amyloid ↑↑ IL-1β ↑↑ IL-1Ra ↓



Molecular commonalities

- Mitochondrial dysfunction
- Cellular senescence
- Oxidative damage
- Genome instability
- Loss of proteostasis



Premature aging and multimorbidity

- Diabetes
- CVD
- Cancer
- MASLD
- Neurodegeneration

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OBESITY SYSTEMS

Obesity and lifespan, a complex tango

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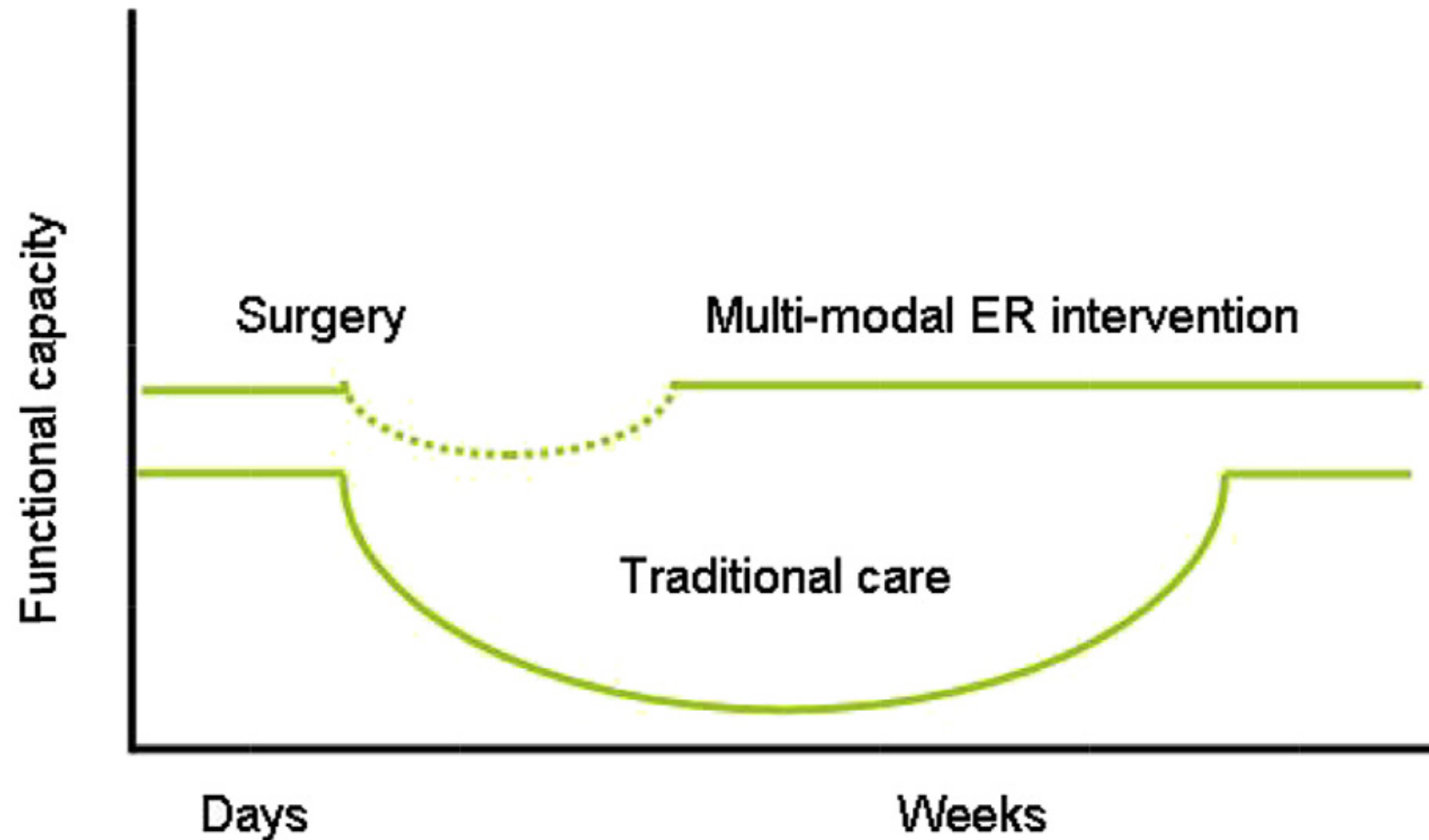
Obesity and aging share comorbidities, phenotypes, and deleterious effects on health that are associated with chronic diseases. However, distinct features set them apart, with underlying biology that should be explored and exploited, especially given the demographic shifts and the obesity epidemic that the world is facing.



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Enhanced recovery after surgery



Multimodal,
multi-disciplinary
intervention

Preoperative assessment
Preoperative information
Preoperative optimisation

Attenuation of
surgical stress

Pain
relief

Mobilisation
exercise

Oral (enteral)
nutrition

Accelerated
postoperative
recovery and
reduced morbidity



Guidelines for Perioperative Care in Bariatric Surgery: Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (ERAS) Society Recommendations: A 2021 Update

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Table 1 ERAS recommendations for preadmission care in bariatric surgery

Element	Recommendation	Level of evidence	Recommendation grade
1. Information, education and counselling	<i>Preoperative information and education, adapted to the individual requirements, should be given to all patients</i>	Low	Strong
2. Indications and contraindications for surgery	<i>Indications for bariatric surgery should follow updated global and national guidelines</i>	Moderate	Strong
3a. Smoking and alcohol cessation	<i>All patients should be screened for alcohol and tobacco use. Tobacco smoking should be stopped at least 4 weeks before surgery. For patients with alcohol abuse, abstinence should be strictly adhered to for 1–2 years. Moreover, the risk for relapse after bariatric surgery should be acknowledged</i>	Smoking: Moderate Alcohol: Low	Strong Strong
3b. Preoperative weight loss	<i>Preoperative weight loss using very low or low-calorie diet prior to bariatric surgery should be recommended</i>	Postoperative complications: Moderate	Strong
	<i>While feasible, patients with diabetes and treatment with glucose-lowering drugs should closely monitor treatment effects, and be aware of the risk for hypoglycaemia. Very low calorie diet improves insulin sensitivity in patients with diabetes</i>	Postoperative weight loss: Low Diabetes: Low	Strong Strong
4. Prehabilitation and exercise	<i>Although prehabilitation may improve general fitness and respiratory capacity, there is insufficient data to recommend prehabilitation before bariatric surgery</i>	Low	Weak



Enhanced recovery after bariatric surgery: an Italian consensus statement

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Table 4 Effectiveness, safety, and items of Enhanced Recovery after Bariatric Surgery (ERABS) compared to standard approach

	Evidence		Strength of	Expert task force statement
	Level	Quality	Recommendation	
<i>Effectiveness and safety of ERABS</i>				
Length of hospital stay	1	A	A	ERABS reduces the duration of hospital stays
Risk of complications	1	A	A	ERABS is a safe approach for obese patients
Cost of surgery	2	B	A	Adopting an ERABS protocol does not increase the cost of surgery
<i>Items ERABS. Preoperative care</i>				
Information and counseling	2	B	A	The information provided to the patient should not be limited to what is required for informed consent for both surgery and anesthesia; it should be adequate to provide realistic expectations of the ERABS approach
Patient optimization	1	A	A	Pre-operative optimization through smoking cessation, weight loss, blood glucose control, and the use of non-invasive ventilation (when indicated) is recommended in ERABS



1. Empowerment

2. Compenso metabolico

3. «Funzionalizzazione»

3 major COMPONENTS



MDT



**Multimodal
Approach (EBM)**



**Interactive and
continuous audit**

Table 2 Summary of our experience with the prehabilitation components and their effect on functional walking capacity before colorectal surgery for cancer. *Note that adherence to the prehabilitation program and sample sizes were not equal in these studies, which may have influenced the findings of an improvement in function before surgery. The ability to adhere to both individual prehabilitation components and multi-components before surgery needs to be investigated.

Studies	Proportion of patients that experienced a clinically important improvement in functional walking capacity before surgery (measured with the 6-min walking test)	Potential mechanism for observed improvement*
Exercise prehabilitation, RCT	33%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance substrate utilisation/metabolic flexibility • Enhance cardiorespiratory capacity
Nutrition prehabilitation, RCT	50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide substrate to correct deficiencies and augment physiological reserve
Multimodal prehabilitation, RCT	53%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide substrate to correct deficiencies and augment physiological reserve • Enhance substrate utilisation/metabolic flexibility • Enhance cardiorespiratory capacity
Multimodal prehabilitation in patients with low functional capacity at baseline (pooled, retrospective analysis)	72%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients with greatest functional deficits, attain greatest functional benefits from participating in prehabilitation

References: Exercise only PMID: 20602503; nutrition only PMID: 26208743; multimodal is reference 162 or PMID: 25076007; low functional capacity: PMID: -----

Table 1 Preoperative assessment for obese patients undergoing anaesthesia

Physiological parameters

Fat distribution*

Waist circumference; waist-to-hip ratio†

Upper airway

Obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome‡

Laboratory tests§

Electrocardiography

Complete blood count

Haemostasis

Fasting serum glucose¶

Lipid profile#

Kidney function**

Hepatic function††

Additional assessments (if indicated)

Echocardiography

Ergometry

Chest radiography

Spirometry

Arterial blood gas analysis

Polysomnography‡

Index of inflammation‡‡

Serum uric acid

Endocrine function

Prehabilitation of overweight and obese patients with dysglycemia awaiting bariatric surgery: Predicting the success of obesity treatment

Table 1 Proposed recommendations for the perioperative care of all bariatric surgery patients, especially those with associated dysglycemia

Prehabilitation- treatment modality	Potential advantages and clinical rationale
Exercise	
Resistance and endurance training	Short- and long-term improvements in weight and functional capacity, comorbidities, quality of life, improvements in tissue insulin sensitivity
Aerobic training	Short-term decrease in calorie intake, improvement in quality of life, improved whole-body insulin sensitivity, decrease in glucose levels, shorter hospital stay
Nutritional interventions	
Low and very low calorie and ketogenic diet	Better weight reduction, visceral fat reduction, improvement in glycemic and lipid profiles, mean 30% reduction in liver volume
Pharmacotherapy	
GLP 1 receptor agonists	Higher T2DM remission rates, better body weight reduction, improvement in glycemic and lipid profiles
Psychological support	
Preoperative counseling and education	Reduced anxiety, depression, and fear, positive influence on eating disorders

Fig. 3 Obese patient positioning

Patient positioning

Adequate immobilization (wide hook and loop fastener strapping)
 Arms and feet supported
 Protection of pressure areas (gel pads and padding)
 Prevention of neural injury

Ramped position

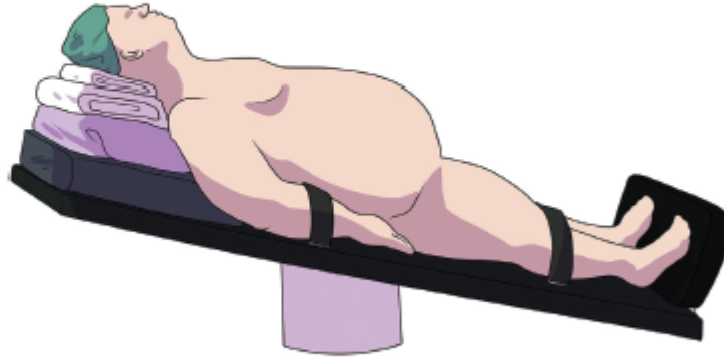
Using ramping device/pillows and/or blankets under a patient's head and shoulders
 Configuring the operating table into a back-up position

Reverse Trendelenburg position

Ear to sternal notch in the same horizontal plane

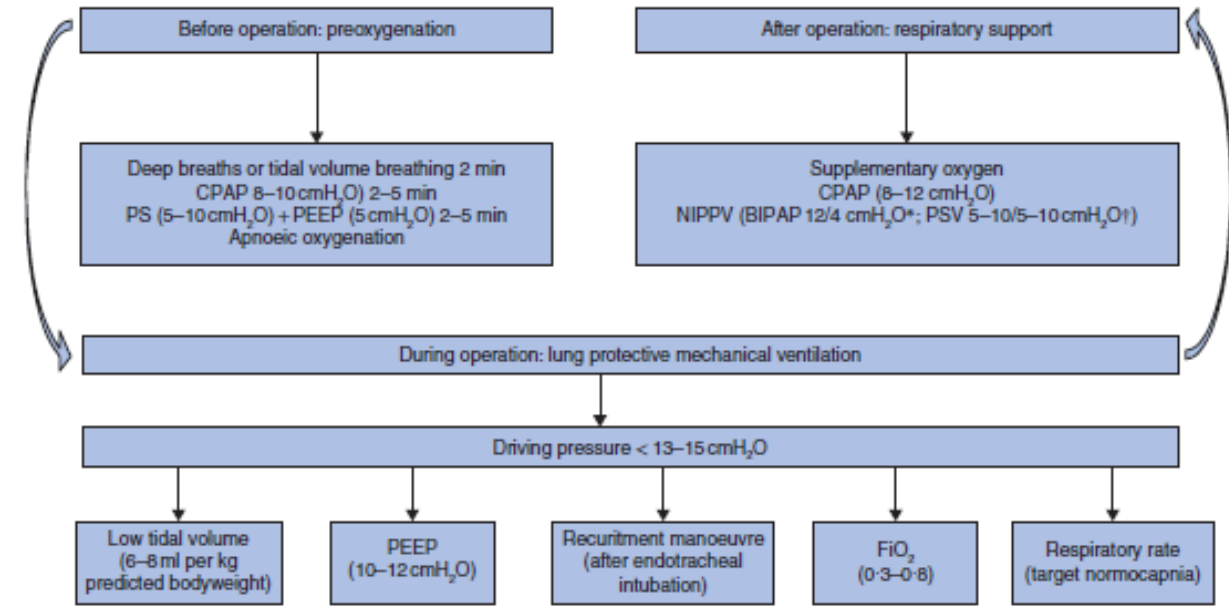
Bariatric operating table

High capacity operating table
 Shoulder, leg and foot supports
 Armboards and table extensions



The correct ramped position involves elevation of the upper body, neck and head so that an imaginary horizontal line can be drawn from the sternal notch to the external ear⁹². This position facilitates mask ventilation and improves intubating conditions (odds ratio 2.4)⁹²⁻⁹⁵. The 30° reverse Trendelenburg position improves lung volumes and pulmonary compliance^{3,19,96}. It provides a longer safe apnoea period than the 30° back-up Fowler or horizontal supine position^{3,19,96}.

Fig. 4 Perioperative respiratory support



Minimizing pt's stress response to surgery = quicker recovery and shorter LOS

ERAS ≠ FAST TRACK

QUALITY rather than SPEED

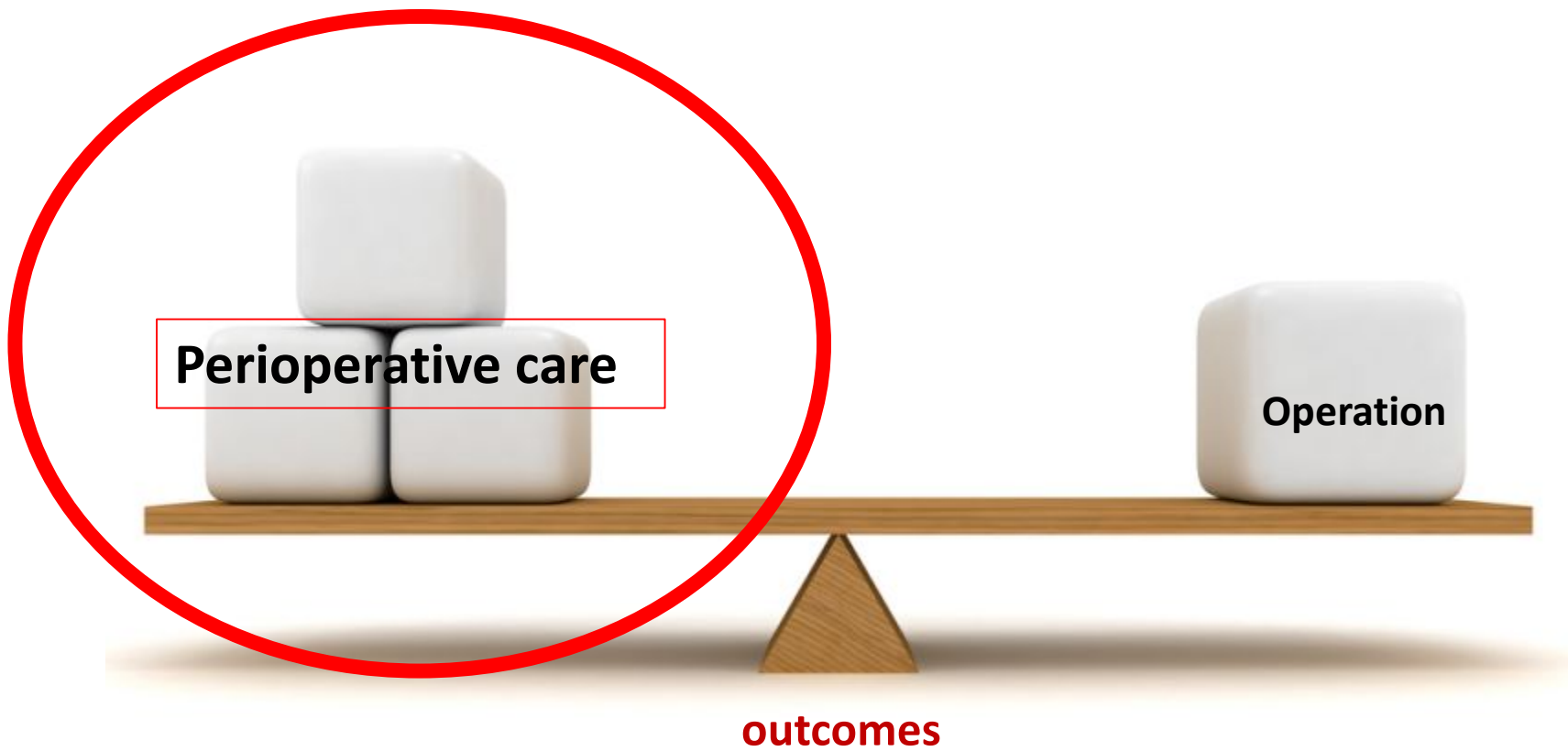


Table 3 Phases with impact on surgical recovery.

Phase of recovery	Definition	Time frame	Example measures
Pre-admission (proposed)	Preparation for postoperative recovery	Weeks to months	Adequate functional capacity to withstand surgical stress; resolution of malnutrition; sense of control and self-efficacy; prophylactic measures provided such as antibiotics and carbohydrate loading
Intraoperative	During the course of the surgical procedure	Hours	Fluid balance, pain and anaesthesia management
Postoperative			
Early	Until discharge from PACU	Hours	Vital signs
Intermediate	Until discharge from hospital	Days	Bowel recovery; length of hospital stay
Late	Until illness no longer disrupts everyday life	Weeks to months	Patient-reported resolution of symptoms; return to pre-surgery activities and functional capacity



1. Empowerment

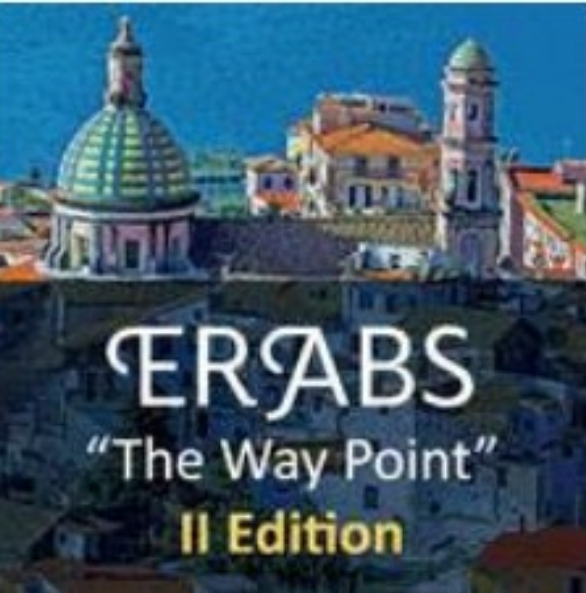
2. Compenso metabolico

3. «Funzionalizzazione»



Interdisciplinarieta + multiprofessionalita

Sostenibilita (!?)



Domande?



Grazie per l'attenzione!