Sydney Upper GI Surgical Society & St George Bariatric Group

Revisional Bariatric Surgery

The Failing or Complicated Band



Dear Colleagues,

We are very pleased to be able to invite you to join our international speakers; Bruno Dillemans, Michel Murr and Gerhard Prager and an expert local faculty to discuss the assessment, indications and options for revisional surgery after unsuccessful bands. Sessions will include patient selection, operative videos, case studies, evidence based experience and literature reviews.

Having a combined experience between the international speakers, convenors and invited faculty of over 15,000 bariatric procedures, The Sydney Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery Society in conjunction with the St George Bariatric Group wish to present an in-depth discussion of one of the most significant issues confronting bariatric surgeons today. With over 80,000 patients having had gastric band procedures in Australasia, there is an ever-present (and likely to be increasing) requirement for revision procedures to correct complications and maintain/achieve therapeutic weight loss.

Most surgeons will agree that revision surgery of any type is likely to involve greater risks and efficacy often less than primary procedures. So whilst a 'magic bullet' revisional bariatric operation remains to be found, a discussion of the options by passionate advocates in their different fields of surgery will be presented to help us gain a consensus for managing this complex and heterogeneous group of patients.

We look forward to seeing you in Sydney for what promises to be a very interesting and useful meeting.

Best wishes from the convenors,

Sydney Upper GI Surgical Society & St George Bariatric Group

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Attendance 1s only by registration at

All bariatnc surgeons, surgical trainees/ fellows and other healthcare professionals working in bariatric surgery are welcome to register

Early bird registrat10n closes 30 October 2013

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Friday 29th November 2013				
1	0800-0825	Late registration		
2	0825-0830	Welcome & Opening Remarks		
3	0830-0845	Framing the problem of revision surgery • Australia - David Martin • Europe - Bruno Dillemans • North America - Michel Murr		
4	0845-0930	Defining failure and indications for re-intervention • Dietary failure - Nazy Zarshenas • Psychological failure - Cal Paterson • Physiological failure - Paul Burton • Anatomical failure - Michael Talbot		
	0930-1000	Panel Discussion Bruno Dillemans / Michel Murr/ Gerhard Prager		
1000-1015		Morning Tea		
5	1015-1115	What is in the literature: results, safety & durability • Band to band - Paul Burton • Band to sleeve - Gary Yee • Band to bypass - George Hopkins • Band to omega loop - Gerhard Prager		
	1115-1130	Panel Discussion Bruno Dillemans / Michel Murr/ Gerhard Prager		
6	1130-1230	Who I offer it to & who I don't Band to band - Paul Burton Band to sleeve - Michel Murr Band to bypass - Bruno Dillemans Band to omega loop - Gerhard Prager		
	1230-1245	Panel Discussion Bruno Dillemans / Michel Murr/ Gerhard Prager		
	1245-1330	Lunch		
7	1330-1430	Revi sion vs. primary procedures • Band to band - Paul Burton • Band to sleeve - Michel Murr • Band to bypass - Bruno Dillemans • Band to omega loop - Gerhard Prager		
8	1430-1515	Free Papers / Electronic posters (Smin+Smin) • Submt abstacts at: w ww.bariatric2013.org		
	1515-1530	Panel Discussion		
	1530-1545	Afternoon Tea		



Friday 29th November 2013 continued			
9	1545-1645	Band Conversion Case Studies - What I do • Addicted to obstruction • Post band weight gain • Heartburn/aspiration but otherwise ok • Food intolerant • Erosion	
	1645-1715	Panel Discussion	
	1900	Conference Dinner and International Debate: Loop vs. Bypass vs. Sleeve	

Sature	Saturday 30th November 2013 - 0900 start				
10	0900 -0920	One or two steps - band to sleeve • Michel Murr vs. John Jorgensen			
	0920 -0930	Panel Discussion			
11	0930 -0950	One or two steps - band to bypass • Bruno Dillemans vs. Michael Talbot			
	0950-1000	Panel Discussion			
	1000-1015	Morning Tea			
12	1015-1025	One or two steps - band to band • Paul Burton vs. Lilian Kew			
	1025-1035	Discussion			
13	1035-1150	Video surgery (10min present +15min discuss) • Bruno Dillemans - Band to bypass, 'hot ' • George Hopkins - Band to bypass, 'cold' • Gerhard Prager - Omega Loop			
	1150-1230	Lunch			
14	1230-1410	Video surgery (10min present +15min discuss) • Michael Talbot - Band to bypass, 'cold' • Michel Murr - Band to Sleeve, 'hot' • David Martin - Band to sleeve, 'cold'			
	1410-1425	Afternoon Tea			
15	1425-1455	Audience Consensus Voting • Band to band, - sleeve, - bypass, - omega loop			
16	1455-1510	Comments & Close			



International Guest Speakers

Bruno Dillemans Center for Obesity Surgery

Dr Dillemans is Chief of Staff of the Department of General Surgery, AZ Sint-Jan Brugge - Oostende AV - Belgium (1,200 beds). With a highly trained team, the Center for Obesity Surgery of Dr Dillemans is providing patients safe, effective surgical treatment for obesity. He has performed more than 10,000 weight loss surgeries. Surgeons from all over the world visit him and his team in Brugge, to learn all the tips and tricks to improve their outcomes.

Dr Dillemans has standardised the technique of the Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass, leading to excellent results in terms of sustainable weight loss, with one of the lowest complication rates worldwide. His Obesity Centre at the Hospital AZ St Jan AV, has become a referral center for bariatric surgery and more specifically for the growing field of redo and conversional surgery for patients coming from all continents. An average of 8 to 10 of these complex procedures are performed on a weekly basis.

Michel Murr University of South Florida I Tampa General Hospital

Dr Michel Murr is a Professor of Surgery at the University of South Florida and Director of Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery at Tampa General Hospital. Prior to his appointment at USF, Dr Murr was the Gastrointestinal Surgery Scholar and Research Fellow with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He oversees one of the USA's busiest and the first JCAHO accredited academic bariatric surgery center.

Dr Murr has done extensive research on the surgical treatment of obesity and published more than 100 peer-reviewed papers and chapters on the subject. He serves on editorial boards for peer-reviewed journals and is currently the Associate Editor of the journal 'Surgery for Obesity and Related Disorders'. Dr Murr routinely participates in training other surgeons in weight loss procedures. His comprehensive and 'Center of Excellence' multi-disciplinary bariatric team performs over 300 weight loss procedures yearly.

Gerhard Prager Vienna Medical University Hospital

Assoc Professor Gerhard Prager is the head of the multidisciplinary bariatric service at the Department of Surgery of the Vienna Medical University Hospital. Performing over 300 bariatric procedures annually, this center is one of the largest in Austria. His skills as a teacher have been utilized by centers in Elancourt, Milan, Strasbourg and Hamburg. His status in public and private bariatric surgery is reflected in him being on the board of the Austrian Society for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders and being part of the organizing committee for IFSO 2015 in Vienna.

Over the last 5 years, Assoc Prof Prager has convened annual meetings bringing together surgeons, physicians, GPs and dietitians to discuss the optimal care of bariatric patients. Over the last 15 years, he has developed skills across an array of procedures and had many peer-reviewed articles published. He has recently devoted his attention to developing the Omega Loop (one anastomosis) Gastric Bypass as a primary and revisional bariatric procedure.