Conditions of Oral Health in Gastroplasty Obese Patients: Brief Comments

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Abstract

**Background:** One intervention that has been effective in treating obesity is bariatric surgery in a procedure in which it controls obesity through restriction and / or malabsorption of ingested foods.

**Objective:** The aim of the present study was to describe the oral condition in obese patients and after bariatric surgery.

**Methods:** A bibliographic survey was performed with 12 articles, searched through the PubMed virtual library. The search criteria were: 1) -present direct or indirect relationship of bariatric surgery with the words cited above. 2) - Regarding the period of publication: between 2011 and 2017. 3) - As to the language: Portuguese and English.

**Conclusion:** According to the main literary findings, there was a strong correlation between obesity and / or bariatric surgery with decreased oral health.

**Keywords:** Oral Health; Obesity; Bariatric surgery;

Introduction

The World Health Organization defines obesity as a chronic, non-communicable disease characterized by the accumulation of adipose tissue; it can be a gateway to diseases potentially harmful to the health and well-being of the individual [1]. As an example, type 2 diabetes mellitus, heart problems (arteriosclerosis, arterial hypertension), sleep apnea and complications in joints even social problems due to self esteem, especially in women as a result of the body pattern exposed by current society [2].

About 300 million people have clinical obesity in all age groups and economic partner groups. One intervention that has been effective in the treatment of obesity is bariatric surgery in a procedure in which it controls obesity through restriction and / or malabsorption of ingested foods [3,4]. There are 3 techniques of bariatric surgery: 1) Bypass, also known as Roux / Fobi-Capella Y, which consists of Proximal Jejunal Anastomosis, is sectioned with the purpose of delimiting it, changing its capacity to 20 ml. The remainder of the stomach, duodenum and the first 30 cm of the jejunum are excluded [5,6].

According to Gonçalvez et al, one of the downsides of this surgery is a syndrome called dumping, dumping or emptying, causing nausea, vomiting, flushing, epigastric pain, hypoglycaemic symptoms [5]. Nutritional deficiencies are also found after bariatric surgery, due to restriction of food intake and / or reduction of absorption areas, according to Bordalo et al, there is a high prevalence of deficiency of Vitamin B¹², A, D and K, iron, folic acid, and also calcium, since Vitamin D helps in the absorption of calcium [2].

The link between dental caries and food intake is well demonstrated in the literature because of the role of sugars in their etiology. Obesity-related eating habits may also determine a prevalence of caries making it clear that, obesity and caries may be in close contact due to the amount of sucrose ingested and the frequency of ingestion, in relation to periodontal disease, studies show that obesity presents as a risk factor due to pro-inflammatory cytokines by adipose tissue [4-12]. Therefore, the aim of the present study was to describe the oral condition in obese patients and after bariatric surgery.

Methodology

A bibliographic survey was carried out with 13 articles, searched through the virtual library PubMed - national library of medicine US, SciELO and Google academic. Key words were searched to perform the search: oral health, periodontal disease, bone loss, cavities, nutritional deficiency and reflux with emphasis on bariatric surgery - obesity. The search criteria were: 1) -present direct or indirect relationship of bariatric surgery with the words cited above. 2) - Regarding the period of publication: between 2011 and 2017. 3) - As to the language: Portuguese and English. The total number of papers - theses were 13, of which 7 were bibliographic reviews and 5 were surveys - questionnaires and a Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT). After selecting the studies, the two reviewers evaluated the selected studies to obtain the necessary information (sample studied, type of study, indices used and the main results).

Brief Comments and Discussion

Bariatric Surgery / Obesity as a Risk Factor for Oral Health

The interrelationship between obesity and oral health has been the
subject of several articles, due to the increase of this disease in the current society. Moura-Grec et al. emphasize the importance of integrating the role of the dental surgeon into the multi professional team that treat obese and gastroplastized patients [7]. Generally patients undergoing Roux-en-Y gastric bypass surgery tend to suffer from chronic regurgitation or gastroesophageal reflux, which may be due to the narrowing of the silicone ring or to increased hypotonia of the lower esophageal sphincter, which leads to damage in the oral cavity, causing erosions in the enamel, with this dentin hypersensitivity, even erosions in the oral mucosa [7,11,12].

Thus, bisphosphonates, osteoclast inhibitory drugs, and are prescribed for patients who present some imbalance in the bone metabolism that promotes bone resorption, as in the treatment of osteoporosis, according to Bordalo et al, calcium deficiency has been found in the long term in patients who have undergone bariatric surgery, such as osteomalacia, hyperparathyroidism and osteoporosis, but osteonecrosis has been proven in patients who use bisphosphonates, and so the attention of the Dentist surgeon in anamnesis is of utmost importance [2].

Conclusion

According to the main literary findings, there was a strong correlation between obesity and / or bariatric surgery with decreased oral health.

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