

Weight loss surgery in obese diabetic patients significantly cuts pancreatic cancer risk

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Weight loss surgery significantly cuts the risk of developing pancreatic cancer in people who are obese with diabetes, a new 20-year analysis has found.

The study, presented today at UEG Week 2020 Virtual, analyzed 1,435,350 [patients](#) with concurrent diabetes and obesity over a 20-year period. A total of 10,620 patients within the study had undergone bariatric ([weight loss](#)) [surgery](#), an operation that helps patients lose weight by making changes to the digestive system.

The research found that [obese patients](#) with diabetes were significantly less likely to develop [pancreatic cancer](#) if they had undergone [bariatric surgery](#) (prevalence of 0.32% vs 0.19%, p

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