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What should GLP-1 based weight loss therapy look like in patients with multimorbidity?

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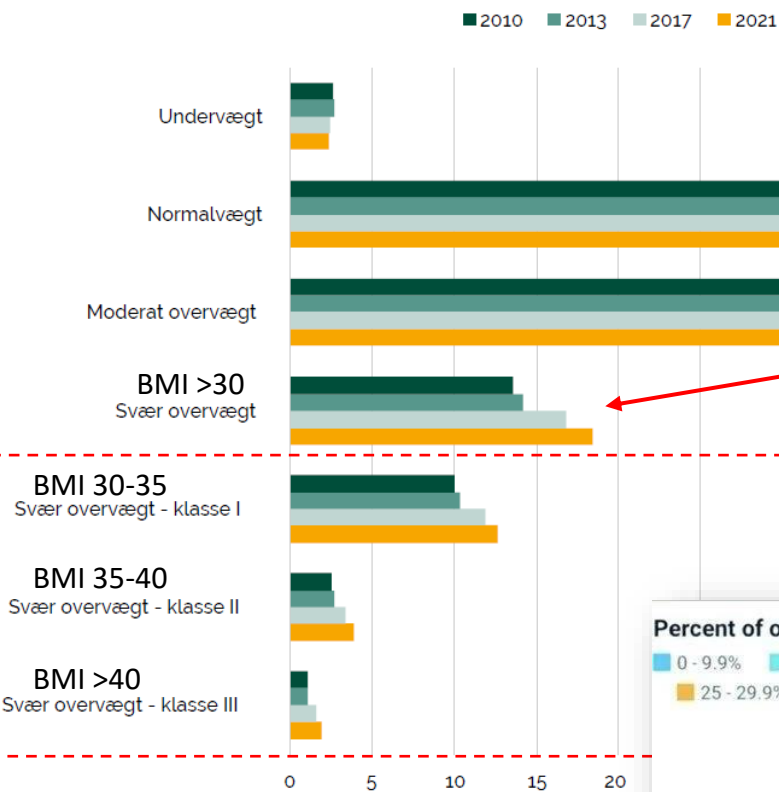
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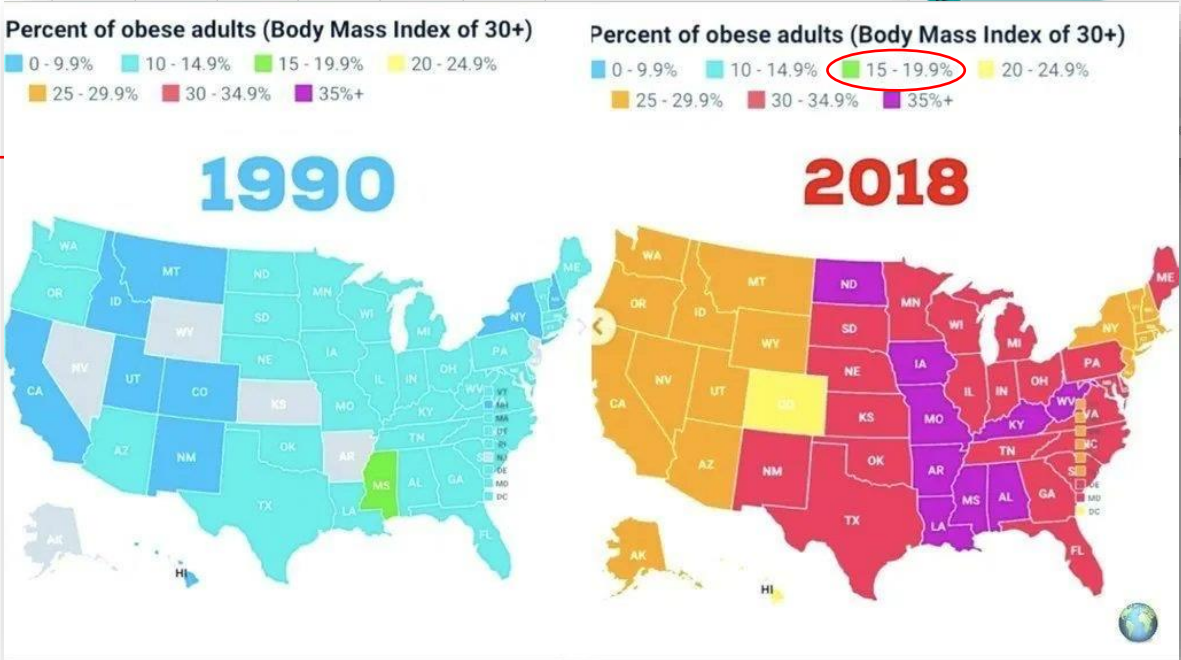
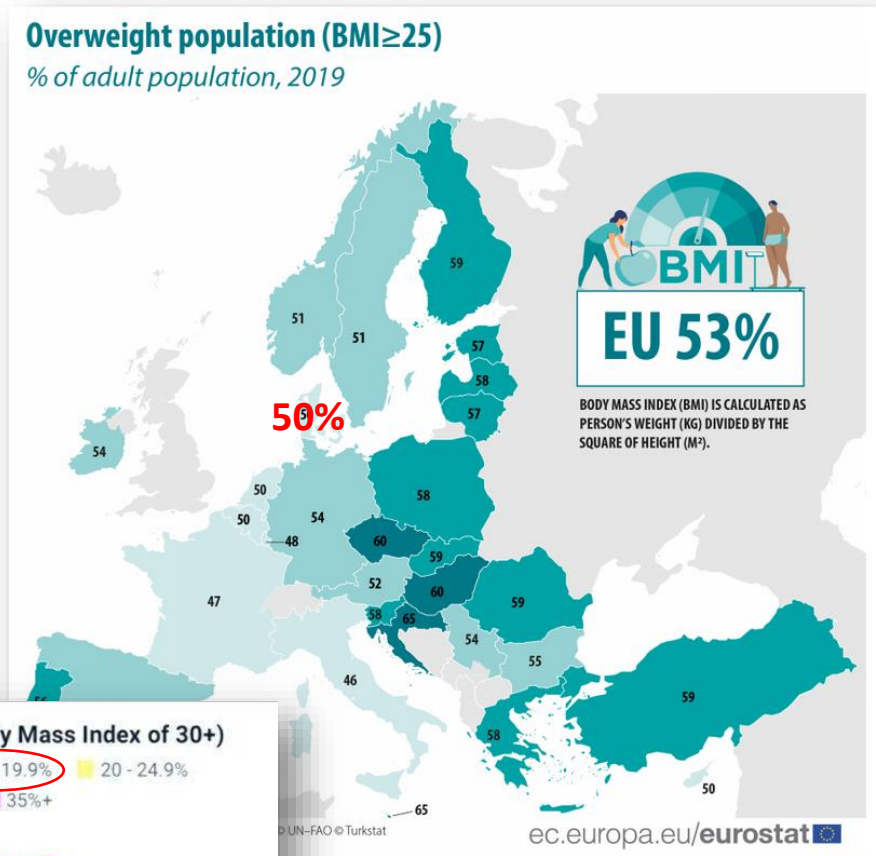


If the global obesity
pandemic continues

Figur 3.5.1 Udvikling i vægtgrupper. 2010, 2013, 2017 og 2021. Procent .



Increase in obesity from 13.6% in 2010 to 18.5% in 2021





Venøs tromboembolisme

Hernie

Infertilitet

Proteinuri

PCOS

Fedtlever

Diabetes

Hypertension

Parodontitis

Refluks-sygdom

Apoplexi

Arthritis urica

Infektioner

Inflammation

Angst

Kræft

Stigmatisering

Gestationel diabetes

Arbejdsløshed

Astma

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Dyslipidæmi

Depression

Hirsutisme

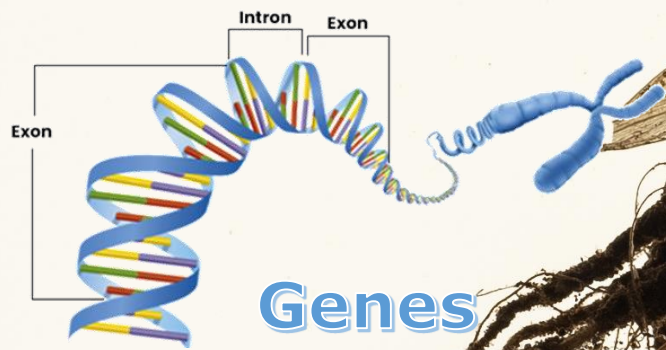
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Lymfødem

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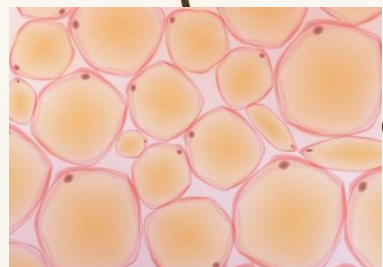
Iskæmisk hjertesygdom



Genes



**Apetite
regulation**



**Fat storage
capacity**



Food excess

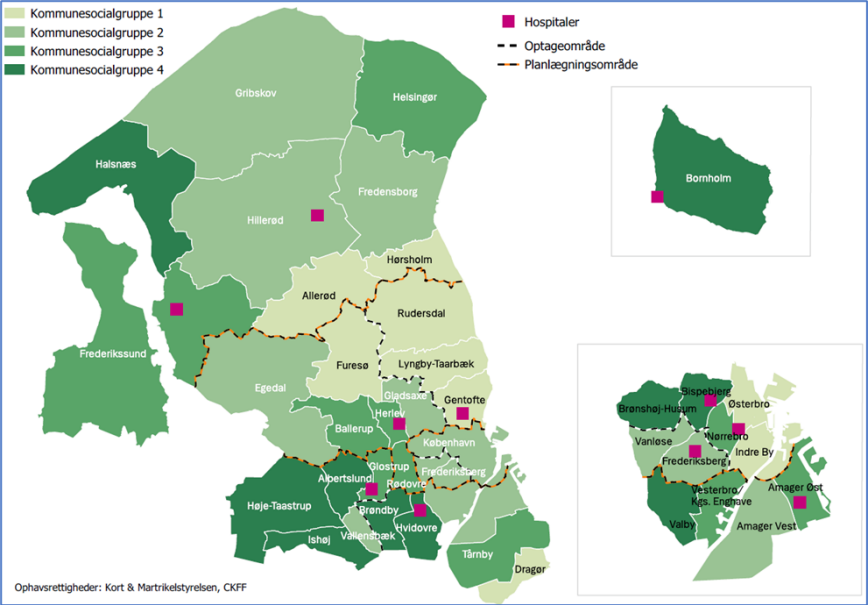


Physical inactivity

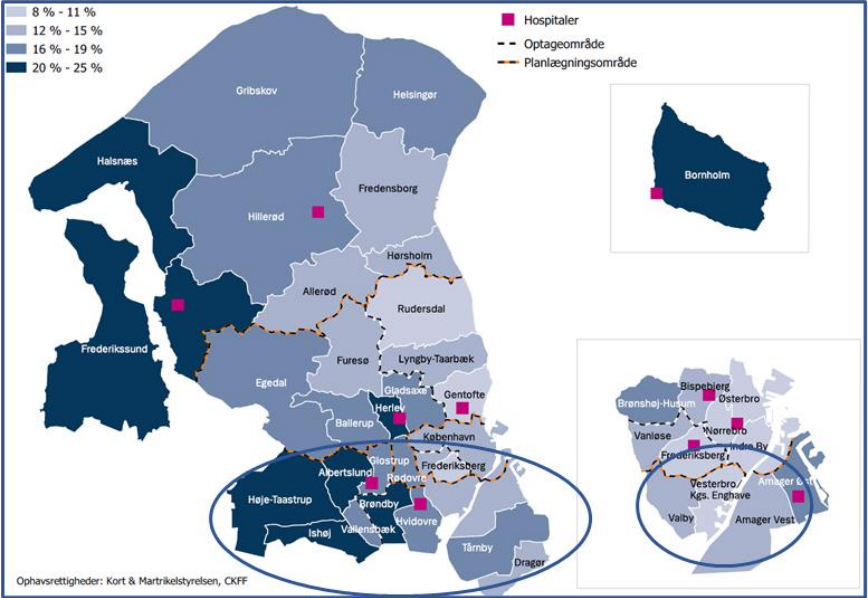


Social inequality

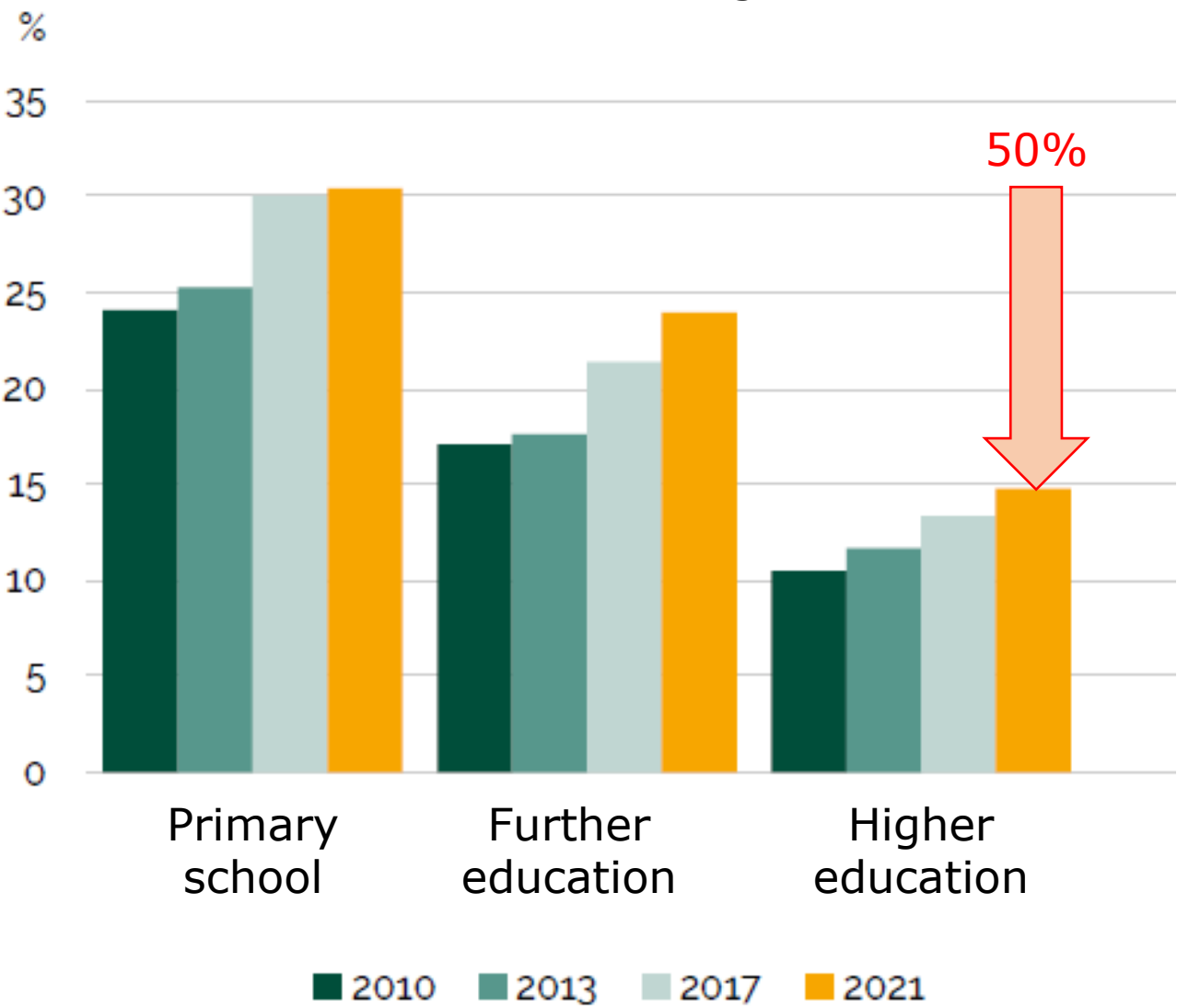
Social class



BMI > 30 kg/m²

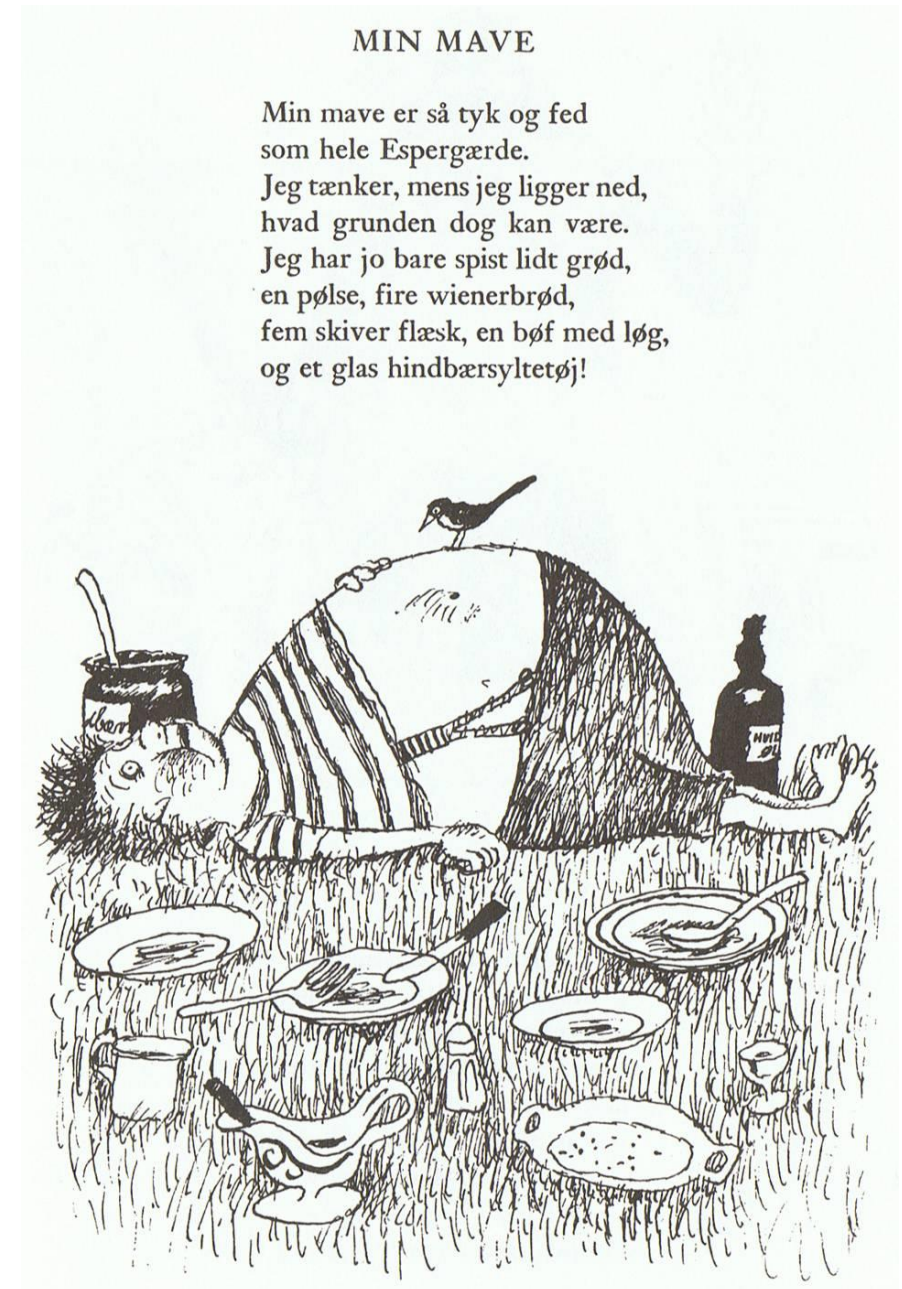


Proportion of Danish men with BMI >30 kg/m²



Obesity stigma

- Misconception that a person's **body weight is purely within their control** and obesity is a choice that can be easily reversed by **eating less and exercising more**.
- Negative stereotypes portraying people with obesity as **lazy, gluttonous and lacking in willpower and intelligence**.
- Weight stigma is associated with **disordered eating, sleep disturbance** and **exercise avoidance**, even after controlling for BMI.
- Weight stigma increases the risk of **psychological problems** (depression, anxiety etc.) and experimental weight stigma leads to **physiological stress** (increased cortisol and C-reactive protein).



How can we treat obesity?

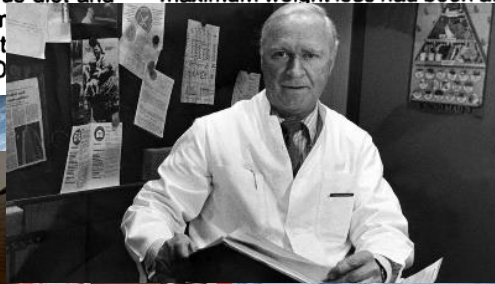


RANDOMIZED TRIAL OF DIET AND GASTROPLASTY COMPARED WITH DIET ALONE IN MORBID OBESITY

TEIS ANDERSEN, M.D., OLE G. BACKER, M.D., KNUD H. STOKHOLM, M.D., AND FLEMMING QUADE, M.D.

Abstract We compared the weight-reducing effect of diet and gastroplasty with that of diet alone in a randomized trial in 60 morbidly obese patients followed for two years. Initial median body weight was 120 kg in patients randomly assigned to gastroplasty plus diet and 115 kg in those assigned to diet alone. Maximum losses did not differ significantly between the two groups (26.1 kg in the gastroplasty group and 22.0 kg in the diet group, $P=0.07$).

group treated with diet alone, $P>0.05$). The risk of a Type II error with a true difference larger than 9.5 kg was less than 5 per cent. However, the group treated with diet alone regained significantly more weight after maximum weight loss had been achieved, so that the gas-
trastomyable net outcome at two years was in favor of diet plus gastroplasty (Med 1984; 310:352-357).



Clinical Trial > Int J Obes Relat Metab Disord. 1992 Apr;16(4):269-77.

The effect and safety of an ephedrine/caffeine compound compared to ephedrine, caffeine placebo in obese subjects on an energy restricted diet. A double blind trial

A Astrup¹, L Breum, S Toubro, P Hein, F Quaade



Mechanisms of improved glycaemic control after Roux-en-Y gastric bypass

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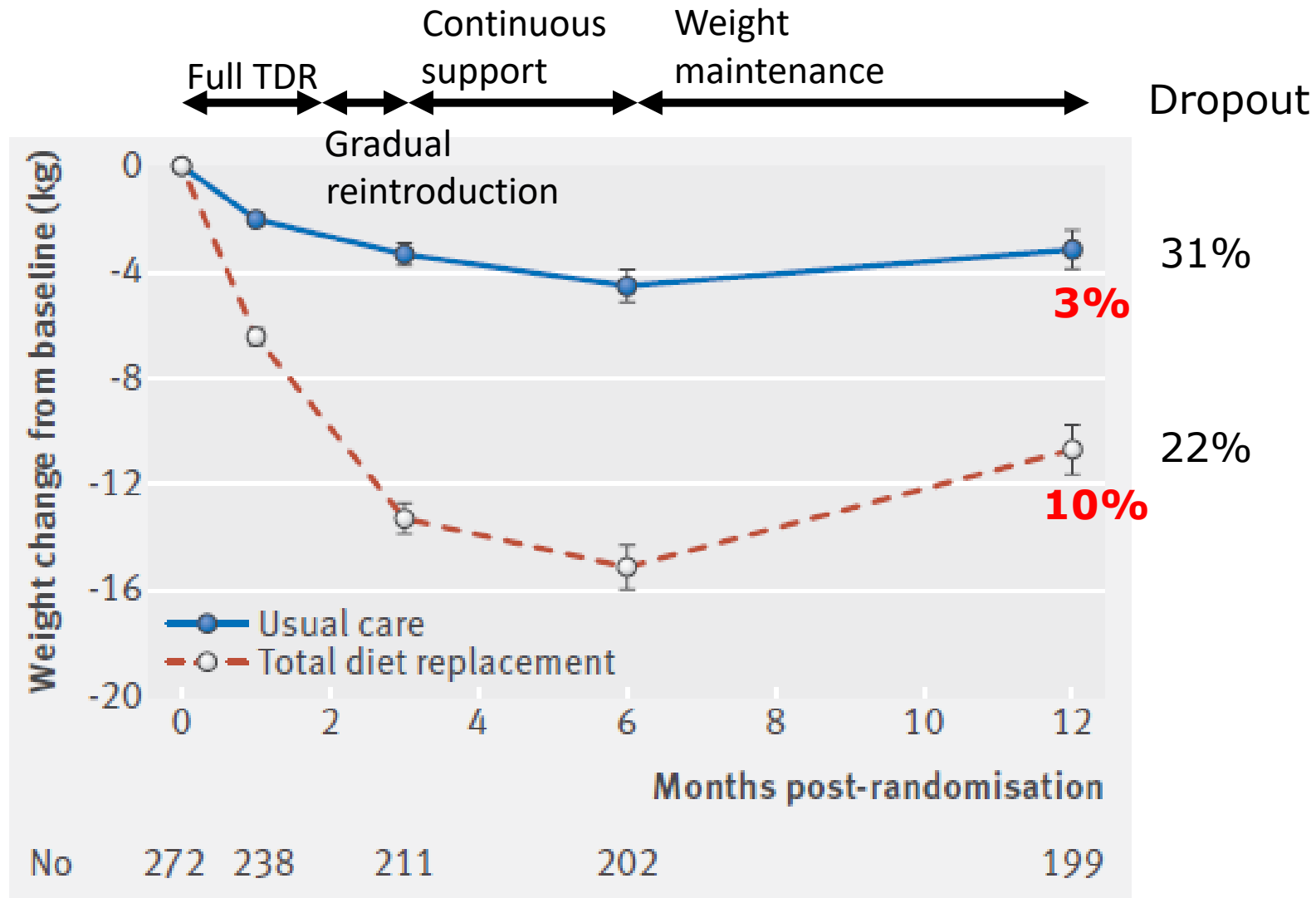
Healthy Weight Loss Maintenance with Exercise, Liraglutide, or Both Combined

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Total dietary replacement – the Droplet trial

278 ptt, BMI 37, T2D 20%, HT 30%. Randomized to 8w TDR (810 kcal/day) or standard weight loss management.



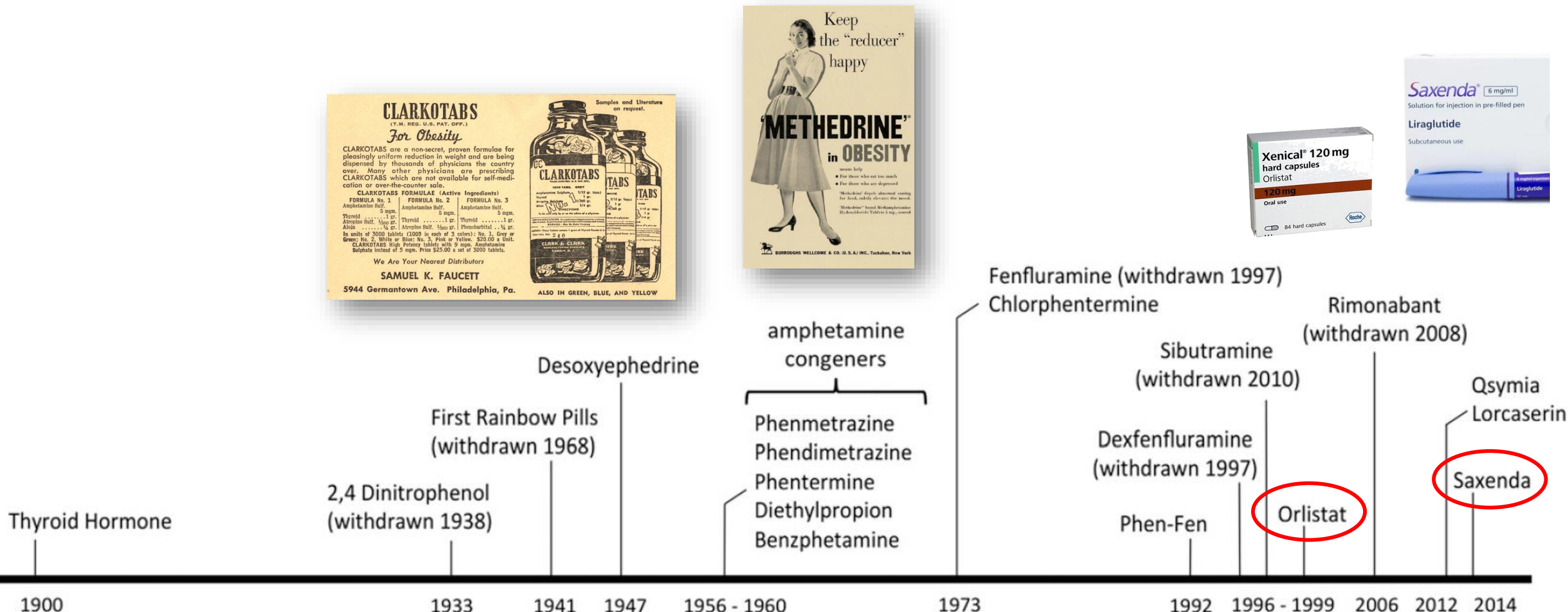
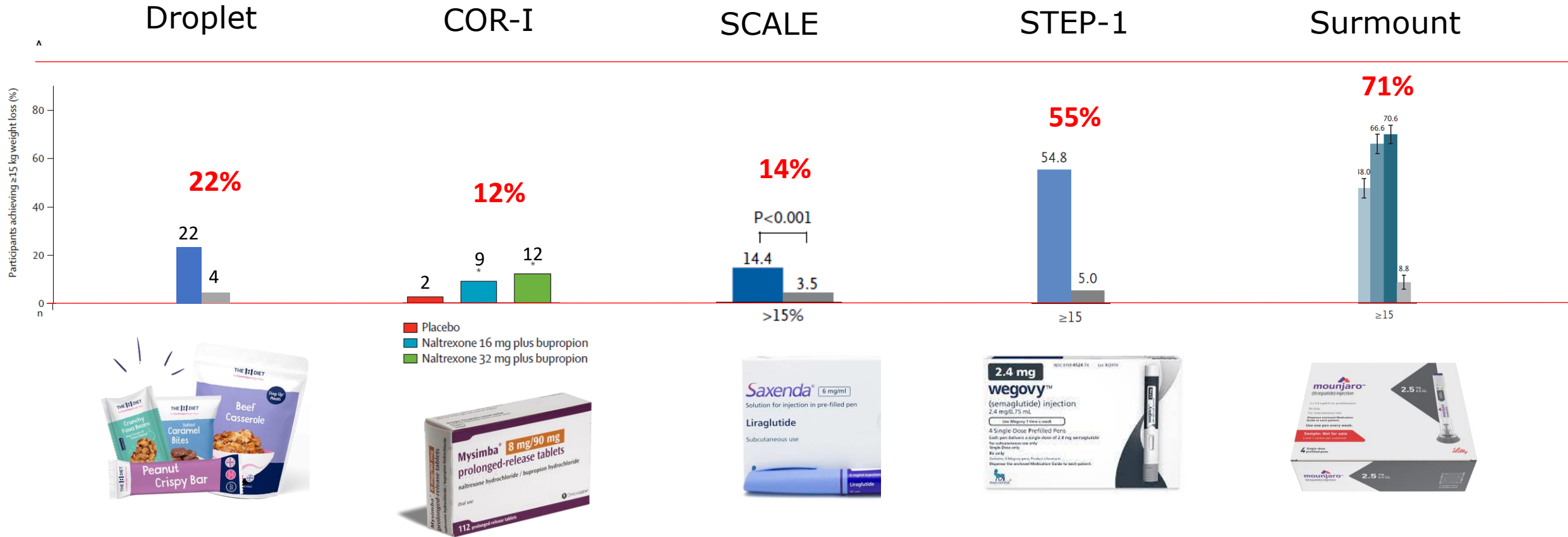


Fig. 1. Time line of pharmacotherapies used to treat obesity from 1900 until today.

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2,6 kg (2,2-3,0)
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5,3 kg (4,5-6,1)

Proportion of patients achieving weight loss >15%



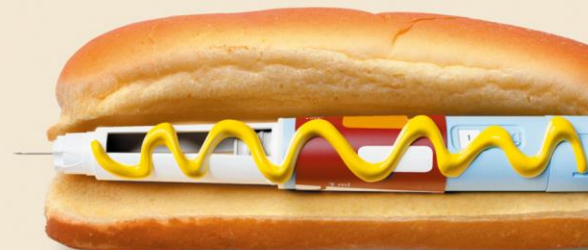
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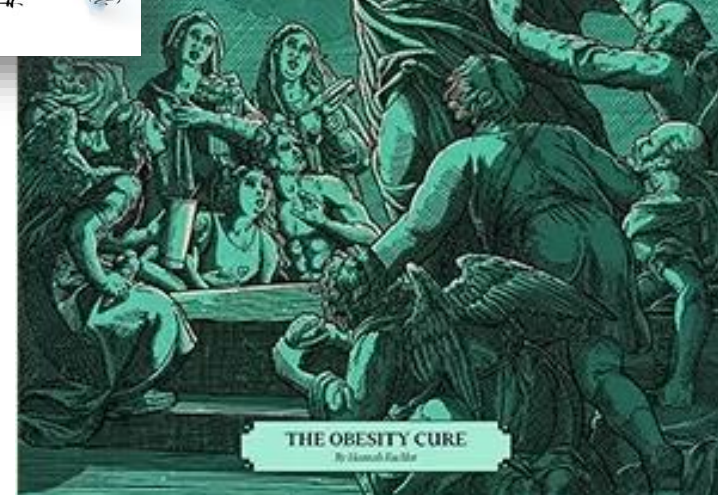
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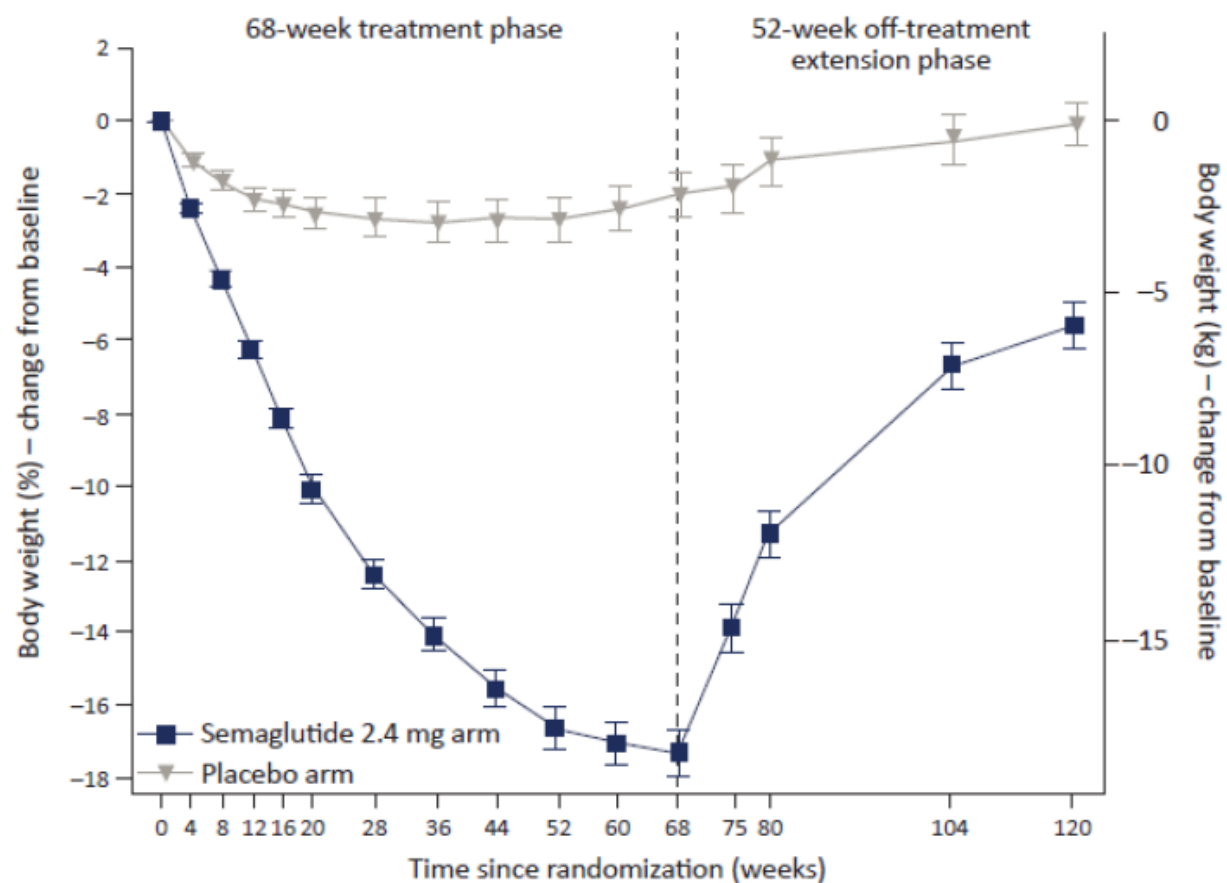
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A new 'miracle' weight-loss drug really works – raising huge questions

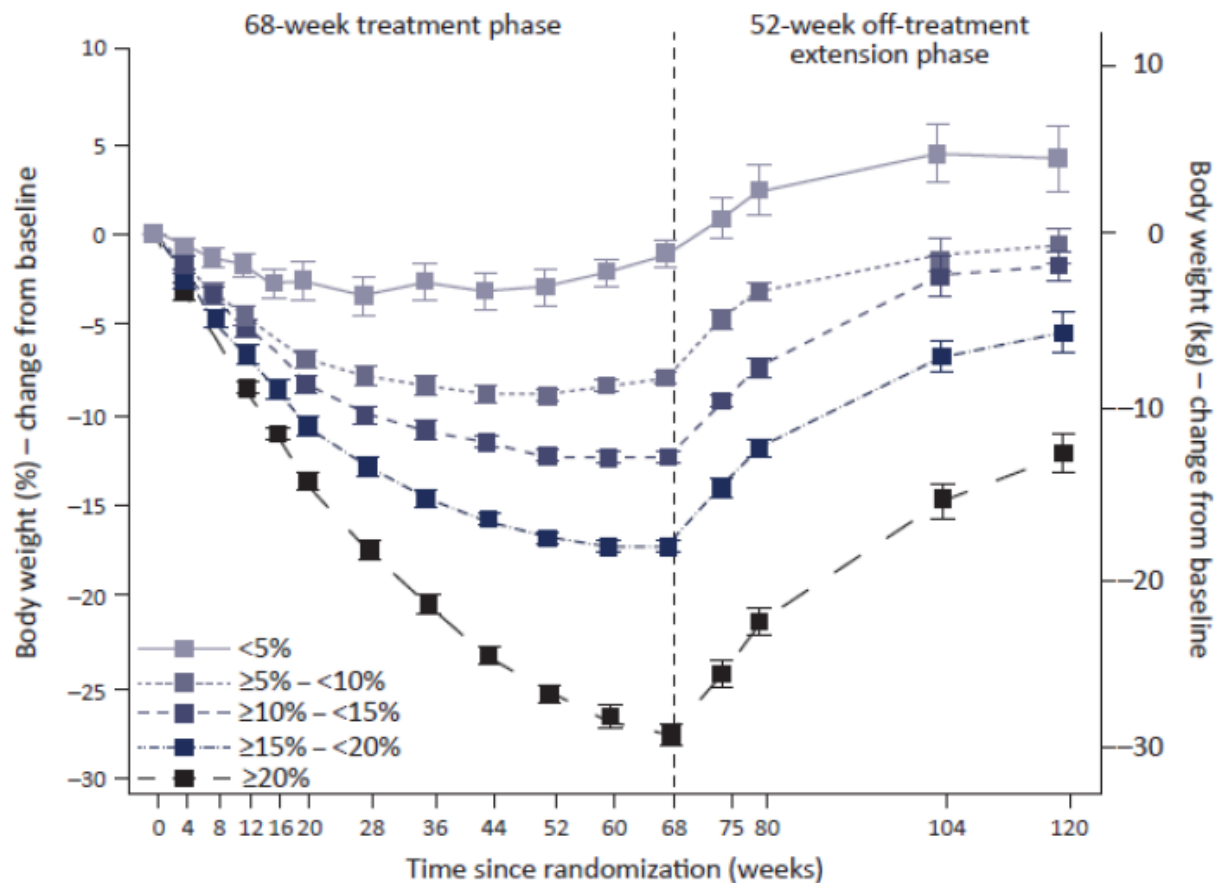
Novo Nordisk's Wegovy uses a hormone to regulate hunger. It's wildly effective, but is it misguided?

STEP 1 Extention trial

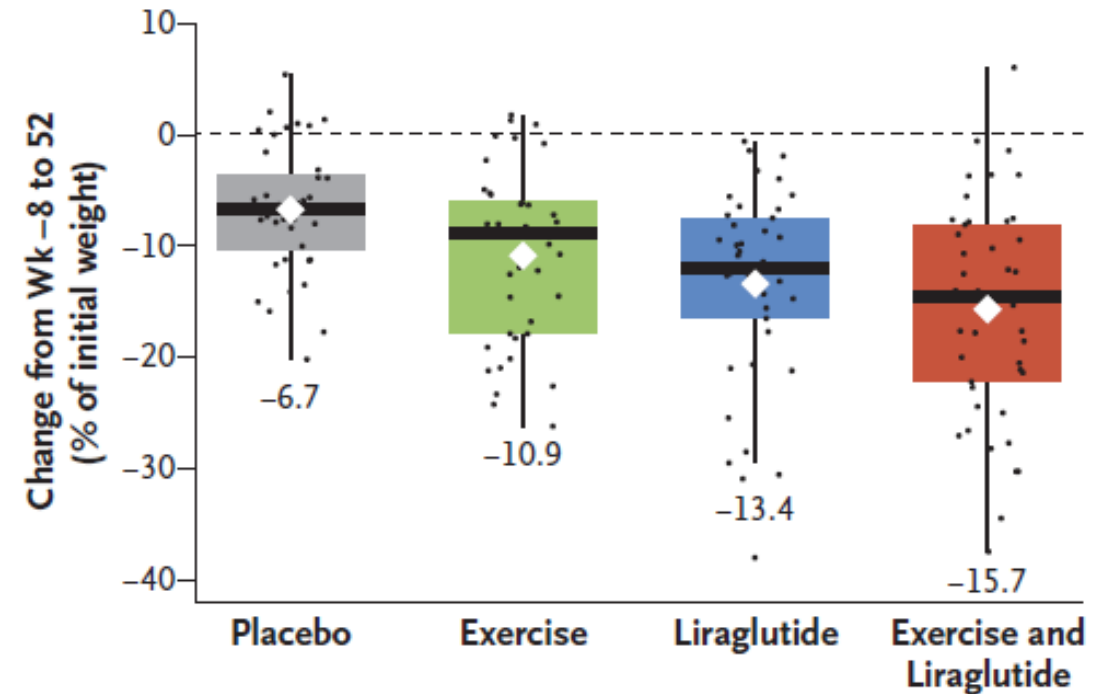
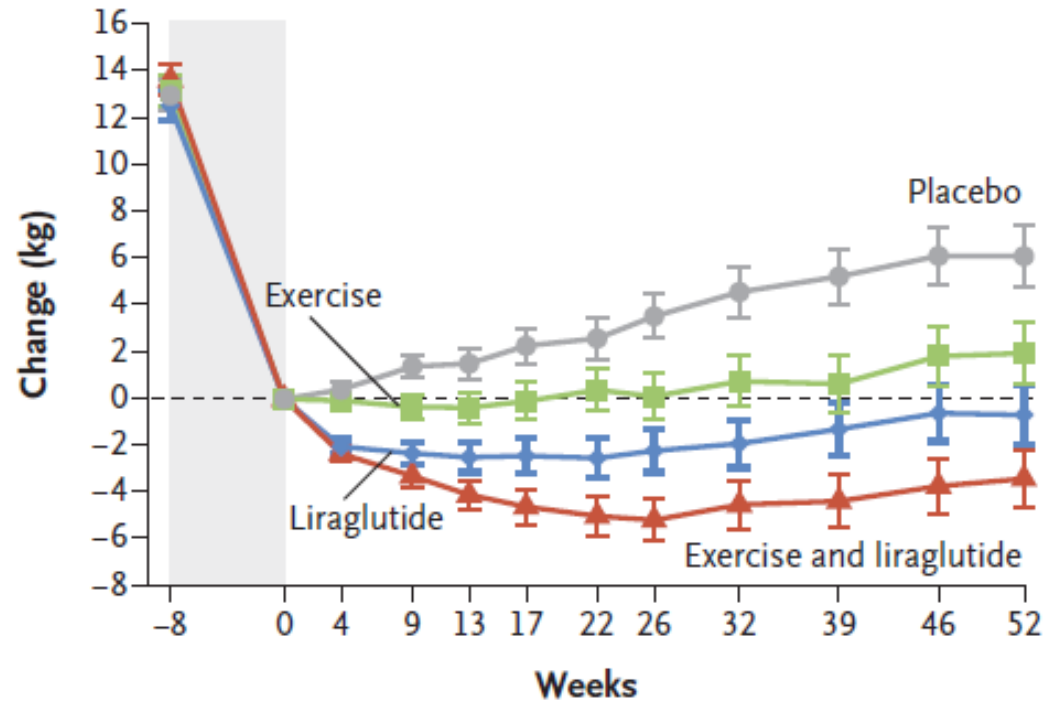
A



B



Combining pharmacotherapy and exercise – the S-lite study



S-lite studiet: 200 ptt, BMI 32-43, healthy. Randomized to placebo, liraglutide, exercise or liraglutide and exercise.

Clinic for Overweight and Nutrition

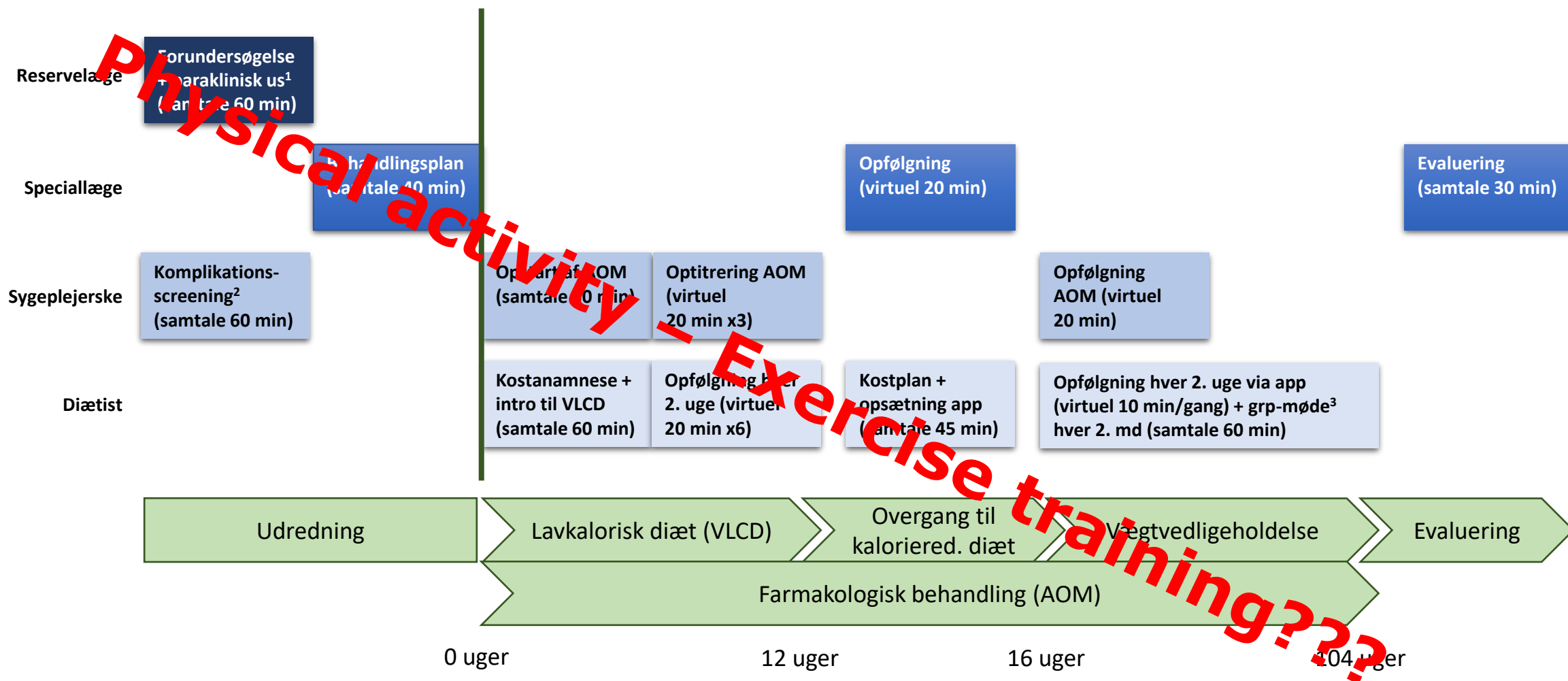
- Joins clinical dieticians, nurses and endocrinologists.
- Provide in-hospital individualized obesity management integrating dietary advice, meal replacements, anti-obesity medications, and obesity surgery (in collaboration with Dept. of Surgical Gastroenterology).
- Collaborate with local primary care providers (GPs and municipalities) to provide obesity management outside the hospital
- **Goal: Use weight loss management to improve health and quality of life for people living with severe obesity and comorbidities**

A new intensive non-surgical weight loss management program

- A treatment option for patient who for medical reasons are ineligible for bariatric surgery.
- Combines low-calorie total diet replacements and GLP-1 receptor agonist treatment.
- Aims for >10% weight loss within 4 months that is sustained for at least 2 years.

Flowchart for højt-specialiseret medicinsk behandling af svær overvægt

Klinik for Svær Overvægt, Endokrinologisk afdeling, Hvidovre Hospital



AOM = anti-obesity medication; VLCD = very-low calorie diet

¹Blodprøve, urinprøve, EKG

²Hjemme-BT, CRM (søvnapnø-screening)

³14 patienter pr. hold

Lighthouse Consortium on Obesity Management (LightCOM)

Vision

To take global leadership within innovative obesity management that benefits people with obesity and society.

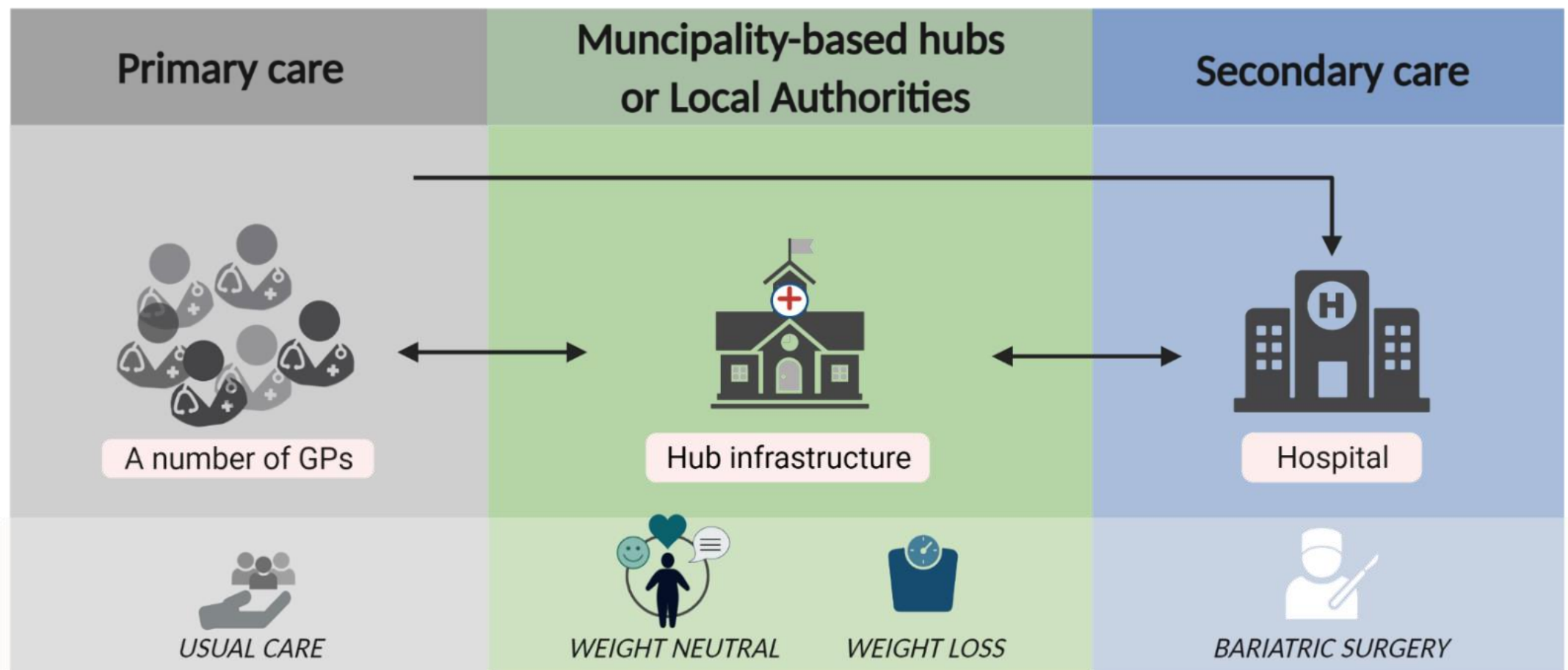
Key objectives

To evaluate a personalised intensive weight loss programme relative to existing obesity management strategies in primary and secondary care using randomised controlled trials.

To develop and commence early phase testing of the feasibility of an intervention that focus on body acceptance, intuitive eating, and physical activity, instead of supporting people with obesity to lose weight.

To join public and private solutions linking innovation and growth in life science and health technology, to improve the delivery of interventions and increase their long-term effectiveness.





Obesity class 1
(BMI >30 kg/m²)

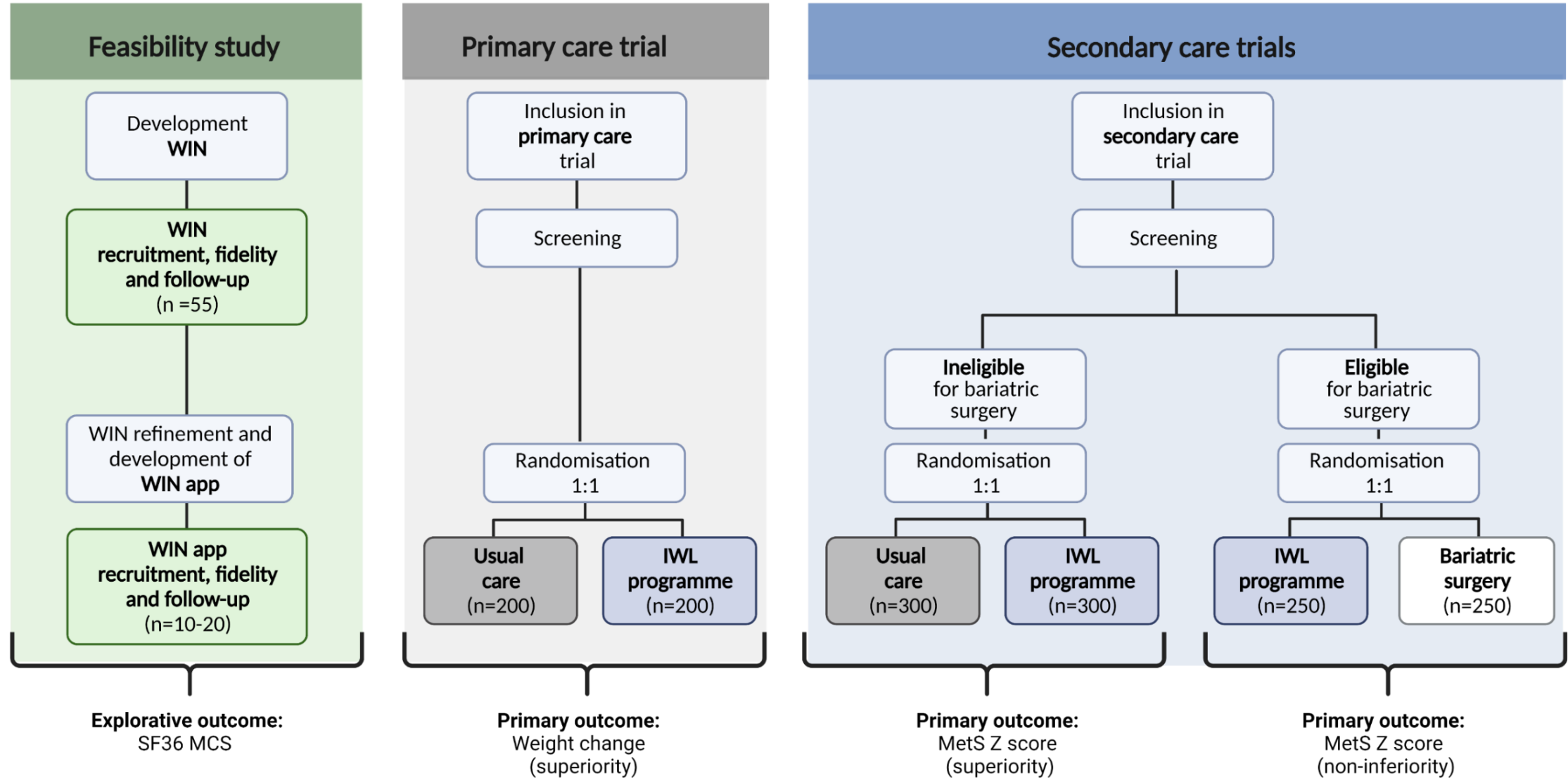
Obesity class 3
(BMI >40 kg/m²)

Risk factors or only
mild comorbidities

Manifest
comorbidities



Conducted in Denmark and United Kingdom



Thanks for the attention!

