

Sleeve Gastrectomy in Banding country.

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Laparoscopic gastric banding has been the dominant bariatric procedure in Australia for the last 10 years. Most bariatric surgery are performed in private hospital and there is no database to allow us to examine adequately the trend of different operations. Overall the numbers of bariatric procedures increased from 500 per year to 15000 last year. However, from medicare data documented by government, we are able to estimate there is a decline in numbers of lap band performed and increase in numbers of sleeve gastrectomy. The presentation will examine the possible reasons behind it and illustrate the problems that will be facing Australian bariatric surgeons in the next 5 to 10 years.