

**Question:** Should staple line reinforcement vs. no staple line reinforcement be used in patients undergoing sleeve gastrectomy?

Certainty assessment							№ of patients		Effect		Certainty	Importance
№ of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	staple line reinforcement	no staple line reinforcement	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)		

**overall complications**

8	randomised trials	not serious	not serious	not serious	not serious	none			<b>RR 0.7</b> (0.5 to 0.9)	<b>1 fewer per 1.000</b> (from 1 fewer to 1 fewer)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ HIGH	CRITICAL
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**Bleeding**

8	randomised trials	not serious	not serious	not serious	serious	none			<b>OR 0.56</b> (0.25 to 1.27)	<b>1 fewer per 1.000</b> (from 1 fewer to 0 fewer)	⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE	CRITICAL
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**leak**

8	randomised trials	not serious	serious	not serious	serious	none			<b>RR 0.60</b> (0.27 to 1.50)	<b>1 fewer per 1.000</b> (from 2 fewer to 0 fewer)	⊕⊕○○ LOW	CRITICAL
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CI: Confidence interval; RR: Risk ratio; OR: Odds ratio