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Intragastric Balloon Patient Selection

PATIENT SELECTION

The manufacturer recommends that the Orbera Balloon not be used for more than six months at a time. The most suitable candidates for this therapy are:

- Patients with moderate obesity (BMI 30 – 40) which places them at serious medical risk
- Patients with severe obesity (BMI >40) who are awaiting definitive surgery (isolated gastric bypass or gastric banding)
- Severely obese patients with co-morbid conditions which make them high-risk for surgery or anesthesia

CONTRAINDICATIONS TO THE BALLOON

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| • Gastric or duodenal ulcer | Y/N |
| • Gastric or oesophageal cancer | Y/N |
| • Ulcerative colitis or Crohn's Disease | Y/N |
| • Oesophagitis or oesophageal stricture | Y/N |
| • Previous oesophageal, gastric or duodenal surgery | Y/N |
| • Oesophageal or gastric varices | Y/N |
| • Hereditary telangiectasia | Y/N |
| • Gastrointestinal motility disorders | Y/N |
| • Hiatus hernia greater than 5cm | Y/N |
| • Liver cirrhosis | Y/N |
| • Alcohol or drug addiction | Y/N |
| • Systemic scleroderma | Y/N |
| • Significant renal impairment or failure | Y/N |
| • Pregnancy or lactation | Y/N |
| • Poorly controlled psychiatric illness | Y/N |
| • Eating disorders | Y/N |

PRECAUTIONS INCLUDE

- Minor psychiatric disease which may be considered to compromise a patient's adaption to the balloon or general compliance to the weight loss management program
- NSAID or aspirin usage (can be used 2 weeks after the balloon is inserted.)
- Mild renal impairment, without electrolyte disturbance.