

**Question:** Should scheduled post-operative follow up vs. no post-operative follow up be used in patients undergoing bariatric surgery?

Certainty assessment							N <sub>o</sub> of patients		Effect		Certainty	Importance
N <sub>o</sub> of studies	Study design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	scheduled post-operative follow up	no post-operative follow up	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute (95% CI)		
<b>Weight loss/weight regain (follow up: range 6 months to 12 months; assessed with: %EWL)</b>												
5	randomised trials	serious	serious	not serious	not serious	strong association	163	163	-	MD <b>1.6 higher</b> (0.82 higher to 2.38 higher)	⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE	

CI: Confidence interval; MD: Mean difference