

Obesity Treatment Linked To Liver Failure Risk

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People who have undergone bariatric surgery may be at greater risk of acetaminophen-induced acute liver failure, researchers reported.

In a retrospective analysis of 101 liver failure patients, 54 had disease induced by acetaminophen overdose, and of those 16.7 percent had previous bariatric surgery, according to Edward Holt, MD, of California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco.

In contrast, among the 47 patients with disease with other causes, there were none who had previously had bariatric surgery, Holt reported at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD).

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