Should lifestyle choices influence clinical decisions regarding surgery?

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“Total Hip Replacement (THR) is cost effective, returning 90% of patients to their previous job...
The National Tariff for THR is cheaper than long-term conservative management of osteoarthritis of the hip.”
“Patient-specific factors (including age, sex, smoking, obesity, and comorbidities) should not be barriers to referral for joint surgery.”
1.2 Referral to a vascular service

1.2.1 Refer people with bleeding varicose veins to a vascular service\(^3\) immediately.

1.2.2 Refer people to a vascular service if they have any of the following.

- Symptomatic\(^4\) primary or symptomatic recurrent varicose veins.
- Lower-limb skin changes, such as pigmentation or eczema, thought to be caused by chronic venous insufficiency.
- Superficial vein thrombosis (characterised by the appearance of hard, painful veins) and suspected venous incompetence.
- A venous leg ulcer (a break in the skin below the knee that has not healed within 2 weeks).
- A healed venous leg ulcer.
alcoholic liver disease
diuretic resistant ascites
non-alcoholic fatty liver disease
chronic hepatic encephalopathy
chronic viral hepatitis B, C, D
intractable pruritus
autoimmune liver diseases
hepatopulmonary syndrome
genetic haemochromatosis
familial amyloid polyneuropathy
Wilson’s disease
familial cholesterolaemia
alpha – 1 antitrypsin deficiency
polycystic liver disease
congenital liver disease
sickle cell hepatopathy
HCC
secondary sclerosing cholangitis
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