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Background

- Liver transplantation is a lifesaving procedure for children with end-stage liver disease with the goal of returning to a normal healthy life
- Obesity and weight gain can lead to post-transplant steatosis and contribute to patient morbidity and mortality
- In patients with obesity, simultaneous bariatric surgery can lead to reduced body mass index (BMI) and decrease allograft steatosis in patients with metabolic syndrome

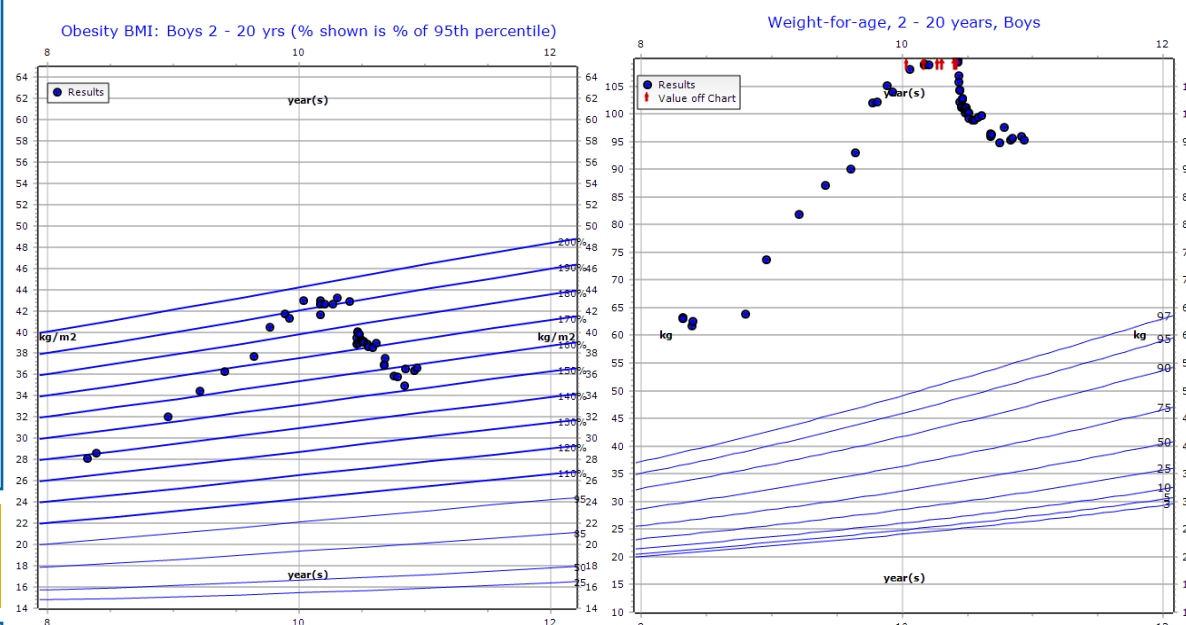
Methods

- After obtaining patient and family assent/consent, patient records were reviewed and analyzed.

Case Presentation

- 8 year old male presented with right upper quadrant pain, imaging consistent with cirrhosis and portal hypertension, and positive hepatitis C
- Despite treatment and clearance of the hepatitis C virus, developed decompensated cirrhosis with hepatopulmonary syndrome
- A deceased donor orthotopic liver transplantation was performed at age 10
- A simultaneous vertical sleeve gastrectomy was required due to class 3 severe obesity with comorbidities

CDC Growth Charts



Post-Operative Course

- Complicated by increased oxygen requirements that resolved within 2 weeks
- No staple line or gastric bleeding issues were noted
- Two months after transplant, has good graft function with normal liver function tests on tacrolimus with mycophenolate mofetil
- He has had a 9.4% reduction from his peak BMI of 42.97 kg/m² to 38.92 kg/m² with weight stabilization post-operatively despite pulse steroids followed by an oral steroid taper for induction immunosuppression
- Approaching 1 year post-operatively, has had no nutritional complications following bariatric surgery and no major complications from transplant

Pre-Operative CT Scan



Conclusion

- Our experience demonstrates that liver transplant and vertical sleeve gastrectomy can be done concomitantly and safely in the pediatric population.
- Assessing the long-term outcomes of this and other similar patients will assist in determination of optimal patient selection, target and actual BMI reduction, and metabolic goals in the pediatric liver transplant population

