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Patients with obesity suffer from widespread prejudice. Understanding that the obesity epidemic currently experienced in different parts of the world is driven by a change in the environment towards becoming 'obesogenic' and not a lack of willpower would be the first step in removing the barriers to more surgery. Registries so that safety can be monitored and operation trends established. Ideally registries should also link to other national healthcare records, e.g. diabetes databases, so that long-term outcomes data can be collected outside of funded RCTs.

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