Objective

The objective of this study is to find out the economic impact of obesity and possible economic value of obesity surgery for Turkey.

Methodology

Literature search and expert panel were the main methodologies that used in the study. A comprehensive literature search was undertaken with key words in PubMed to find out the extent of obesity and its comorbidities and treatment methods in Turkey.

Cost of obesity for Turkey was calculated depending on the published literatures.

An expert panel questionnaire form was designed after the literature search aiming to finding the cost. The form was sent to the experts in advance and a panel discussion was undertaken to reach a consensus.

After the building phase of the consensus, the economic benefit of obesity surgery were estimated based on the price tariff declared by the Social Security Institution (SSI) in 5 years.

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