# **BINGE EATING DISORDER (BED)** is prevalent among obese patients, and those undergoing bariatric surgery

BED is a clinically defined psychiatric disorder, and the most prevalent eating disorder occurring in 2–5% of the adult population.<sup>1</sup>

### Characterized by:1,2

- Compulsive episodes of excessive consumption of highly palatable foods (binges)
- Strong sense of loss of control
- Feelings of anxiety, shame, disgust and guilt
- Absence of compensatory purging behaviors

Bariatric surgery is recognized as a durable treatment for severe obesity<sup>4</sup>; however, BED is common among bariatric surgery patients.<sup>5</sup>

Binge eating is implicated as a treatment-limiting factor in patients undergoing bariatric surgery.<sup>6</sup>



Interferes with adherence to postsurgical nutritional recommendations

May impede weight loss and reduce quality of life

## OBESE PATIENTS SHOULD BE SCREENED FOR BED AND TREATED, IF WARRANTED, PARTICULARLY PRIOR TO BARIATRIC SURGERY.

of all **BED** patients are obese or overweight<sup>3</sup>



of bariatric surgery candidates have BED<sup>5</sup>



of bariatric surgery patients experience "loss-of-control" eating<sup>6</sup>

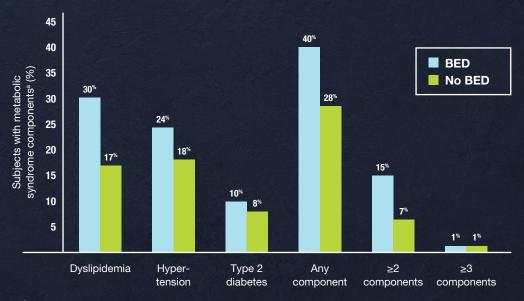
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## BINGE EATING DISORDER (BED) may be a risk factor for metabolic syndrome<sup>1</sup>

BED has been shown to confer a risk of components of the metabolic syndrome over and above the risk attributable to obesity alone.<sup>1</sup>

Over a 5-year study, obese individuals with BED had significantly increased risk for developing metabolic syndrome components vs. a BMI-matched group without BED<sup>1</sup> of obese **BED** patients met criteria for metabolic syndrome<sup>2,†</sup>



<sup>a</sup> Number reporting new diagnosis of component or set of components during the follow-up interval.

# CONSIDER SCREENING FOR BED IN PATIENTS WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH ANY COMPONENT OF THE METABOLIC SYNDROME.



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<sup>+</sup> Cross-sectional analysis of 81 consecutive treatment-seeking obese (body mass index ≥ 30 kg/m2) patients (21 mer, 60 women) who met DSM-IV-TR research criteria for BED (either subthreshold criteria: ≥ 1 binge weekly, n = 19 or full criteria: ≥ 2 binges weekly, n = 62.

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