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Bariatric weight-loss surgeries among adolescent patients appear to have hit a plateau since 2003, running at about 1,000 procedures preformed each year, researchers find.



**MASSDEVICE ON CALL** — Rates of adolescent weight-loss surgery have hit a ceiling since 2003, according to Chicago researchers.

Running at about 1,000 procedures per year, bariatric surgery among patients aged 10 to 19 years old are no longer on the rise according to a study published by the *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine*, a JAMA Network publication.

Preferred modes of teen weight-loss surgery have also changed, shifting from open surgery to minimally invasive laparoscopic procedures, researchers noted.

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