

The EMPOWER Study: Randomized, Prospective, Double-Blind, Multicenter Trial of Vagal Blockage to Induce Weight Loss in Morbid Obesity

DESCRIPTION

Prospective, randomized controlled, double-blind, multi-center trial (EMPOWER)	294 implanted & randomized <i>n=192 treated subjects • n=102 control subjects</i> 15 centers
12-month follow-up	

RESULTS & SUMMARY

vBloc was safe. Weight loss was not greater in treated group compared to control group; however, clinically important weight loss was related to hours of device use.

+ Post-study analysis suggests low-charge delivered via the system checks may have contributed to weight loss in the control group

+ Device-related complications in 3% of subjects

Parameters	Treated	Control
EWL (%)	17	16
EWL (%) ≥12 hours device use	30	22

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