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According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, CDC National Center for Health Statistics (1999-2002) Life Expectancy for healthy U.S. females is 79.9 years and for U.S. males 74.5 years.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/datawh/statab/unpubd/mortabs.htm#life>

Weight loss surgery is the most effective treatment available for obesity say experts

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A panel of experts charged with reviewing all the available evidence on morbid obesity and weight loss surgery today concluded weight loss surgery is the most effective treatment available and can result in the improvement or complete resolution of diseases associated with obesity, according to a consensus statement published in the April edition of the [Journal of the American College of Surgeons \(JACS\)](#).

These conclusions are based on a consensus conference that was convened last year by the [American Society for Bariatric Surgery \(ASBS\)](#) and the [American Society for Bariatric Surgery Foundation](#). At the conference, scores of surgeons, researchers, primary care doctors, and other medical professionals presented evidence-based data to a 12-member multi-disciplinary panel of experts from around the world...

About 8 to 10 million people in the U.S. are morbidly obese and this group represents one of the fastest growing segments in the obese population, having quadrupled between 1986 and 2000, while obesity doubled. In the morbidly obese population, the average life expectancy is reduced by 9 years in women and 12 years in men.