

A Time-Saving Technique for Specimen Extraction in Sleeve Gastrectomy

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To the Editor,

I have read the article entitled “A time-saving technique for specimen extraction in sleeve gastrectomy” by Casella et al. [1] in which they propose a simple technique for extraction of the stomach through the right subcostal access.

I was very surprised, because we have been performing this maneuver since 2005, when we started to perform laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy. Since that time we have used the maneuver in more than 400 patients. This very simple procedure was described in our article in 2007 in *Obesity Surgery* [2]: “The resected specimen is removed easily through the 15 mm port of the right upper abdominal

quadrant.” I do not believe that a description of this very simple maneuver deserved to be published in a special article.

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