

National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death

Too Lean a Service?

A review of the care of patients
who underwent bariatric surgery



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