

# METABOLIC SYNDROME

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# OBJECTIVES:

- ✓ The metabolic abnormalities of obesity reflect molecular signals originating from the increased mass of adipocytes .
- ✓ The predominant effects of obesity include:
  - Dyslipidemias.
  - Glucose intolerance.
  - Insulin resistance.
  - Hypertension.

# Metabolic Syndrome

❖ A cluster of closely related **medical conditions** which increase the risk of developing **heart disease** and **diabetes**.

## Features comprising Metabolic Syndrome:

High serum  
TGs

Hypertension

**Obesity**  
(Specifically **visceral**)

Hyperglycemia

Low HDL  
cholesterol

Hyperinsulinemia  
(insulin resistance)

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**Dyslipidemias.**

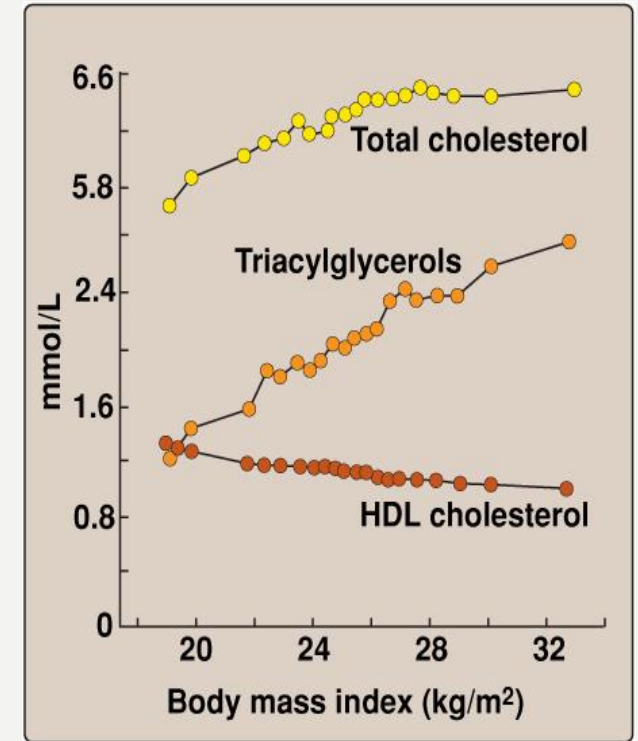
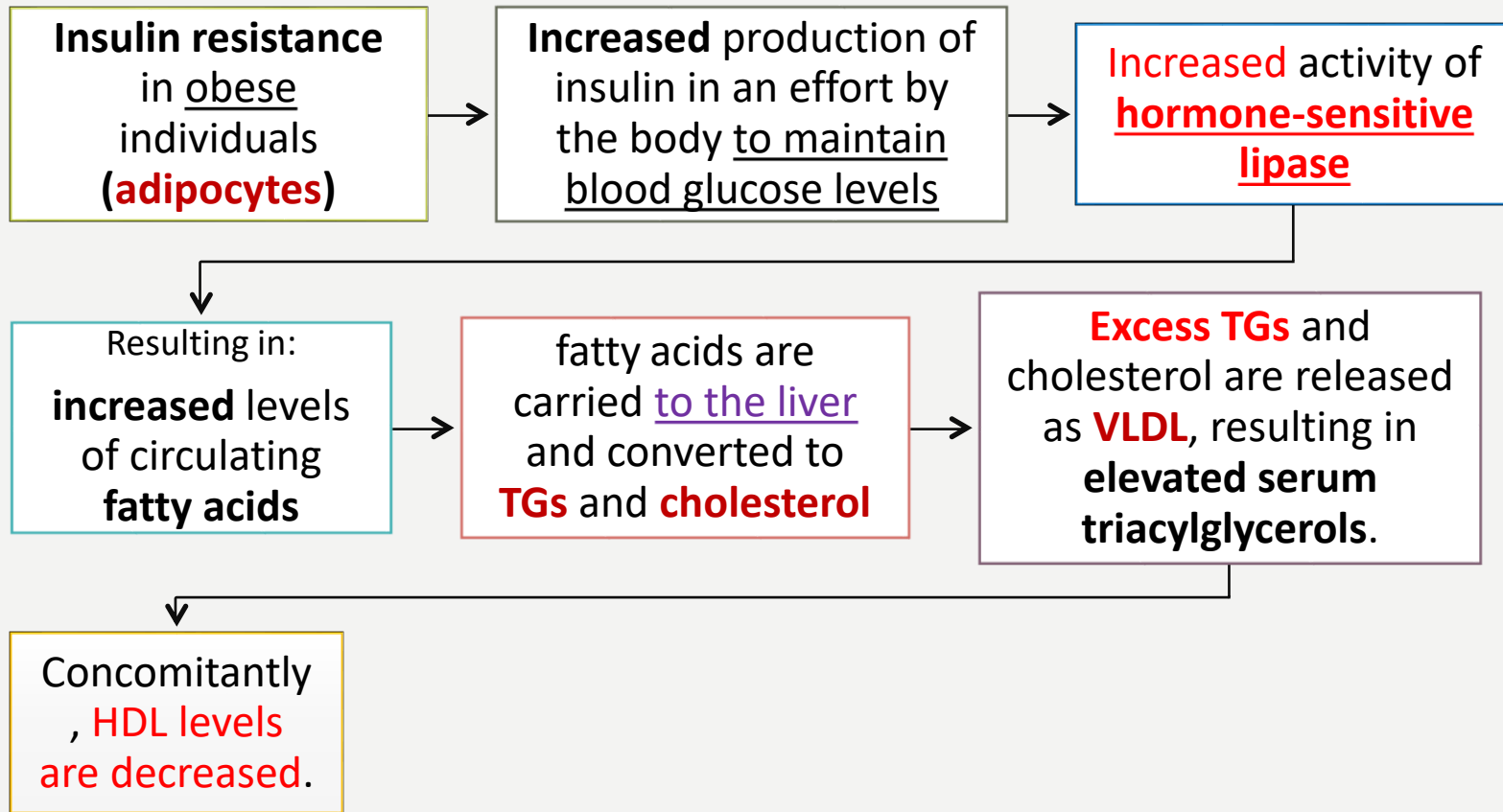
**Insulin resistance.**

**Glucose intolerance**

**hypertension**

- Cells become **less responsive to insulin** → **\*High plasma insulin** “trying to compensate” for years. Eventually, compensation becomes inadequate → hyperglycemia +:
  - **Hydrolysis** of stored **TGs** or **fats** → High plasma FFA.
  - **Reduction** of glucose uptake or glucose utilization among **muscle cells** + **Reduction** of glycogenesis → **hyperglycemia**.
- ❖ **\*Compensatory hyperinsulinemia** causes **down regulation** of insulin receptors.
- ❖ **Defects in insulin receptor.**

# Dyslipidemia



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Increased activity of lipase is because body cannot use glucose as a source of energy, the other source is FFAs which are broken down from triglycerides in adipocytes.

If a patient has dyslipidemia, he has insulin resistance for sure!

## ❖ Dyslipidemia and the MetS an inseparable couple?

- Dyslipidemia is an **early** indicator and **consistent** component of insulin resistance
- Liver fat** seems to be the **unifying factor** between **dyslipidemia** and **insulin resistance**

Metabolic Syndrome is Linked to:

Heart disease

1.5 - 3 fold increase for atherosclerotic CVD

Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

5 fold increase

it starts as an insulin resistance then develop into DM over time.

Kidney disease

Reproductive abnormalities in women

PCOS, difficulty with ovulation and fertility, irregular periods

One of the causes of infertility in women is insulin resistance. PCOS: polycystic ovarian syndrome

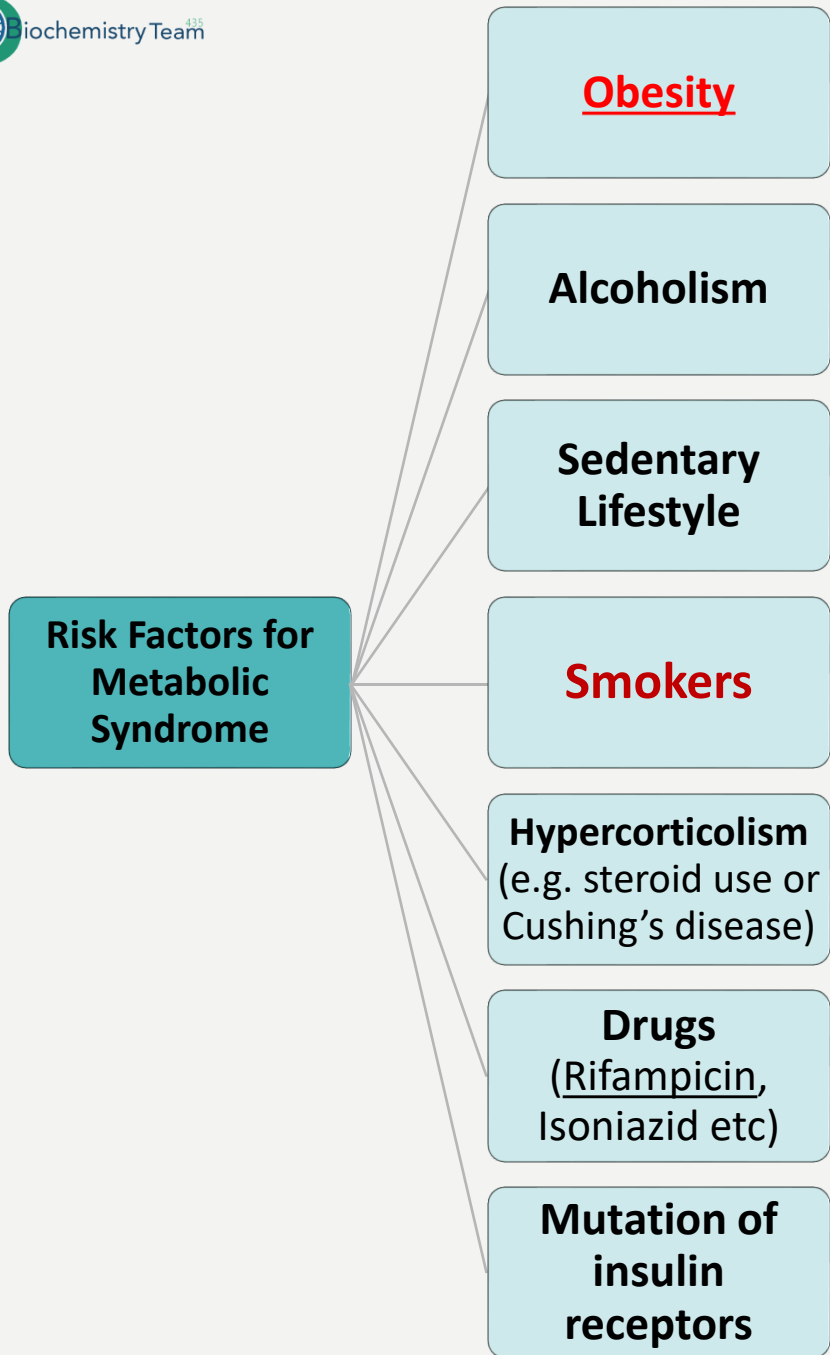
Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (fatty liver)

Related to distorted lipid metabolism

Cancer

Obesity is major risk factor for cancer of the esophagus; colon and rectum; liver; gall bladder etc

Being overweight and obese accounts for 14% of all cancer deaths in men and 20% of those in women



## Markers of Metabolic Syndrome

Lipoproteins	LDL	high
	HDL	low
	TGs	High
Adipokines	Leptin	increased or no change
	Adiponectin	decreased
Inflammatory markers	CRP	High
	TNF- $\alpha$	
	IL-6	
	IL-8	
Hemostatic marker	Plasminogen Activator inhibitor-1	Present (it's high $\rightarrow$ increases the chance of atherosclerosis)

note: obese people are always in state of invisible inflammation due to the release of inflammatory markers

# DIAGNOSIS:

WHO criteria (1999)		NCEP* ATP** III Guideline (2002)	
<b>One of: Impaired glucose tolerance - DM - insulin resistance along with <u>at least two</u> of the below mentioned components</b> يكون عندهم وحدة من ال ٣ اشياء اللي فوق بالإضافة الى خاصيتين من:		<b>≥ 3</b> of these risk factors are present يكون عندهم ٣ أو أكثر من الرسك فاكورز:	
Component	Criterion		
<b>Hypertension</b>	BP >140/90 mmHg	<b>Waist circumference:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men &gt;102 cm (&gt;40 in)</li> <li>Women &gt;88 cm (&gt;35 in)</li> </ul>
<b>Dyslipidemia</b>	High plasma TGs (>1.7mmol/L) Low HDL cholesterol (men <0.9, women <1.0 mmol/L)	<b>Triglycerides:</b>	>150 mg/dL
<b>Dyslipidemia</b>	High plasma TGs (>1.7mmol/L) Low HDL cholesterol (men <0.9, women <1.0 mmol/L)	<b>HDL cholesterol:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men &lt;40 mg/dL</li> <li>Women &lt;50 mg/dL</li> </ul>
<b>Central or General obesity</b>	Waist to hip ratio >0.9 in men, >0.85 in women And/or BMI >30	<b>Blood pressure</b>	130/ 85 mm Hg
<b>Micro-albuminuria</b>	Urinary albumin excretion rate ≥ 20ug/min or albumin:creatinine ratio ≥ 30mg/g	<b>Fasting glucose</b>	>100 mg/dL

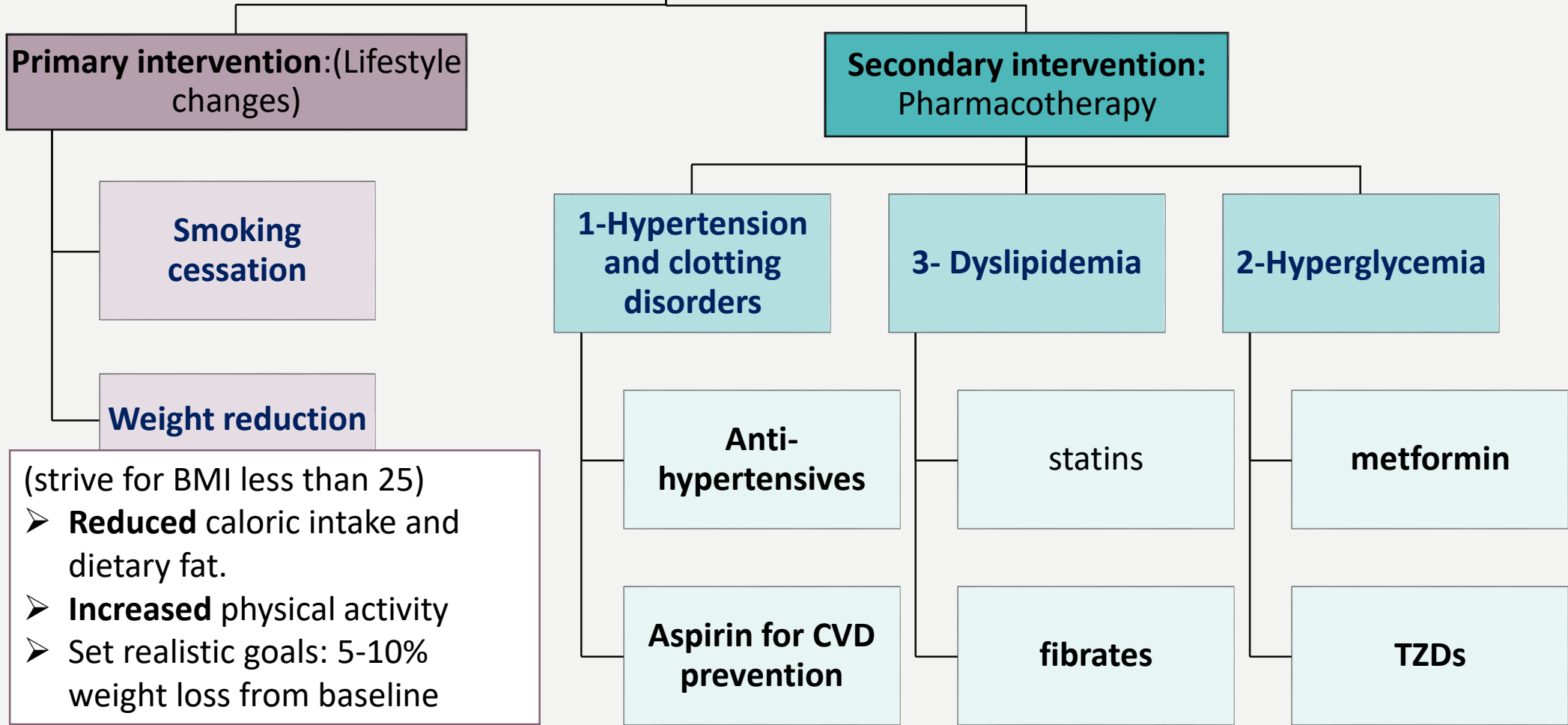
Dr. Sumbul: you don't have to memorize the numbers! Ranges will be given in the exam!

\*National Cholesterol Education Programme

\*\* Adult Treatment Panel

They can ask us: which one of the following is a component of WHO criteria?

# Management of metabolic syndrome:



secondary intervention is used when metabolic syndrome cannot be controlled primarily, so we control the symptoms.



# LOWERING BLOOD PRESSURE

Modification	Recommendation	Average drop on SBP
<b>Weight Loss</b>	Maintain normal <b>body weight</b>	5-10 for every 22lbs loss
<b>Healthy eating plan</b>	<b>Meal plan</b> rich in <b>fruits, vegetables, low fat dairy</b> and <b>low</b> in <b>saturated fat</b> and <b>cholesterol</b>	8-14 نلاحظ ان الشخص لو حافظ على غذاء صحي بينزل السستولك برشر ٨-١٤ وتأثيره اعلى من الباقيين
<b>Sodium Restriction</b>	Less than 2400 mg/day ( <b>only sodium, not the salt. Because salt is composed of Cl &amp; Na</b> )	2-8
<b>Regular physical activity</b>	30 min most days of the week	4-9

## 1-HYPERTENSION AND CLOTTING DISORDERS

Hypertension:	Clotting disorders:
Treat hypertension to goal ( <130/80 mmHg)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Aspirin-</b> to treat clotting disorders</li> <li>✓ Daily <b>low dose aspirin</b> (81-325mg) for <u>men</u> over age 45 and <u>postmenopausal women</u>.</li> </ul>
<b>Low dose diuretic.</b>	
<b>ACE inhibitor</b> (if also have <b>DM</b> ).	

\*No particular agent is preferred for **metabolic syndrome**.

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# 2-HYPERGLYCEMIA

	Metformins	Thiazolidinediones (TZDs)
Uses :	In patients with type 2 diabetes who are obese (first line therapy).	Used for the treatment of <b>insulin resistance</b> and <b>type 2 diabetes mellitus</b> e.g. pioglitazone
MOA :	<p>➤ <b>Reduces lipid synthesis</b> in the liver which aids in <u>modulating blood lipid levels</u> in these patients.</p> <p>من الايجابيات بهالدواء ان له تأثير على اللبذ فممکن انه يضبط الدسلبيديما</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TZDs activate <b>PPAR-γ</b> class of <b>transcription factors</b> expressed primarily in the <u>adipose tissue</u>.</li> <li>• Activates the transcription of <b>adiponectin</b></li> <li>• The increase in <b>adiponectin</b> <b>reduces</b> the fat content of the liver and <b>enhances insulin sensitivity</b>.</li> </ul>
	<p>➤ <b>Reduces blood glucose levels</b> by <b>inhibiting hepatic gluconeogenesis</b></p> <p>Hepatic gluconeogenesis is active in patients due to liver's resistance to the effects of insulin.</p> <p>الكبد مراح تستجيب للانسولين بسبب الرزسنتنس فالجلوكونيوجنسس ما عندها مين يردعها ويقولها "لا" فبتكون اکتف وبتزداد نسبة الجلوكوز بالدم.. الميتافورمن بيحي وبتثبط هالجلوكونيوجنسسز "بيردعها ويوقفها عند حدها!" فبالتالي بيحد من الهايبرجلایسيما!</p>	

# 3 - DYSLIPIDEMIA

## ❖ Fibrates

Used to:	Reduce the lipid levels.
Mechanism:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Target for fibrates is a <b>transcription factor- peroxisome proliferator activated receptor-<math>\alpha</math></b> "الفا موب قاما!!"</li> <li>➤ <b>PPAR- <math>\alpha</math></b> when activated, leads to the transcription of <u>genes</u> involved in <b>lipid degradation</b>, or <b>uptake by the cells</b>. E.g.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Carnitine:</b> palmitoyl transferase I- enhances the uptake of FA <b>into the mitochondria</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Lipoprotein Lipase</b></li> <li>• Stimulates <b>apoA1</b> and <b>apoAII</b> protein synthesis (major proteins in <b>HDL</b>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- End of endocrine biochemistry! ✨ -

# Check your understanding!

**Q1: which one is not a risk factor of metabolic syndrome ?**

- A. Alcoholism
- B. .hypertension
- C. Atherosclerosis
- D. Obesity

**Q2: which one of the following is not an abnormality caused by obesity ?**

- A. Dyslipidemia
- B. .high HDL
- C. Hypertension
- D. DM

**Q3: which one of the following criteria fits to diagnose with metabolic syndrome depending on who?**

- A. DM + hypertension only
- B. .DM + HTN + high HDL
- C. DM + HTN + low TGs
- D. DM + HTN + Microalbuminemia

**Q4: What is the mechanism of action of TZDs ?**

- A. Activates PPAR-alpha
- B. .activates PPAR-gamma
- C. In hepatocytes to increase excretion
- D. In duodenum to decrease the absorption

**Q5: which one of the following is an inflammatory marker of metabolic syndrome ?**

- A. interleukin-2
- B. .interleukin-4
- C. interleukin-6
- D. interleukin-1

**Q6: Which one of the following is true about dyslipidemia ?**

- A. High HDL
- B. .High VLDL
- C. A+B
- D. LOW VLDL

# Check your understanding!

**Q7: Which one of the following drug inhibit gluconeogenesis ?**

- A. Metformin
- B. Fibrates
- C. Aspirin
- D. Statin

**Q8: which one of the following may occur in a female patient with metabolic syndrome ?**

- A. Malnutrition
- B. Anemia
- C. POS
- D. Addison's disease

**Q9: In metabolic syndrome, What is the main organ that plays a major role in causing dyslipidemia?**

- A. liver
- B. .kidney
- C. Waist adipocyte
- D. Brest adipocyte

**Q10: AS a pathophysiology of dyslipidemia, excessive amount of triglycerides\cholesterol is released from the liver in the blood in from of ?**

- A. HDL
- B. .VLDL
- C. Chylomicron
- D. Bilirubin

**Q11: Which one is hemostatic marker for metabolic syndrome ?**

- A. leptin
- B. .CRP
- C. PAI-1
- D. TNF-a

**Q12: which one of the following consider primary intervention in management ?**

- A. anti-hypertnesive
- B. Statins
- C. Smoking cessation
- D. aspirin

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