

Epidemiology of Obesity

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Objectives

- To understand the magnitude of obesity worldwide and nationally
- □ To define obesity
- To list the risk factors for obesity
- To list complications of obesity
- To learn the different treatment modalities for obesity
- To apply prevention measures for obesity,
 starting with the level of your community

Definition of obesity

"a condition of abnormal and excessive fat accumulation in adipose tissue to the extent that health may be adversely affected."

Classification of obesity (Children)

- In U.S.: Obesity weight greater than or equal to the 95th percentile, based on the 2000 CDC growth charts*
- □ International Obesity Taskforce**:
 - **0-5**:
 - Overweight= 2 standard deviations (SD) above median BMI
 - Obese = 3 SD above median BMI
 - **5-19:**
 - Overweight = 1 SD above median BMI
 - Obese= 2 SD above median BMI

Kuczmarski RJ, Ogden CL, Guo SS, et al. 2000 CDC growth charts for the United States: Methods and development. Vital Heal Stat. 2002;11(246)

^{**} The GBD 2013 Obesity Collaboration. Global regional and national prevalence of overweight and obesity in children and adults 1980-2013: A systematic analysis. Lancet 2014; 384(9945): 766-781. [Appendix]

Classification of obesity (Adults)

International Classification of adult underweight, overweight and obesity according to BMI

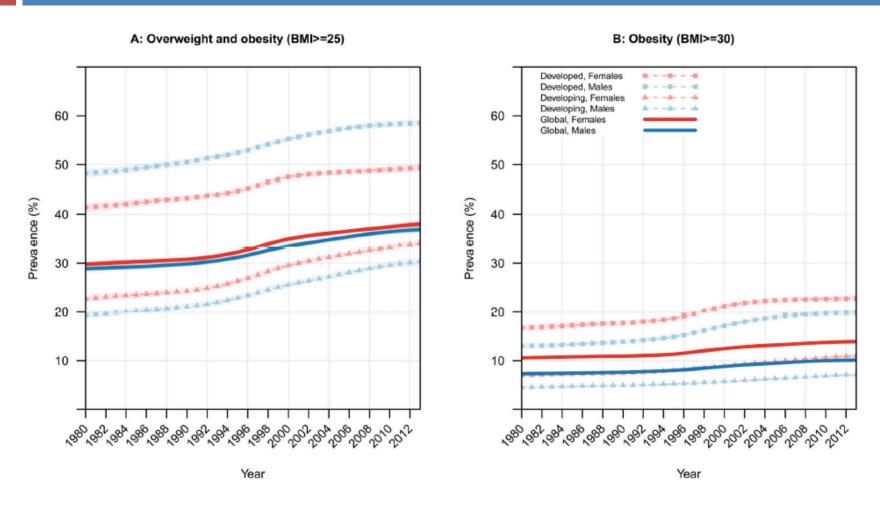
Classification	BMI(kg/m ²)				
	Principal cut-off points	Additional cut-off points			
Underweight	<18.50	<18.50			
Severe thinness	<16.00	<16.00			
Moderate thinness	16.00 – 16.99	16.00 – 16.99			
Mild thinness	17.00 – 18.49	17.00 – 18.49			
Normal ronge	18.50 – 24.99	18.50 – 22.99			
Normal range	18.50 – 24.99	23.00 - 24.99			
Overweight	≥25.00	≥25.00			
Pre obese	25.00 – 29.99	25.00 – 27.49			
	23.00 – 29.99	27.50 – 29.99			
Obese	≥30.00	≥30.00			
Obese class I	30.00 – 34.99	30.00 - 32.49			
	30.00 - 34.99	32.50 – 34.99			
Obese class II	35.00 – 39.99	35.00 – 37.49			
	33.00 – 39.99	37.50 – 39.99			
Obese class III	≥40.00	≥40.00			

From World Health Organization. BMI Classification. 2016. Available at: http://apps.who.int/bmi/index.jsp? introPage=intro 3.html. Accessed July 26, 2016; with permission.

Global Burden

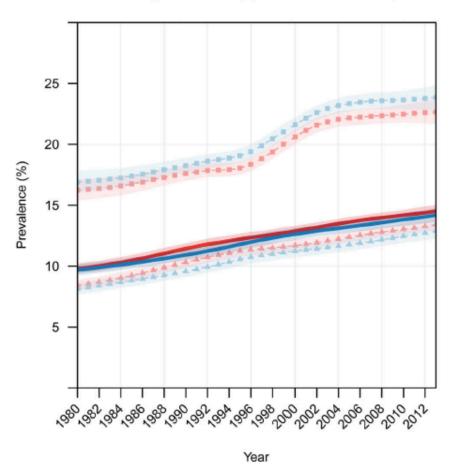
- Overweight + obesity were estimated to cause 3.4
 million deaths worldwide in 2010
- Accounted for 3.9% of years of life lost
- Accounted for 3.8% of DALYs
- Associated with reduction of life expectancy by 5 10 years
- Obesity is associated with increase in:
 - All-cause mortality
 - Cancer related mortality
 - CVD-related mortality

Overweight and Obesity in Adults Globally 2013

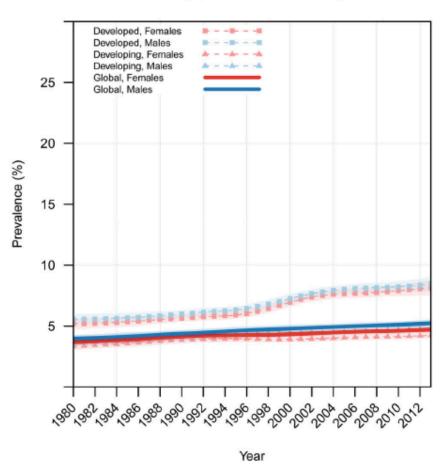


Overweight/Obesity in Children Globally 2013

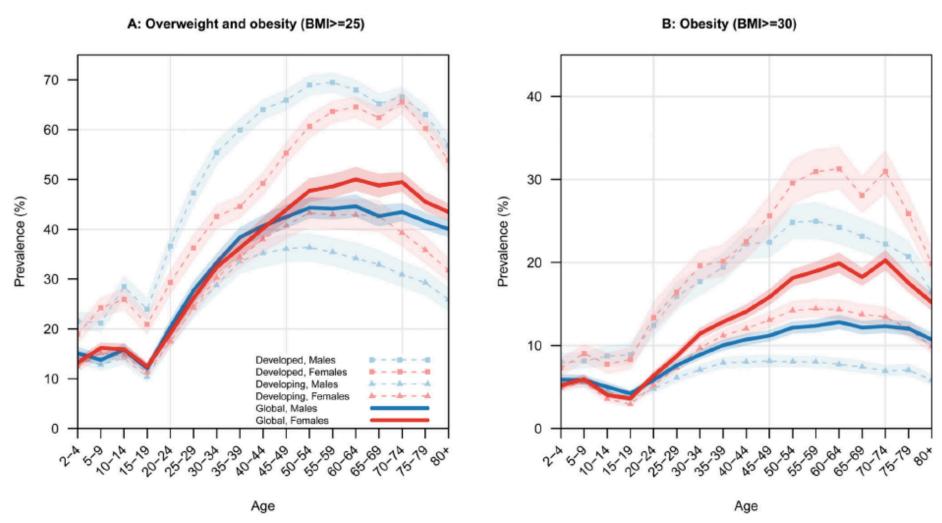
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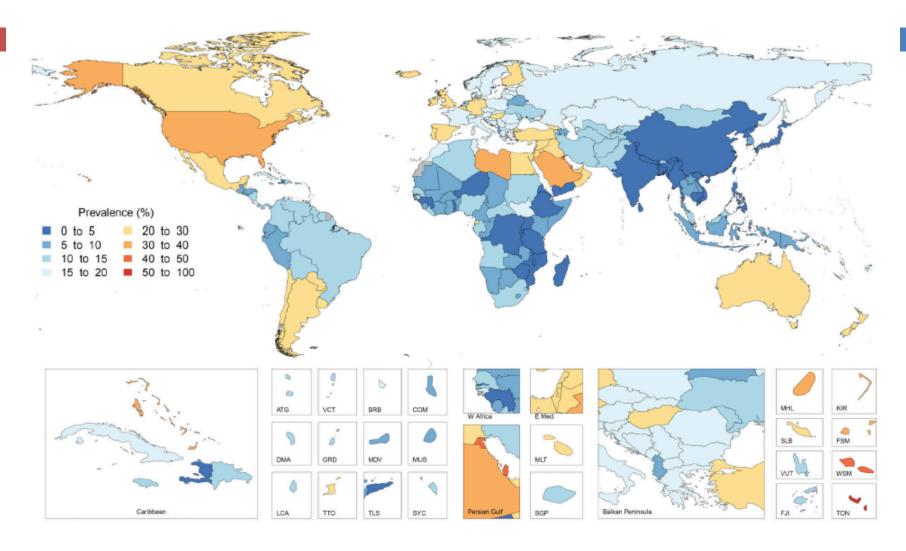
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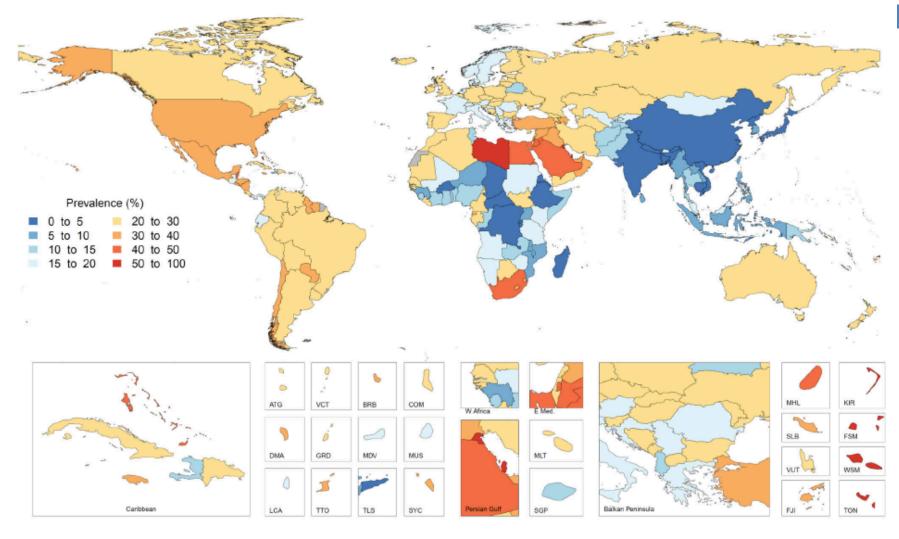
Age-standardized Overweight/Obesity Globally 2013



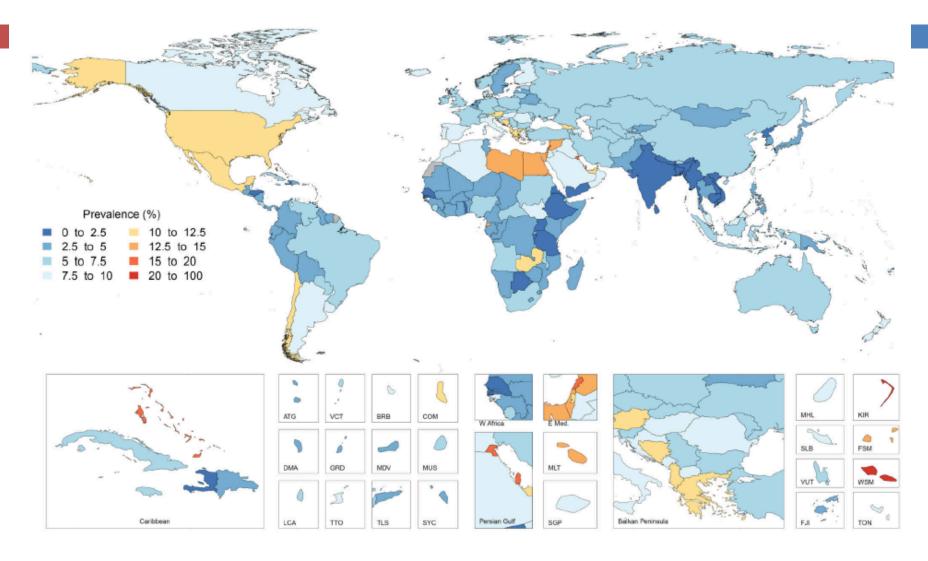
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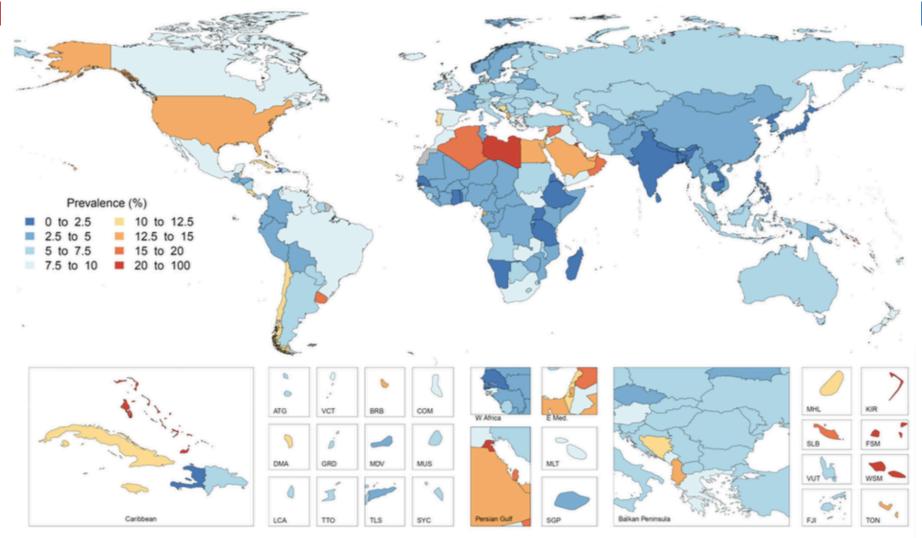
Obesity Worldwide 2013 (Female Adults)



Childhood Obesity (Boys), 2013



Childhood Obesity (Girls), 2013



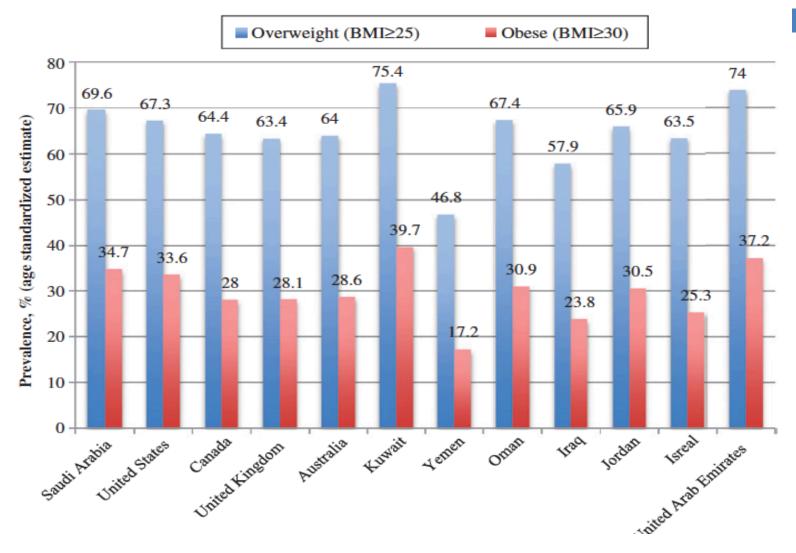
Comparing Estimates across countries

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Country/Region	Overweight	Obese	Overweight	Obese	Overweight	Obese	Overweight	Obese
Algeria	21.7 (18.5-25.2)	7.7 (6.2-9.4)	42-0 (39-0-44-8)	11.1 (9.8-12.3)	30.0 (25.5-34.5)	15·3 (12·5-18·6)	57-8 (55-1-60-9)	24-9 (22-6-27-4)
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Egypt	31.5 (27.5-35.7)	12.7 (10.7-15.2)	71·2 (68·9-73·7)	26·4 (25·0-27·8)	39-5 (34-7-44-3)	14-4 (11-9-17-6)	79-4 77-6-81-3)	48-4 (46-1-50-9)
Iran	21-6 (18-6-25-4)	5.9 (4.8-7.2)	49-4 (47-2-51-6)	13.6 (12.5-14.8)	26-2 (22-3-30-4)	7.2 (5.7-8.9)	63·3 (61·0-65·4)	29-3 (27-2-31-6)
Iraq	19-5 (16-5-22-8)	8.2 (6.8-9.8)	62·4 (59·7-65·3)	25·7 (23·3-28·1)	25·0 (21·3-28·9)	8.2 (6.6-10.0)	68·1 (65·1-70·9)	37-5 (34-4-40-6)
Jordan	24·1 (20·6-28·0)	8-0 (6-4-9-9)	71.6 (69.3-74.1)	27-5 (25-3-29-7)	25.4 (21.8-29.3)	8.0 (6.2-10.0)	75·6 74·0-77·3)	45-6 43-4-47-9)
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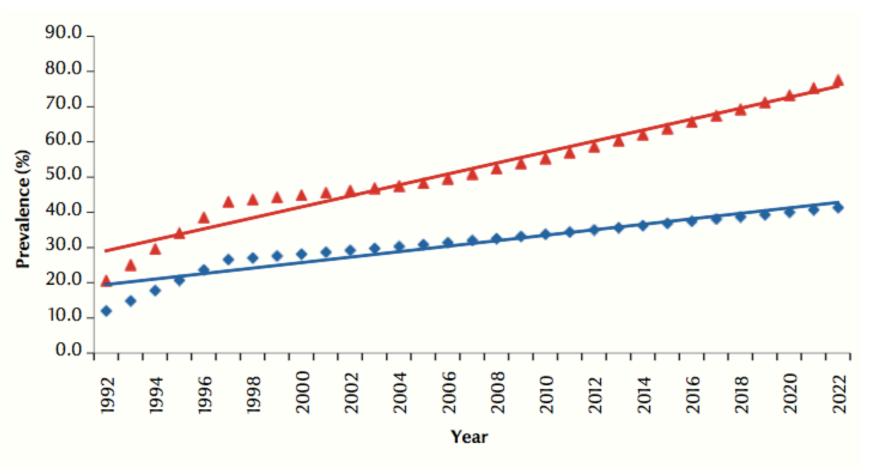
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Spain	27-6 (23-9-31-2)	8.4 (6.7-10.2)	62·3 (60·0-64·9)	20.2 (18.5-22.1)	23-8 (20-2-27-4)	7.6 (6.0-9.3)	46.5 (43.7-48.9)	20.9 (19.0-23.1)
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Comparing obesity and overweight in Arab world



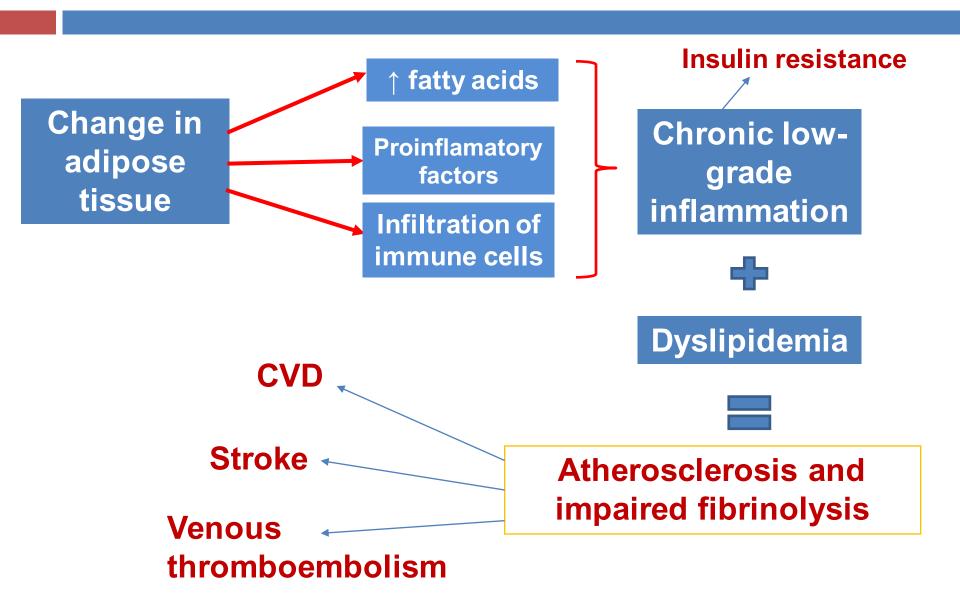
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Projections of obesity in Saudi Adults



Source: Al-Quwaidhi AJ, Pearce MS, Critchley JA, Sobngwi E, O'Flaherty M. Trends and future projections of the prevalence of adult obesity in Saudi Arabia, 1992-2022.

Pathophysiology of obesity



Risk Factors for Obesity

- Genetic factors
- Hormonal factors
- Environmental factors
- Behavioral factors

Genetic risk factors for obesity

- Parents who are obese
- Genetic disorders:
 - □ Trisomy 21
 - Prader-Willi Syndrome
 - Albright's hereditary osteodystrophy
 - Leptin deficiency
 - Leptin receptor mutations
 - Melanocortin 4 receptor disorders

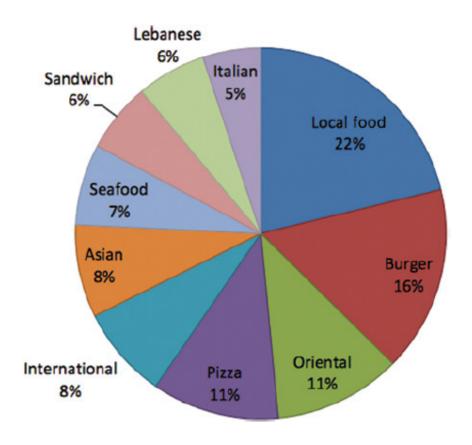
Hormonal risk factors for obesity

- Hypothyroidism
- Growth hormone deficiency
- Cushing syndrome
- Hypothalamic obesity
- Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCO)
- Hyperprolactinemia

Environmental/societal risk factors for obesity

- □ Low income
- Parents' bad habits for food and physical activity
- Difficulty accessing places with healthy food options (food desert)
- Living far away from parks
- Dangerous neighborhoods
- Food insecurity (no sufficient quantity of affordable healthy food)

Top ten restaurant types searched on phone-apps in 2013



Source: DeNicola E, Aburizaiza OS, Siddique A, Khawaja H, Carpenter DO. Obesity and public health in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Rev Environ Health 2015; 30(3): 191-205.

Behavioral risk factors for obesity

- Nutrition and diet
- Physical activity
- □ Sleep
- Stress

Consequences of obesity in adults

Table 1 Morbidities associated with obesity (Hamdy, 2016; Petry, Barry, Pietrzak, & Wagner, 2008; Pi-Sunyer, 2009; Sakai et al., 2005; Smith, Hulsey, & Goodnight, 2008; Yosipovitch, DeVore, & Dawn, 2007)

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Class of event	Comorbidities associated with obesity						
Cancer/malignancy	Postmenopausal breast, endometrial, colon and rectal, gallbladder, prostate, ovarian, endometrial renal cell, esophageal adenocarcinoma, pancreatic, and kidney cancer						
Cardiovascular	Coronary artery disease, obesity-associated cardiomyopathy, essential hypertension, left ventricular hypertrophy, cor pulmonale, accelerated atherosclerosis, pulmonary hypertension of obesity, dyslipidemia, chronic heart failure (CHD), left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH), cardiomyopathy, pulmonary hypertension, lymphedema (legs)						
Gastrointestinal (GI)	Gall bladder disease (cholecystitis, cholelithiasis), gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), reflux esophagitis, nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), fatty liver infiltration, acute pancreatitis						
Genitourinary	Stress incontinence						
Metabolic/endocrine	Type 2 diabetes mellitus, prediabetes, metabolic syndrome, insulin resistance, and dyslipidemia						
Musculoskeletal/orthopedic	Pain in back, hips, ankles, feet and knees; osteoarthritis (especially in the knees and hips), plantar fasciitis, back pain, coxavera, slipped capital femoral epiphyses, Blount disease and Legg-Calvé-Perthes disease, and chronic lumbago						
Neurological and central nervous system (CNS)	Stroke, dementia idiopathic intracranial hypertension, and meralgia paresthesia						
Obstetric and perinatal	Pregnancy-related hypertension, fetal macrosomia, very low birthweight, neural tube defects, preterm birth, increased cesarean delivery, increased postpartum infection and pelvic dystocia, preeclampsia, hyperglycemia, gestational diabetes (GDM)						
Skin	Keratosis pilaris, hirsutism, acanthosis nigricans, and acrochondons, psoriasis, intertrigo (bacterial and/or fungal), and increased risk for cellulitis, venous stasis ulcers, necrotizing fasciitis, and carbuncles						
Psychological	Depression, anxiety, personality disorder, and obesity stigmatization						
Respiratory/pulmonary	Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), Pickwickian syndrome (obesity hypoventilation syndrome), higher rates of respiratory infections, asthma, hypoventilation, pulmonary emboli risk						
Surgical	Increased surgical risk and postoperative complications, deep venous thrombosis, including wound infection, pulmonary embolism, and postoperative pneumonia						
Reproductive (Women)	Anovulation, early puberty, polycystic ovaries, infertility, hyperandrogenism, and sexual dysfunction						
Reproductive (Men)	Hypogonadotropic hypogonadism, polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), decreased libido, and sexual dysfunction						
Extremities	Venous varicosities, lower extremity venous and/or lymphatic edema						

Consequences of obesity in children

- □ T2DM
- Early onset metabolic syndrome
- Asthma
- Poor dental health
- Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease
- GERD
- Puberty (delay in boys, advance in girls)
- Hyperandrogenism, PCOS
- Poor self-esteem
- ADHD
- Sleep problems

Benefits of weight reduction

- Reduction of 5% to 10% of weight is associated
 with significant reduction in risk for:
 - CVD
 - □ T2DM
 - GERD
 - PCOS
 - Dyslipidemia
 - HTN
 - Osteoarthritis
 - Sleep apnea

Important strategies for maintaining weight reduction

. Changing lifestyle

- Modify food intake
- Increase physical activity
- Exercise 1 hour daily
- Weigh weekly
- Watch less than 10 hours TV per week
- Use a weight-loss program

Important strategies for maintaining weight reduction cont.

- 2. Set realistic goals
 - 5% 15% of initial weight
- 3. Maintaining a food diary
- 4. Continuous support
- 5. Prepare the suitable environment
 - Availability of healthy food items
 - Organized family meal times
 - Meal prepping (plan what you eat ahead of time)

Treatment of obesity

- Behavioral modification
- Bariatric surgery
- Treatment of underlying cause (if hormonal causes)

Prevention of obesity

- □ In children
- □ In adults

Preventing obesity in children

- Early stage prevention:
 - Maternal gestational weight control
- During infancy:
 - Dietary intake (self-regulation of breastfeeding \downarrow risk, early introduction of solid food \uparrow risk)
 - Broad spectrum antibiotics (↑ risk)
- During pre-school:
 - Response to child temperament
 - Dietary habits
 - Reducing screen time
- School and adolescents:
 - Physical activity (exergaming)
 - Peer habits

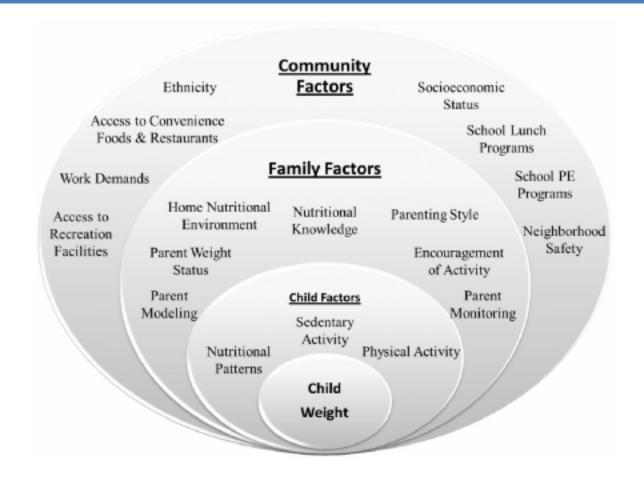
Secondary prevention measures obesity in children

- Screening for obesity by primary care provider -> Provide counseling
- Provide guidance on nutrition and physical activity

Prevention of childhood obesity at community level

- Provide services for obesity prevention and treatment (BMI screening, well-visits)
- Promote healthy food and beverages and physical activity at schools
- Maintain safe neighborhoods
- Encourage going to parks and physical activity (especially summer vacation)
- Availability of healthy food resources in all communities
- Funding research for childhood obesity

Tackling factors affecting childhood obesity



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Preventing obesity in adults

- Educate and promote healthy lifestyle
- Promote social and environmental situation that prevents weight gain
- Involve different stakeholders in combating this epidemic
- Develop population-based policies that target:
 - barriers for healthy food and physical activity
 - Influence positive eating and physical activity behavior
 - Provide weight screening services, weight control services

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