Diet and Cardiovascular Risk

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### Causes of Preventable Death

#### Most preventable causes of death in the U.S. in 1990 and 2000

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<th>Causes</th>
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<td>Tobacco</td>
<td>400,000 (19)</td>
<td>435,000 (18)</td>
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<td>Poor diet and physical activity (obesity)</td>
<td>300,000 (14)</td>
<td>400,000 (17)</td>
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<td>Alcohol consumption</td>
<td>100,000 (5)</td>
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<td>Microbial agents</td>
<td>90,000 (4)</td>
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<td>Toxic agents</td>
<td>60,000 (3)</td>
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<td>Motor vehicle accidents</td>
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<td>43,000 (2)</td>
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<td>Firearms</td>
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<td>29,000 (1)</td>
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<td>Sexual behavior</td>
<td>30,000 (1)</td>
<td>20,000 (&lt;1)</td>
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<td>Illicit drug use</td>
<td>20,000 (&lt;1)</td>
<td>17,000 (&lt;1)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><em><em>1,060,000 (50</em>)</em>*</td>
<td><strong>1,159,000 (48%*)</strong></td>
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Mokdad AH et al. *JAMA* 2004;291:1238-1245

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**Poor Diet and Decreased Physical Activity:**

*very important causes of preventable death*
What are we trying to stop?
The Stable vs. Vulnerable Plaque

“Vulnerable” Plaque
- T-Lymphocyte
- Macrophage (Tissue Factor*)
- “Activated” Intimal SMC (HLA-DR*)
- Normal Medial SMC

“Stable” Plaque

Libby P. Circulation 1995
Diet and Atherosclerosis

• Atherosclerotic disease is the leading cause of death in industrialized countries.
• In 1908, Ignatowski produced atherosclerosis in rabbits with a diet high in cholesterol and saturated fat.
• Saturated fatty acids increase and polyunsaturated fatty acids decrease total and LDL cholesterol.
Replacement of 5% of energy from carbohydrates with specific fatty acids under isocaloric conditions.
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Diet → High Cholesterol and Saturated Fats → Risk of Coronary Heart Disease
Relationship Between Diet and CV Disease

Diet → Intermediary Biological Mechanisms → Risk of Coronary Heart Disease

Hu FB et al. JAMA. 2002;288:2569-2578
Relationship Between Diet and CV Disease

Intermediary Biological Mechanisms

- Lipid Levels
  - Low-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol
  - High-Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol
  - Triglycerides
  - Lipoprotein(a)
- Blood Pressure
- Thrombotic Tendency
- Cardiac Rhythm
- Endothelial Function
- Systemic Inflammation
- Insulin Sensitivity
- Oxidative Stress
- Homocysteine Level

Lipid level

Risk of Coronary Heart Disease

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Trans-fatty acids increase LDL and lower HDL relative to cis-unsaturated fatty acids.
Trans-fatty acids

- Found in stick margarine, vegetable shortenings, commercial bakery and deep-fried foods.
- May reduce endothelial function, promote insulin resistance and increase risk of type 2 diabetes.
- Increases plasma levels of lp a.
- In the Nurses' Health Study (80,082 nurses): The higher intakes of trans-fat and, to a smaller extent, saturated fat were associated with increased risk, whereas higher intakes of polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats were associated with decreased risk of cardiovascular events.
Exercise Evidence: Effect on Obesity and Diabetes Mellitus (DM)

Nurses’ Health Study

Exercise reduces the incidence of obesity and DM

Source: Hu FB et al. JAMA 2003;289:1785-1791
Some Factors Affecting Atherosclerosis

- Age
- Diabetes Mellitus
- Obesity
- Genetics
- Poor Diet
- Inflammation
- Dyslipidemia
- Hypertension
- Smoking
- Hypercoagulability
- Novel Risk Factors

Atherosclerosis
Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes (TLC) Diet endorsed by NCEP and AHA.

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<th>Recommended Intake</th>
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<td>Saturated Fat*</td>
<td>&lt;7% of Total Calories</td>
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<td>Polyunsaturated Fat</td>
<td>Up to 10% of Total Calories</td>
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<td>Monounsaturated Fat</td>
<td>Up to 20% of Total Calories</td>
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<td>Total Fat</td>
<td>25%-35% of Total Calories</td>
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<td>Carbohydrate**</td>
<td>50%-60% of Total calories</td>
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<td>Fiber</td>
<td>20-30 Grams/Day</td>
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<td>Protein</td>
<td>Approximately 15% of total Calories</td>
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<td>Cholesterol</td>
<td>&lt;200 mg/Day</td>
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<td>Total Calories (Energy)</td>
<td>Balance Energy Intake and Output to Maintain Expenditure Healthy Body Weight/Prevent Weight Gain</td>
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* Lower Trans Fatty Acids

** Emphasize Complex Sources
Omega-3 Fatty Acids

American Heart Association Diet and Lifestyle Recommendation Revision 2006

- Consume fish at least twice a week.

- Especially oily fish rich in very long-chain omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids.

- The consumption of two servings (~8 ounces) per week of fish is associated with reduced risk of sudden death and death from CAD in adults.

- Methods used to prepare fish should minimize the addition of saturated and trans fatty acids, as occurs with the use of cream sauces or hydrogenated fat during frying.
Low Carbohydrate Diet Effect on Cholesterol
## Dash Diet

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<th>Daily Servings</th>
<th>1 Serving Equals</th>
<th>Example and Notes</th>
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<td>Grains and Grain Products</td>
<td>7-8</td>
<td>1 Slice Bread, 1/2 Cup Dry Cereal, 1/2 Cup Cooked Rice, Pasta, or Cereal</td>
<td>Whole-Wheat Breads, English Muffin, Pita Bread, Bagel, Cereal and Fiber, Grits, Oatmeal; Provide Energy and Fiber.</td>
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<td>Vegetables</td>
<td>4-5</td>
<td>1 Cup Raw Leafy Vegetables, 1/2 Cup Cooked Vegetable, 6 oz Vegetable Juice</td>
<td>Tomatoes, Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Squash, Broccoli, Turnip Greens, Collards, Kale, Spinach, Artichokes, Beans, Sweet Potatoes; Source of Potassium, Magnesium, and Fiber.</td>
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<td>Fruits</td>
<td>4-5</td>
<td>8 oz Fruit Juice, 1 Medium Fruit, 1/4 Cup Dried Fruit, 1/2 Cup Fresh, Frozen or Canned Fruit</td>
<td>Apricots, Bananas, Dates, Grapes, Oranges, Orange Juice, Mangoes, Melons, Peaches, Pineapples, Prunes, Raisins, Strawberries, Tangerine; Provide Potassium, Magnesium, and Fiber.</td>
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<td>Low-Fat and Nonfat Dairy</td>
<td>2-3</td>
<td>8 oz Milk, 1 Cup Yogurt, 1 1/2 oz Cheese</td>
<td>Skim or 1% Milk, Skim or Low-Fat, Buttermilk, Nonfat or Low-Fat Yogurt, Part Skim Mozzarella Cheese, Nonfat Cheese; Major Source of Calcium and Protein.</td>
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<td>Meat, Poultry, Fish</td>
<td>2 or Fewer</td>
<td>3 oz Cooked Meats, Poultry, or Fish</td>
<td>Select Only Lean; Trim Away Visible Fats; Broil, Roast, or Boil, Instead of Frying; Remove Skin From Poultry. Rich Sources of Protein and Magnesium.</td>
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<td>Nuts</td>
<td>1/2</td>
<td>1 1/2 oz or 1/3 Cup, 2 lbs Seed, 1/2 Cup Cooked Legumes</td>
<td>Almonds, Filberts, Mixed Nuts, Peanuts, Walnuts, Sunflower Seeds, Kidney Beans, Lentils; Provide Energy, Protein, and Fiber.</td>
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Dietary Treatment for Hypertension

**Lifestyle Modifications\(^3\) (LM)**

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<th>Approximate SBP Reduction (Range)(^*)</th>
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<td>Reduce weight</td>
<td>Maintain normal body weight (body mass index 18.5–24.9 kg/m(^2))</td>
<td>5–20 mm Hg</td>
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<td>Adopt DASH(^*) eating plan</td>
<td>Consume a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and low-fat dairy products with a reduced content of saturated and total fat</td>
<td>8–14 mm Hg</td>
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<td>Lower sodium intake(^6)</td>
<td>a. Consume no more than 2,400 mg of sodium/day; b. Further reduction of sodium intake to 1,500 mg/day is desirable since it is associated with even greater reduction in BP; and c. Reduce intake by at least 1,000 mg/day since that will lower BP, even if the desired daily sodium intake is not achieved</td>
<td>2–8 mm Hg</td>
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<td>Physical activity</td>
<td>Engage in regular aerobic physical activity such as brisk walking (at least 30 min per day, most days of the week)</td>
<td>4–9 mm Hg</td>
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<td>Moderation of alcohol consumption</td>
<td>Limit consumption to no more than 2 drinks (e.g., 24 oz beer, 10 oz wine, or 3 oz 80-proof whiskey) per day in most men, and to no more than 1 drink per day in women and lighter weight persons</td>
<td>2–4 mm Hg</td>
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* DASH, dietary approaches to stop hypertension
** The effects of implementing these modifications are dose and time dependent, and could be greater for some individuals

DASH Diet and Salt Restriction Effect on Hypertension

- Control Diet: -2.1 (-3.4 to -0.8)‡
- Dash Diet: -5.0 (-7.6 to -2.5)‡
- Low Sodium Level: -2.2 (-4.4 to -0.1)*
- Intermediate Sodium Level: -1.7 (-3.0 to -0.4)†
- High Sodium Level: -1.3 (-2.6 to 0.0)*
Portfolio Diet- (Diet Enriched with Almonds, Plant Sterols, Soy Products, Fiber) Effect on Cholesterol and CRP
Effects of Soy Protein Intake on Serum Lipids

- the consumption of soy protein rather than animal protein significantly decreased serum concentrations of total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, and triglycerides.

- A meta-analysis of 38 trials of soy protein consumption in humans revealed an improvement in total cholesterol by 9% and LDL by 13%, as well as a decrease in triglyceride levels of 10%

What is the Mediterranean Diet?

Low in:
- Saturated fats
- Meat
- Dairy products
- Saturated and trans fats
- Processed foods
- Eggs

Foundation of the Mediterranean Diet:
- Monounsaturated fats (extra-virgin olive oil)
- Breads and cereals (whole grains)
- Omega-3 fatty acids (from fish, shell fish)
- Seasonally fresh fruits and vegetables
- Nuts
- Legumes
- Moderate wine intake (especially red wine)
- Physical activity
The Mediterranean Dietary Pattern Consists of:

(a) Daily consumption: non refined cereals and products (whole grain bread, pasta, brown rice, etc.), vegetables (2 – 3 servings/day), fruits (6 servings/day), olive oil (as the main added lipid) and dairy products (1 – 2 servings/day)

(b) Weekly consumption: fish (4–5 servings/week); poultry (3 – 4 servings/week); olives, nuts, and pulses (e.g., peas, lentils, chickpeas) (3 servings/week); potatoes, eggs, and sweets (3 – 4 servings/week)

(c) Monthly consumption: red meat and meat products (4 – 5 servings/month)

(d) Moderate consumption: wine (1 – 2 wine glasses/day) and high monounsaturated: saturated fat ratio (> 2).
Sample Food that Make Up the Mediterranean Diet

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<td>Lentil soup</td>
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<td>Dolmades</td>
<td>Falafel</td>
<td>Kebabs</td>
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<td>Moussaka</td>
<td>Hummus</td>
<td>Rice pilaf</td>
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<td>Souvlaki</td>
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<td>Gyros</td>
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<td>Greek salad</td>
<td>Spinach pie</td>
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<td>Orzo salad</td>
<td>Couscous</td>
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<td>Figs, dates</td>
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<td>Pistou</td>
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<td>Aioli</td>
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<td>Ratatouille</td>
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<td>Nicoise salad</td>
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### Summary of Randomized, Controlled Trials with the Mediterranean-Style Diets

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<th>Control Diet</th>
<th>Experimental Diet</th>
<th>Results</th>
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<td>DART</td>
<td>2,033 Post-MI men</td>
<td>2 yrs</td>
<td>No dietary advice</td>
<td>Fatty fish twice per week with goal of 500–800 mg/day of N-3 fatty acids</td>
<td>29% reduction in all-cause mortality, 27% decrease in fatal MI</td>
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<td>Indian Experiment of Infarct Survival</td>
<td>360 Post-acute MI</td>
<td>1 yr</td>
<td>Placebo</td>
<td>EPA supplement or ALA supplement</td>
<td>EPA: 50% decrease in cardiac death, 48% decrease in nonfatal MI ALA: 40% decrease in cardiac events</td>
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<td>Lyon Diet Heart</td>
<td>605 Post-MI</td>
<td>46 months</td>
<td>Prudent Western-style diet</td>
<td>Mediterranean diet rich in fish, fruits, vegetables, and ALA margarine</td>
<td>68% decrease in cardiac death and nonfatal MI; protective effects lasted &gt;4 years</td>
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<td>Indo-Mediterranean Diet</td>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>2 yrs</td>
<td>Step I NCEP</td>
<td>Mediterranean style (fruits, grains, vegetables, mustard seed or soy bean oil, and walnuts)</td>
<td>Significant reduction in sudden cardiac death and nonfatal MI</td>
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<td>GISSI-Prevenzione</td>
<td>11,324 Post-MI</td>
<td>3.5 yrs</td>
<td>Placebo</td>
<td>1 g/day omega-3 fatty acid fish-oil supplements</td>
<td>20% decrease in mortality, 30% decrease in CV deaths, 46% decrease in sudden deaths</td>
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* This table summarizes five randomized, controlled trials investigating the Mediterranean-style diet. The table lists the number of patients randomized, the length of follow-up, the control diet in study, the experimental diet, and the results of the study.

ALA = alpha-linolenic acid; CV = cardiovascular; EPA = eicosapentaenoic acid; MI = myocardial infarction; NCEP = National Cholesterol Education Program.
Lyon Heart Study

Components

- High intake of alpha-linolenic acid (precursor of n-3 long chain fatty acids)
- Rich in vegetables and fruits (natural antioxidants)

Dietary advice

- Bread and wine
- Root vegetables and green vegetables
- Fish and poultry instead of beef, lamb or pork
- No day without fruit
- Butter and cream replaced by margarine rich in alpha-linolenic acid
- Olive oil and canola oil for cooking and salads
### Lyon Heart Study: Number of Events

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<th>Composite Outcome</th>
<th>Mediterranean Diet (n = 302) (No. of Events)</th>
<th>Western Diet (n = 303) (No. of Events)</th>
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<tr>
<td>1: Cardiac Death + MI</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>0.0001</td>
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<td>2: CO1 + Secondary Endpoints*</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>3: CO2 + Hospitalization for Minor Events</td>
<td>95</td>
<td>180</td>
<td>0.0002</td>
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*Unstable Angina, Stroke, Heart Failure, Pulmonary or Peripheral Embolism  
MI = Myocardial Infarction; CO = Composite Outcome
Survival without Nonfatal Myocardial Infarction Among Patients with a Prior MI Assigned to a Mediterranean (Experimental) or AHA Step 1 (Control) Diet in the Lyon Diet Heart Study
Prospective investigation involving 22,043 adults in Greece. Results of 2 out of 10-point scale indicating degree of adherence to the traditional Mediterranean diet.

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<th>Variable</th>
<th>No. of Deaths/ No. of Participants</th>
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<td>275 / 22,043</td>
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<td>0.75 (0.64-0.87)</td>
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<td>Death from coronary heart disease</td>
<td>54 / 22,043</td>
<td>0.68 (0.50-0.94)</td>
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<td>0.67 (0.47-0.94)</td>
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<td>Death from cancer</td>
<td>97 / 22,043</td>
<td>0.81 (0.64-1.03)</td>
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<td>0.85 (0.67-1.08)</td>
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<td>0.76 (0.59-0.98)</td>
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2 years follow-up of Mediterranean-Style Diet vs Control – Prudent Diet (CHO 55%, protein 15-20%, fat < 30%).

The Mediterranean Diet (vs Prudent Diet)

Weight reduction 4 kg  (vs 1.2 Kg)

Metabolic syndrome in 34% of pts (vs 80%)

Better endothelial function  with p<0.001

Better CRP

JAMA, 2004;292:1440-1446
Diet Evidence: Benefits of Fruits and Vegetables

Nurses’ Health Study and Health Professional’s Follow-up Study
126,399 persons followed for 8-14 years to assess the relationship between fruit and vegetable intake and adverse CV outcomes*

Increased fruit and vegetable intake reduces CV risk

Diet Evidence: Benefits of Whole Grains and Fiber

336,244 persons followed for 6-10 years to assess the relationship between dietary fiber intake and adverse CV outcomes.

Increased dietary fiber intake reduces CV risk

RR=0.73, P<0.001

At least 3 dietary strategies are effective in preventing CHD

• Substitute nonhydrogenated unsaturated fats for saturated and trans-fats.
• Increase consumption of omega-3 fatty acids from fish, fish oil supplements, or plant sources.
• Consume a diet high in fruits, vegetables, nuts, and whole grains and low in refined grain products.

Simply lowering the percentage of energy from total fat in the diet is unlikely to improve lipid profile or reduce CHD incidence.
Low-Risk Diet and Lifestyle Habits in the Primary Prevention of Myocardial Infarction in Men: A Population-Based Prospective Cohort Study

• Prospective cohort of 20,721 Swedish men followed from 1997 through 2009.

• Low-risk behavior included 5 factors: a healthy diet (top quintile of Recommended Food Score), moderate alcohol consumption (10 to 30 g/day), no smoking, being physically active (walking/bicycling ≥40 min/day and exercising ≥1 h/week), and having no abdominal adiposity (waist circumference <95 cm).

Almost 4 of 5 MIs in men may be preventable with a combined low-risk behavior.
Comparison of Weight-Loss Diets

**Trial design:** Overweight adults were randomized to: 1) low-fat, average-protein diet (n = 204); 2) low-fat, high-protein diet (n = 202); 3) high-fat, average-protein diet (n = 204); or 4) high-fat, high-protein diet (n = 201). Follow-up was 2 years.

**Results**
- Weight loss: 3.6 kg for high-protein diet and 3.0 kg for low-protein diet (p = 0.22)
- Similarly, weight loss was: 3.3 kg for high-fat diet and 3.3 kg for low-fat diet (p = 0.94)
- Among the 80% who completed the trial, mean weight loss was 4 kg

**Conclusions**
- Among overweight patients, a reduced calorie diet is principally important for long-term weight loss
- The proportion of fat, protein, and carbohydrates in the diet appears to be less important for weight loss

• What mostly matters is reduced calories
# Overweight and Obese States: Definition Using the Body Mass Index (BMI)

Defined by Body Mass Index = (703.1) * Wt (lbs)/ Ht² (in)

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<th>Weight Category</th>
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<td>Normal</td>
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<td>Overweight*</td>
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<td>Obesity (Class I)</td>
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<td>Obesity (Class II)</td>
<td>35.0-39.9</td>
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<td>Obesity (Class III)</td>
<td>&gt;40.0</td>
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*Measurement of waist circumference is most helpful in this category

Diet Evidence: Types of Treatment Programs

Very low fat

- Ornish (Reversal diet and Prevention diet)
  - Vegetarian with 10% calories from fat. No cooking oils, avocados, nuts, and seeds. High fiber. No caloric restriction.

- Pritikin
  - Very low-fat (primarily vegetarian) diet based on whole grains, fruits, and vegetables

Intermediate

- Sugar Busters
  - 30% protein, 40% fat, 30% carbohydrates (low glycemic index)

- Zone
  - 30% protein, 30% fat, 40% carbohydrates
Very low carbohydrate

- Atkins (Induction and Maintenance)
  - 1st 2 weeks (<20 grams of carbohydrates/day with no high glycemic foods).
  - Then can add 5 grams of carbohydrates/day each week to maximum of 90 grams of carbohydrates/day long term.

- South Beach (3 Phases)
  - 1st phase (2 weeks) significantly restricts carbohydrates
  - 2nd phase reintroduces low glycemic carbohydrates
  - 3rd phase attempts to maintain weight

Caloric restriction

- Weight watchers
  - Assigns foods a point value and restricts the number of points that can be consumed/day
160 overweight and obese patients randomized to the Atkins, Zone, Weight Watchers, or Ornish diets for 1 year

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*Ratio of individuals completing the study to those enrolled

Dansinger ML et al. *JAMA* 2005;293:43-53
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Source: Dansinger, ML et al. JAMA 2005;293:43-53
Evidence for Current Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Guidelines

Diet Evidence, Cardiovascular Events, and Guidelines
Diet Evidence: Effect on Lipid Parameters and CRP

46 dyslipidemic patients randomized to a low fat diet, a low fat diet and lovastatin (20 mg), or a dietary portfolio* for 4 weeks

A diversified diet improves lipid parameters and CRP levels

*Enriched in plant sterols, soy protein, viscous fiber, and almonds

CRP=C-reactive protein, HDL-C=High density lipoprotein cholesterol, LDL-C=Low density lipoprotein cholesterol

Source: Jenkins DJ et al. JAMA 2003;290:502-510
Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) Group

459 hypertensive patients randomized to 1 of 3 diets for 8 weeks

- Diet low in fruits, vegetables, and dairy products
- Diet enriched in fruits, vegetables, and fiber
- Diet enriched in fruits and vegetables and low in fat and cholesterol

A diversified diet improves blood pressure

Source: Appel LJ et al. NEJM 1997;336:1117-1124
Diet Evidence: Making Smart Food Choices

- Helps consumers make better food choices
- Reminds individuals to eat healthfully
- Illustrates the 5 food groups using a mealtime visual
- Selected messages include:
  - Balancing calories
  - Foods to increase
  - Foods to reduce

22,043 adults evaluated for adherence to a Mediterranean diet, with points given for high consumption of vegetables, legumes, fruits, nuts, cereal, and fish and points subtracted for high consumption of meat, poultry, and dairy.

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High adherence to a Mediterranean diet is associated with a reduction in death.

CHD = Coronary heart disease

Lyon Diet Heart Study

605 patients following a MI randomized to a Mediterranean* or Western** diet for 4 years

A “Mediterranean” diet reduces CVD event rates

*High in polyunsaturated fat and fiber
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Diet Evidence: Secondary Prevention

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# Adult Treatment Panel (ATP) III Dietary Recommendations

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<td>Monounsaturated fat</td>
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<td>Carbohydrate (esp. complex carbs)</td>
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*Trans fatty acids also raise LDL-C and should be kept at a low intake

Note: Regarding total calories, balance energy intake and expenditure to maintain desirable body weight

LDL-C=Low density lipoprotein cholesterol

American Heart Association Nutrition Committee
Dietary Recommendations

Recommendations for Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction

- Balance calorie intake and physical activity to achieve or maintain a healthy body weight
- Consume a diet rich in fruits and vegetables
- Consume whole-grain, high-fiber foods
- Consume fish, especially oily fish, at least twice a week
- Limit intake of saturated fat to <7%, trans fat to <1% of energy, and cholesterol <300 mg/day by:
  - Choosing lean mean and vegetable alternatives
  - Choosing fat free (skim), 1% fat, and low-fat dairy products,
  - Minimizing intake of partially hydrogenated fats
- Minimize intake of beverages and foods with added sugar
- Choose and prepare foods with little or no salt
- If alcohol is consumed, do so in moderation

Source: AHA Nutrition Committee. Circulation 2006;114:82-96
Pre-Diabetic Conditions: Benefit of Lifestyle Modification

Finnish Diabetes Prevention Study

522 overweight and obese (mean BMI 31 kg/m²) patients with impaired fasting glucose† randomized to intervention‡ or usual care for 3 years

Lifestyle modification reduces the risk of developing diabetes mellitus

†Defined as a glucose ≥140 mg/dl 2 hours after an oral glucose challenge
‡Aimed at reducing weight (≥5%), total intake of fat (<30% total calories) and saturated fat (<10% total calories); increasing uptake of fiber (≥15 g/1000 cal); and physical activity (moderate at least 30 min/day)

Source: Tuomilehto J et al. NEJM 2001;344:1343-1350
Natural History of Type II Diabetes Mellitus

Years from diagnosis

-10 -5 0 5 10 15

Onset Diagnosis

Insulin resistance

Insulin secretion

Postprandial glucose

Fasting glucose

Microvascular complications

Macrovascular complications

Pre-diabetes

Type II diabetes

Sources:
Nathan DM et al. NEJM 2002;347:1342-1349
Diabetes Prevention Program: Progression to Type 2 Diabetes

Average Follow-up of 2.8 yr

Background

 Obesity is associated with a low-grade state of chronic inflammation that may be causally related to cardiometabolic disease.
Common Aspects of the OmniHeart Trial Diets (at 2100 kcal)

- cholesterol 150 mg/day
- fiber 30 g/day
- sodium 2,300 mg (100 mmol)/day
- potassium 4,700 mg (120 mmol)/day
- magnesium 500 mg/day
- calcium 1,200 mg/day
Prevalence of Obesity in U.S. Adults

Percentage of State Obese (BMI > 30)

1991

1996

2006

2008

Source: CDC Overweight and Obesity
Body Mass Index: Risk of Hypertension

Study to Help Improve Early Evaluation and Management of Risk Factors Leading to Diabetes (SHIELD) and National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)

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**Body Mass Index: Risk of Cardiovascular Disease**

Hemorrhagic CVA

Ischemic CVA

Ischemic Heart Disease

Body Mass Index (kg/m²)*

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*BMI is calculated as the weight in kg divided by the BSA in meters²

CVA=Cerebrovascular accident

Source: Mhurchu N et al. *Int J Epidemiol* 2004;33:751-758
Baseline Age-Standardized Characteristics of 20,721 Men in the Cohort of Swedish Men by Categories of Recommended Food Score

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†Adjusted for covariates in Model 1 and mutually adjusted for all the other low-risk lifestyle factors.

‡The Recommended Food Scores included foods with a beneficial effect on cardiovascular health. A score of 1, adding up to a maximum of 25, was assigned for regular consumption of fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts, reduced-fat dairy products, whole grains, and fish.

Values are n (%) unless otherwise indicated. CI = confidence interval; RR = relative risk.
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Combined Low-Risk Behaviors and the Population Preventable Proportions of MI

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