

Overweight, Obesity and Body Mass Index (BMI)

Health Promotion and Education Program



Objectives

- Define the terms overweight, obesity and Body Mass Index (BMI)
- Identify at least two causes of risk factors that can contribute to overweight or obesity

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- Mention at least three health conditions that can develop as complications due to being overweight or obese.
- Mention at least three ways to maintain a healthy weight.

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 - a. 25
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 - a. rest, cooking and talking on the phone
 - b. bad nutrition habits, lack of activity and genetics
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 - a. 10 20 minutes
 - b. 30 45 minutes
- 6. Exercise and physical activity are important to health because they help:
 - a. use energy, eliminate liquids and allow us to do something different
 - b. reduce stress, lose weight and strengthen bones

Interesting facts

- Around 66% of the Puerto Ricans have overweight or obesity (BRFSS, 2009).
- The overweight and the obesity are the fifth factor of death in the world.
- The overweight and the obesity are risk factors for numerous chronic diseases; including diabetes, the cardiovascular diseases and cancer.



What is Body Mass Index (BMI)?

- Calculation that is used to measure the corporal composition based on the weight and the height
- This index helps to determine the risk of suffering certain diseases or complications

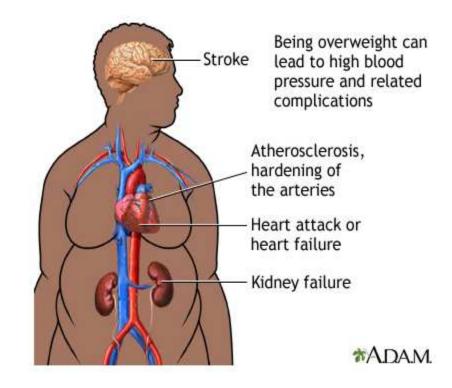






Overweight and obesity

- It is the abnormal or excessive accumulation of fat in the body, which can cause damages to the health (the WHO 2012).
- BMI more than 25.





What mean the values of the Body Mass Index (BMI)

- Lower than 18.5 ----- Under the healthful weight
- 18.5 to 24.9 ----- Healthy
- 25.0 to 29.9 ----- Overweight
- 30.0 to 39.9 ----- Obese
- More than 40 ----- Morbidity Obese

Consult your doctor what is the value adapted for you, according to your conditions.



Causes

- Consumption of more calories than those than is spent.
- Increase the consumption of food with high content of fats, sugar and salt
- Problems with the metabolism (the form into which the body transforms foods and oxygen in energy)
- Some or no physical activity
- Family and genetic history
- Certain problems of thyroid





Signs and symptoms

- The clothes are tight and a larger size is needed
- The scale shows that there's been an increase in weight
- The Body Mass Index (BMI) and the circumference of the waist are higher than the normal
- The waist is excess of fat





Treatment

Your doctor can recommend an evaluation with other health specialists as part of the treatment to lower the weight.

These specialists can be:

- Endocrinologist
- Certified dietitian or nutritionist
- Exercise physiologist or trainer
- Bariatric surgeon



Being overweight or obese increases the risk of suffering:

- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- High Cholesterol
- Cardiopathy
- Osteoarthritis
- Cerebrovascular accident
- Respiratory diseases

- Nephrophaty
- Gall bladder disease
- Some types of Cancer
- Sleep Apnea





Recommendations

- Evaluate your present weight. Ask your doctor help you to determine your healthful weight according to your BMI
- Inform your doctor if you increase 3 pounds or more in a day or if you increase more than 5 pounds in one week.
- Limits the alcohol consumption
- Makes at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity most of the days of the week





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- Limits the consumption of calories, saturated fats and sugar
- Avoids candies or pastries desserts
- Eat more fruits and vegetables
- Consume rich fiber foods daily, like: integral and grain oats, breads.





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