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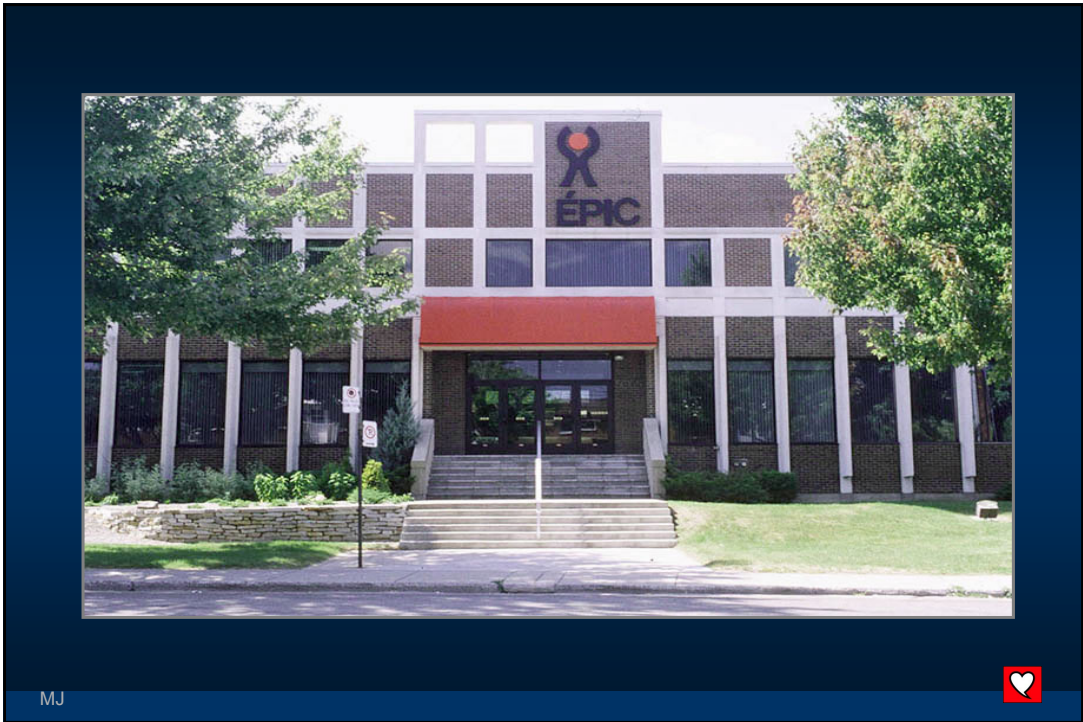
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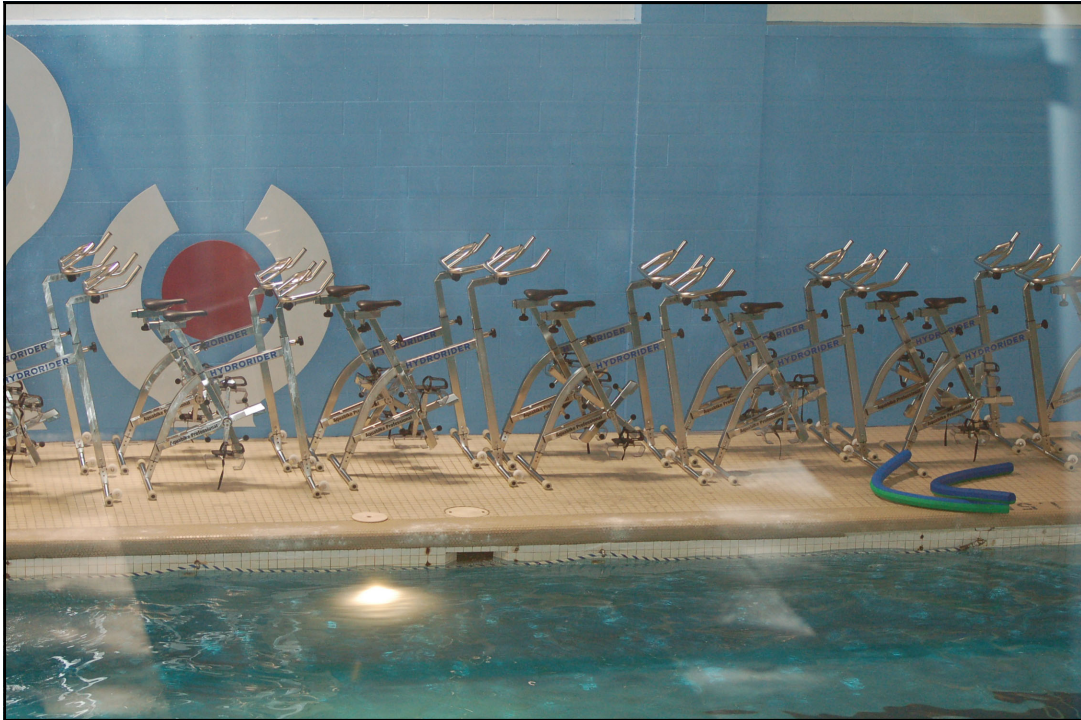


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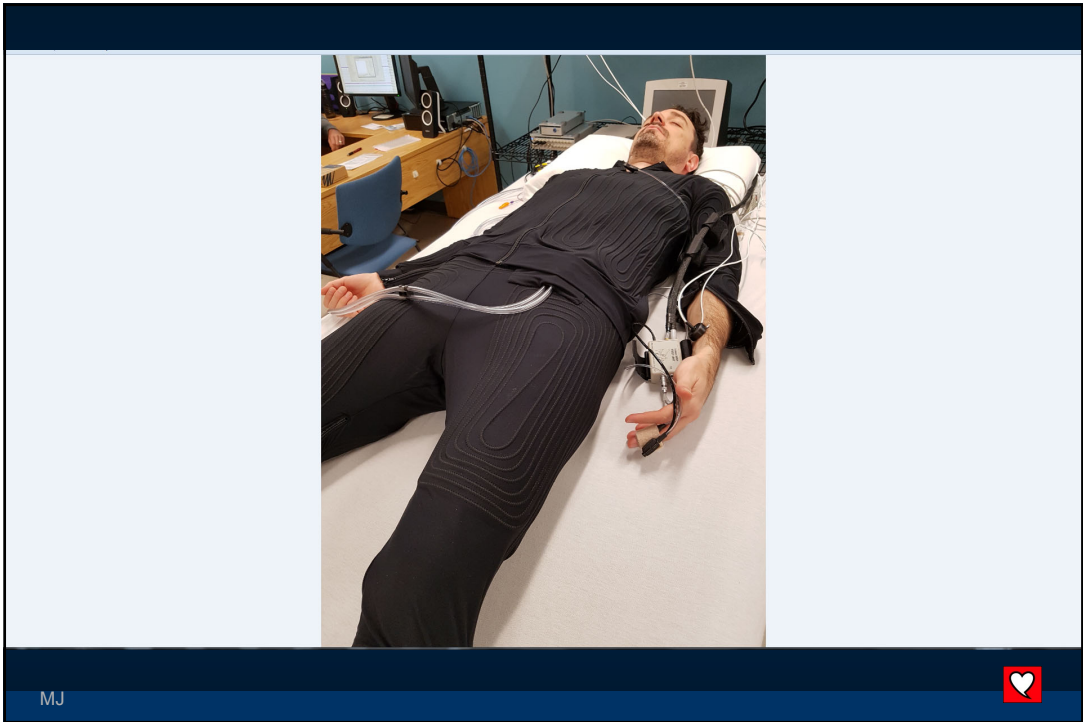
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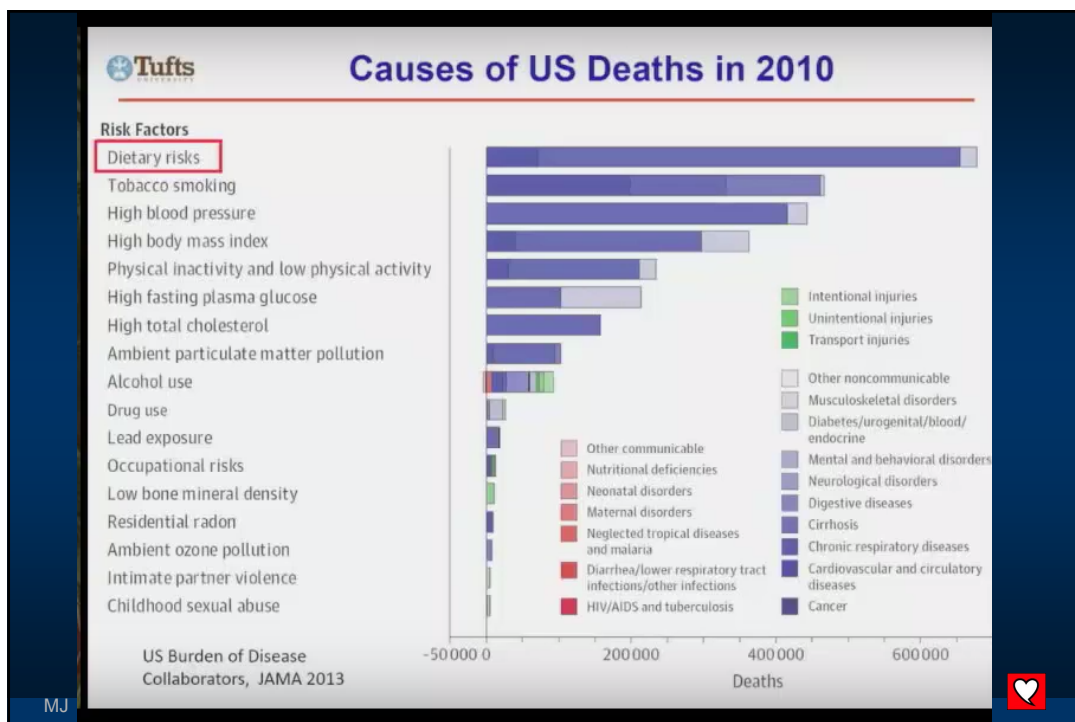
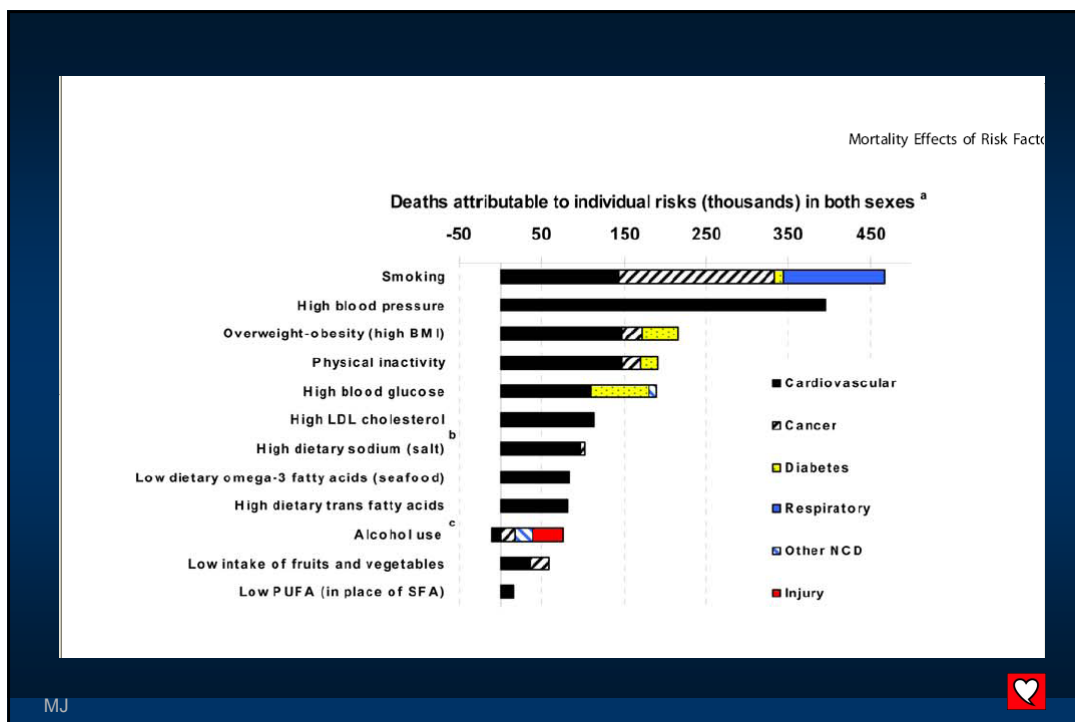
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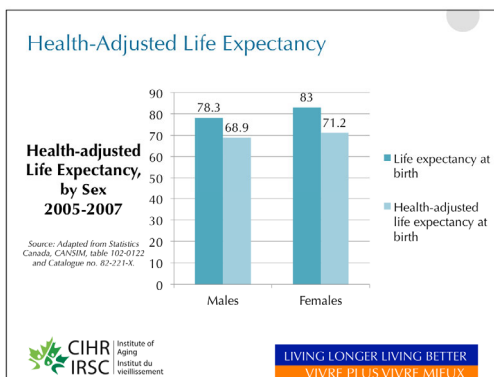
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QUARTERLY FOCUS ISSUE: HEART RHYTHM DISORDERS

Metabolic Syndrome and Risk of Acute Myocardial Infarction

A Case-Control Study of 26,903 Subjects From 52 Countries

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Objectives This study examines the risk of acute myocardial infarction (MI) conferred by the metabolic syndrome (MS) and its individual factors in multiple ethnic populations.

Background The risk of the MS on MI has not been well characterized, especially in multiple ethnic groups.

Methods Participants in the INTERHEART study (n = 26,903) involving 52 countries were classified using the World Health Organization (WHO) and International Diabetes Federation (IDF) criteria for MS, and their odds ratios (ORs) for MI were compared with the individual MS component factors.

Results The MS is associated with an increased risk of MI, both using the WHO (OR 2.49, 95% confidence interval [CI] 2.46 to 2.49) and IDF (OR 2.20, 95% CI 2.03 to 2.38) definitions, with corresponding population attributable risks of 14.6% (95% CI 12.7% to 16.3%) and 16.4% (95% CI 14.8% to 18.0%), respectively. The associations are directionally similar across all regions and ethnic groups. Using the WHO definition, the association with MI by the MS is similar to that of diabetes mellitus (OR 2.72, 95% CI 2.63 to 2.82) and hypertension (OR 2.60, 95% CI 2.48 to 2.73), and significantly stronger than that of the other component risk factors. The clustering of >3 risk factors with subthreshold values is associated with an increased risk of MI (OR 1.50, 95% CI 1.24 to 1.81) compared with having component factors with "normal" values. The IDF definition showed similar results.

Conclusions In this large-scale, multi-ethnic, international investigation, the risk of MS on MI is generally comparable to that conferred by some, but not all, of its component risk factors. The characterization of risk factors, especially continuous variables, as dichotomous will underestimate risk and decrease the magnitude of association between MS and MI. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2010;55:2390-40) © 2010 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation

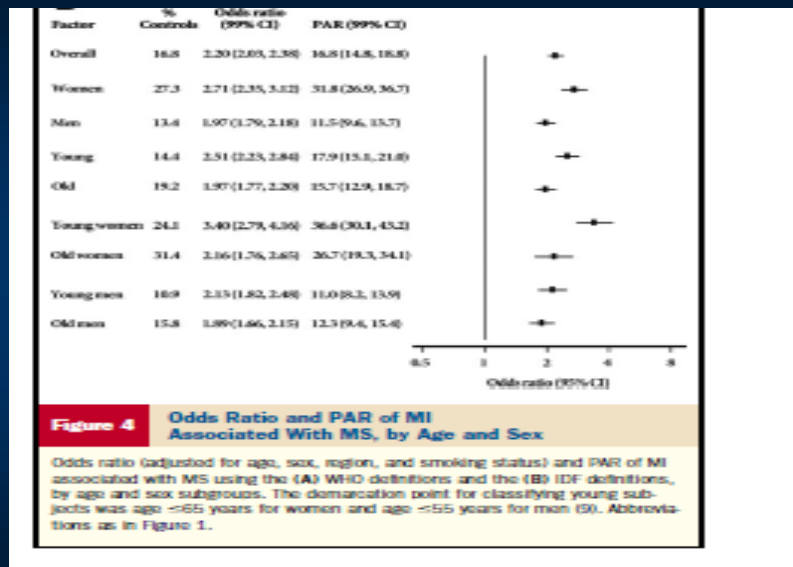
The common clustering of metabolic abnormalities including abdominal obesity, elevated glucose, abnormal lipids, and elevated blood pressure has been extensively referred to in the medical literature as the "metabolic syndrome" (MS) (1,2). The presence of MS is associated with an increased risk of coronary heart disease (3-5), with limited evidence that this risk is greater than that conferred by its constituent components (6). The value of classifying subjects with MS has recently been called into question as the definition of MS is arbitrary (7,8), and the American Diabetes Association and the European Association for the Study of Diabetes have called for an aggressive research agenda to bring clarity to this debate (9). In this large-scale, multi-ethnic, international investigation, the objectives are to: 1) determine the risk of acute myocardial infarction (MI) among patients with MS defined using existing criteria; 2) assess if

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Diabetes: a growing problem in Canada

- Diabetes prevalence in Canada is among the worst of OECD countries (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development), according to the International Diabetes Federation.
- In Canada today, one in three people lives with prediabetes or diabetes – 11 million Canadians. Since 2000, the number of Canadians with diabetes has doubled. A 20 year old in Canada now has a 50 per cent chance of developing the disease and this grows to 80 per cent within some Indigenous populations.
- If prevalence grows by 40 per cent in the next decade as projected, the direct costs associated with treating diabetes in Canada will top \$39 billion by 2028.

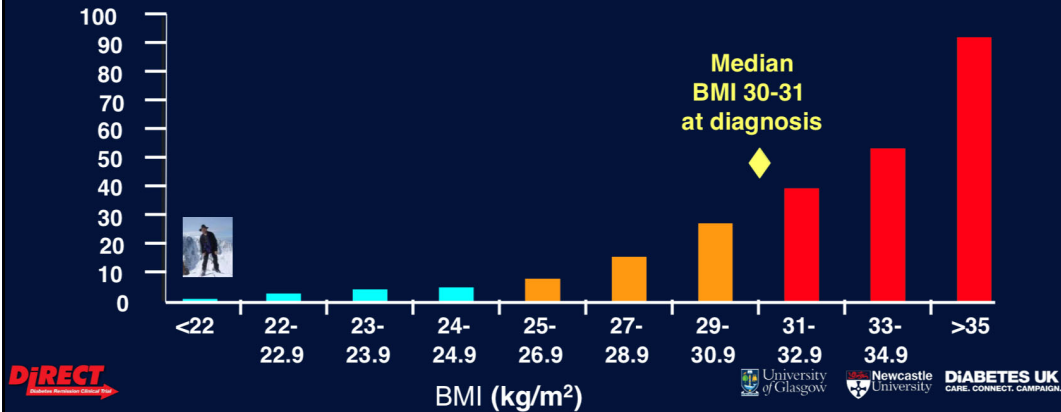
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Weight gain/ obesity is the main driver of T2DM

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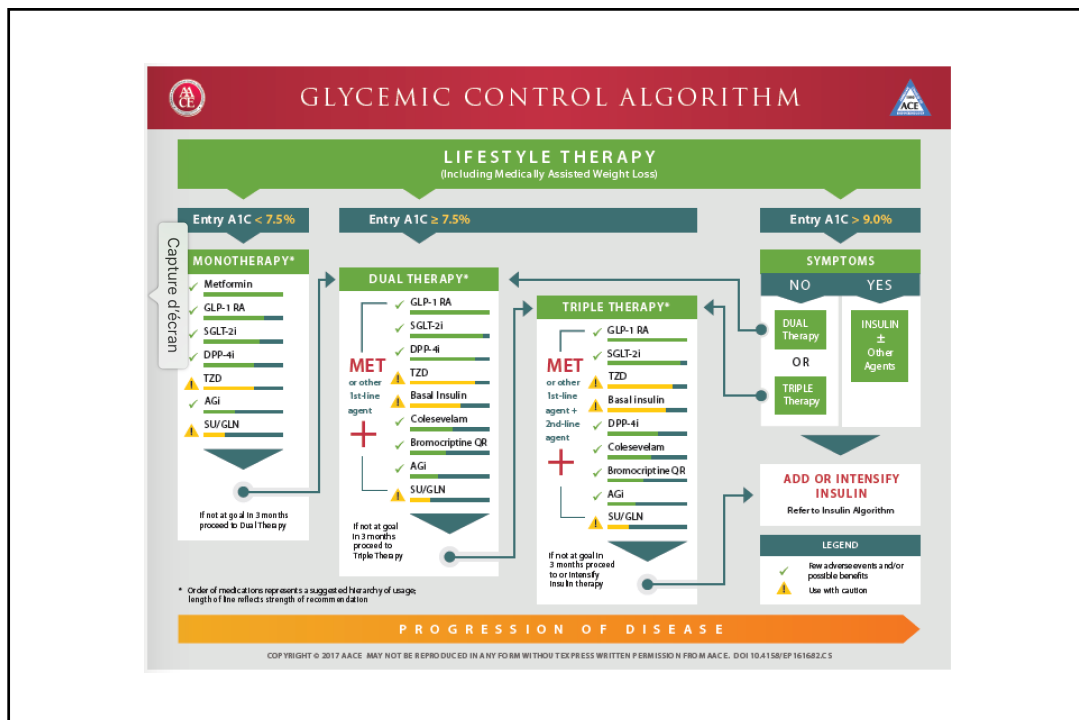


Diabetes is a lifestyle disease

- Type 2 diabetes has long been regarded as inevitably progressive, requiring increasing numbers of oral hypoglycemic agents and eventually insulin.
- This seemingly inexorable deterioration in control has been interpreted to mean that the condition is treatable but not curable.
- But diabetes is first and foremost a lifestyle disease, in most cases caused by excessive fat accumulation.
- Increase in the incidence of obesity is the main driver of the current diabetes epidemics.

Reversal of diabetes

- Since diabetes is caused by excessive fat accumulation of fat in the liver and pancreas, this suggests that normalization of this fat content may reverse the disease.
- The first hint that type 2 diabetes may be a fully reversible syndrome came from bariatric surgery.
- Studies show that blood glucose levels are normalized in obese people with type 2 diabetes undergoing bariatric surgery and 10 years later, almost 90% remained free of diabetes (Pories WJ et al. Am J Clin Nutr 1992;55(Suppl.):582S–585S).



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ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

Impact of Healthy Lifestyle Factors on Life Expectancies in the US Population

BACKGROUND: Americans have a shorter life expectancy compared with residents of almost all other high-income countries. We aim to estimate the impact of lifestyle factors on premature mortality and life expectancy in the US population.

METHODS: Using data from the Nurses' Health Study (1980-2014; n=78 865) and the Health Professionals Follow-up Study (1986-2014; n=44 354), we defined 5 low-risk lifestyle factors as never smoking, body mass index of 18.5 to 24.9 kg/m², ≥30 min/d of moderate to vigorous physical activity, moderate alcohol intake, and a high diet quality score (upper 40%), and estimated hazard ratios for the association of total lifestyle score (0-5 scale) with mortality. We used data from the NHANES (National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys, 2013-2014) to estimate the distribution of the lifestyle score and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention WONDER database to derive the age-specific death rates of Americans. We applied the life table method to estimate life expectancy by levels of the lifestyle score.

RESULTS: During up to 34 years of follow-up, we documented 42 167 deaths. The multivariable-adjusted hazard ratios for mortality in adults with 5 compared with zero low-risk factors were 0.26 (95% confidence interval [CI], 0.22-0.31) for all-cause mortality, 0.35 (95% CI, 0.27-0.45) for cancer mortality, and 0.18 (95% CI, 0.12-0.26) for cardiovascular disease mortality. The population-attributable risk of nonadherence to 5 low-risk factors was 60.7% (95% CI, 53.6-66.7) for all-cause mortality, 51.7% (95% CI, 37.1-62.9) for cancer mortality, and 71.7% (95% CI, 58.1-81.0) for cardiovascular disease mortality. We estimated that the life expectancy at age 50 years was 29.0 years (95% CI, 28.3-29.8) for men and 25.5 years (95% CI, 24.7-26.2) for men who adopted zero low-risk lifestyle factors. In contrast, for those who adopted all 5 low-risk factors, we projected a life expectancy at age 50 years of 43.1 years (95% CI, 41.3-44.9) for women and 37.6 years (95% CI, 35.8-39.4) for men. The projected life expectancy at age 50 years was on average 14.0 years (95% CI, 11.8-16.2) longer among female Americans with 5 low-risk factors compared with those with zero low-risk factors; for men, the difference was 12.2 years (95% CI, 10.1-14.2).

CONCLUSIONS: Adopting a healthy lifestyle could substantially reduce premature mortality and prolong life expectancy in US adults.

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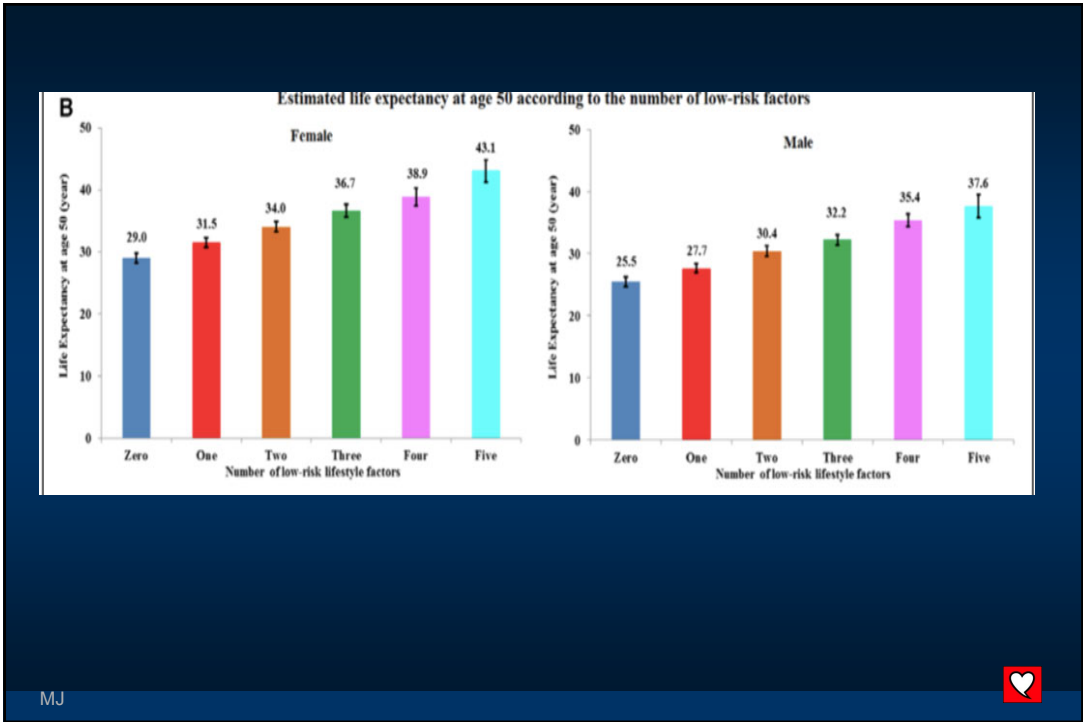
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ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Low-Risk Diet and Lifestyle Habits in the Primary Prevention of Myocardial Infarction in Men

A Population-Based Prospective Cohort Study

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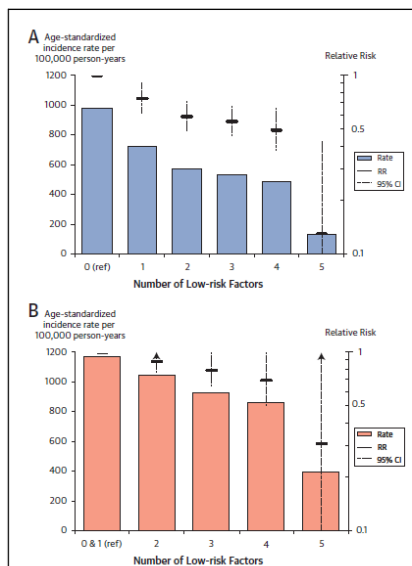


FIGURE 1 MI incidence for the Addition of Any Low-Risk Behavior

Age-standardized incidence rates and multivariable-adjusted relative risks of MI for the addition of any single low-risk factor compared with the high-risk group for men without hypertension and high cholesterol ($n = 20,721$), p for trend < 0.001 (A), and men with hypertension and high cholesterol ($n = 7,139$), p for trend $= 0.002$ (3 and 4 statistically significant).

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Combined Impact of Health Behaviours and Mortality in Men and Women: The EPIC-Norfolk Prospective Population Study

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ABSTRACT

Background

There is overwhelming evidence that behavioural factors influence health, but their combined impact on the general population is less well documented. We aimed to quantify the potential combined impact of four health behaviours on mortality in men and women living in the general community.

Methods and Findings

We examined the prospective relationship between lifestyle and mortality in a prospective population study of 20,244 men and women aged 45–79 y with no known cardiovascular disease or cancer at baseline survey in 1993–1995, living in the general community in the United Kingdom, and followed up to 2006. Participants scored one point for each health behaviour: current non-smoking, not physically inactive, moderate alcohol intake (1–14 units a week) and plasma vitamin C >50 mmol/l indicating fruit and vegetable intake of at least five servings a day for a total score ranging from zero to four. After an average 11 y follow-up, the age-, sex-, body mass-, and social class-adjusted relative risks (95% confidence intervals) for all-cause mortality (1,987 deaths) for men and women who had three, two, one, and zero compared to four health behaviours were respectively, 1.39 (1.21–1.60), 1.95 (1.70–2.25), 2.52 (2.13–3.00), and 4.04 (3.26–5.04) $p < 0.001$ trend. The relationships were consistent in subgroups stratified by sex, age, body mass index, and social class, and after excluding deaths within 2 y. The trends were strongest for cardiovascular causes. The mortality risk for those with four compared to zero health behaviours was equivalent to being 16 y younger in chronological age.

Conclusions

Four health behaviours combined predict a 4.6-fold difference in total mortality in men and women, with an estimated impact equivalent to 16 y in chronological age.

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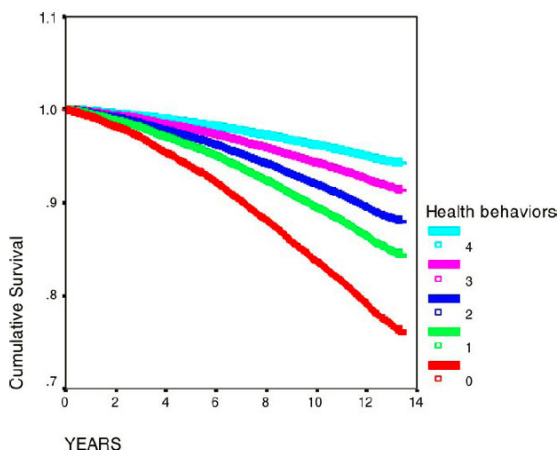
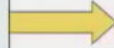
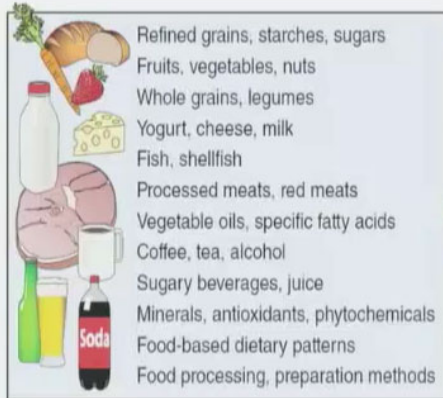


Figure 1. Survival Function According to Number of Health Behaviours in Men and Women Aged 45–79 Years without Known Cardiovascular Disease or Cancer, Adjusted for Age, Sex, Body Mass Index and Social Class, EPIC-Norfolk 1993–2006
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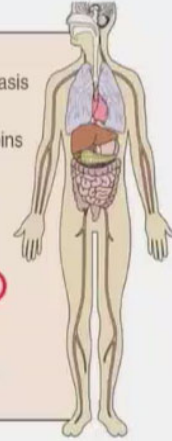
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Articles

Ⓢ Prevention of coronary and stroke events with atorvastatin in hypertensive patients who have average or lower-than-average cholesterol concentrations, in the Anglo-Scandinavian Cardiac Outcomes Trial—Lipid Lowering Arm (ASCOT-LLA): a multicentre randomised controlled trial

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Summary

Background The lowering of cholesterol concentrations in individuals at high risk of cardiovascular disease improves outcome. No study, however, has assessed benefits of cholesterol lowering in the primary prevention of coronary heart disease (CHD) in hypertensive patients who are not conventionally deemed dyslipidaemic.

Methods Of 19 342 hypertensive patients (aged 40–79 years with at least three other cardiovascular risk factors) randomised to one of two antihypertensive regimens in the Anglo-Scandinavian Cardiac Outcomes Trial, 10 305 with non-

coronary events (178 vs 247, 0.71 [0.59–0.86], $p=0.0005$) were also significantly lowered. There were 185 deaths in the atorvastatin group and 212 in the placebo group (0.87 [0.71–1.06], $p=0.16$). Atorvastatin lowered total serum cholesterol by about 1.3 mmol/L compared with placebo at 12 months, and by 1.1 mmol/L after 3 years of follow-up.

Interpretation The reductions in major cardiovascular events with atorvastatin are large, given the short follow-up time. These findings may have implications for future lipid-lowering guidelines.

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	Atorvastatin		Placebo		Unadjusted hazard ratio (95% CI)	p
	n (%)	Rate*	n (%)	Rate*		
Primary endpoint†						
Non-fatal MI‡ plus fatal CHD	100 (1.9)	6.0	154 (3.0)	9.4	0.64 (0.50–0.83)	0.0005
Secondary endpoints†						
Total cardiovascular events and procedures	389 (7.5)	24.1	486 (9.5)	30.6	0.79 (0.69–0.90)	0.0005
Total coronary events	178 (3.4)	10.8	247 (4.8)	15.2	0.71 (0.59–0.86)	0.0005
Non-fatal MI§ plus fatal CHD	86 (1.7)	5.2	137 (2.7)	8.3	0.62 (0.47–0.81)	0.0005
All-cause mortality	185 (3.6)	11.1	212 (4.1)	12.8	0.87 (0.71–1.06)	0.1649
Cardiovascular mortality	74 (1.4)	4.4	82 (1.6)	4.9	0.90 (0.66–1.23)	0.5066
Fatal and non-fatal stroke	89 (1.7)	5.4	121 (2.4)	7.4	0.73 (0.56–0.96)	0.0236
Fatal and non-fatal heart failure	41 (0.8)	2.5	36 (0.7)	2.2	1.13 (0.73–1.78)	0.5794
Tertiary endpoints†						
Silent MI	14 (0.3)	0.8	17 (0.3)	1.0	0.82 (0.40–1.66)	0.5813
Unstable angina	21 (0.4)	1.3	24 (0.5)	1.4	0.87 (0.49–1.57)	0.6447
Chronic stable angina	33 (0.6)	2.0	56 (1.1)	3.4	0.59 (0.38–0.90)	0.0135
Peripheral arterial disease	42 (0.8)	2.5	41 (0.8)	2.5	1.02 (0.66–1.57)	0.9254
Life-threatening arrhythmias	10 (0.2)	0.6	3 (0.1)	0.2	3.31 (0.91–12.01)	0.0540
Development of diabetes mellitus	154 (3.0)	9.4	134 (2.6)	8.2	1.15 (0.91–1.44)	0.2493
Development of renal impairment	31 (0.6)	1.9	24 (0.5)	1.4	1.29 (0.76–2.19)	0.3513

MI=myocardial infarction. *Per 1000 patient-years. †Full definition of endpoints provided in reference 24. ‡Includes silent MI. §Excludes silent MI.

Table 3: Hazard ratio of atorvastatin treatment on primary, secondary, and tertiary endpoints

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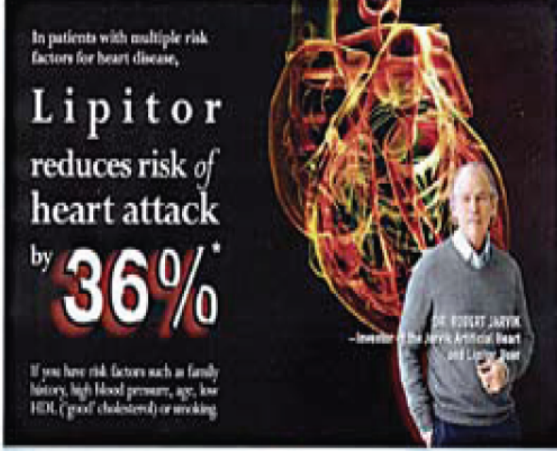
In patients with multiple risk factors for heart disease,

Lipitor

reduces risk of heart attack by **36%***

If you have risk factors such as family history, high blood pressure, age, low HDL ("good" cholesterol) or smoking


*That means in a large clinical study, 1% of patients taking a sugar pill or placebo had a heart attack compared to 2% of patients taking Lipitor.



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simplement assorti d'un astérisque qui renvoie à quelques lignes composées en petits caractères. Il y est précisé que « lors d'un important essai clinique », 2 % des patients sous Lipitor (1,9 %, en réalité) et 3 % des patients sous placebo ont subi une crise cardiaque. Conclusion : la probabilité *réelle* d'éviter un infarctus est de 1,1 %.

« Un virgule un pour cent divisé par 3 %, ça fait bien 36 %. Mais 36 % de rien, ça reste peu de chose ! La vérité, c'est que vous avez 99 chances sur 100 de ne pas bénéficier du médicament », sou-

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Cholesterol Lowering in Intermediate-Risk Persons without Cardiovascular Disease

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND
Previous trials have shown that the use of statins to lower cholesterol reduces the risk of cardiovascular events among persons without cardiovascular disease. Those trials have involved persons with elevated lipid levels or inflammatory markers and involved mainly white persons. It is unclear whether the benefits of statins can be extended to an intermediate-risk, ethnically diverse population without cardiovascular disease.

METHODS
In one comparison from a 2-by-2 factorial trial, we randomly assigned 12,705 participants in 21 countries who did not have cardiovascular disease and were at intermediate risk to receive rosuvastatin at a dose of 10 mg per day or placebo. The first coprimary outcome was the composite of death from cardiovascular causes, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or nonfatal stroke, and the second coprimary outcome additionally included revascularization, heart failure, and reinitiated cardiac arrest. The median follow-up was 5.6 years.

RESULTS
The overall mean low-density lipoprotein cholesterol level was 26.5% lower in the rosuvastatin group than in the placebo group. The first coprimary outcome occurred in 255 participants (3.7% in the rosuvastatin group and in 304 participants (4.8% in the placebo group (hazard ratio, 0.76; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.64 to 0.91; P=0.002). The results for the second coprimary outcome were consistent with the results for the first (occurring in 277 participants (4.4% in the rosuvastatin group and in 363 participants (5.7% in the placebo group; hazard ratio, 0.75; 95% CI, 0.64 to 0.88; P<0.001). The results were also consistent in subgroups defined according to cardiovascular risk at baseline, lipid level, C-reactive protein level, blood pressure, and race or ethnic group. In the rosuvastatin group, there was no excess of diabetes or cancers, but there was an excess of cataract surgery (in 3.8% of the participants, vs. 3.1% in the placebo group; P=0.02) and muscle symptoms (in 5.8% of the participants, vs. 4.7% in the placebo group; P=0.005).

CONCLUSIONS
Treatment with rosuvastatin at a dose of 10 mg per day resulted in a significantly lower risk of cardiovascular events than placebo in an intermediate-risk, ethnically diverse population without cardiovascular disease. (Funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and AstraZeneca; HOPE-3 ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00468923.)

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Table 2. Primary, Secondary, and Other Outcomes.*

Outcome	Rosuvastatin Group (N=6361)	Placebo Group (N=6344)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Coprimary outcomes — no. (%)				
First coprimary outcome	235 (3.7)	304 (4.8)	0.76 (0.64–0.91)	0.002
Second coprimary outcome	277 (4.4)	363 (5.7)	0.75 (0.64–0.88)	<0.001
Secondary outcome — no. (%)	306 (4.8)	393 (6.2)	0.77 (0.66–0.89)	<0.001
Components of the coprimary and secondary outcomes — no. (%)				
Death from cardiovascular causes	154 (2.4)	171 (2.7)	0.89 (0.72–1.11)	
Myocardial infarction	45 (0.7)	69 (1.1)	0.65 (0.44–0.94)	
Stroke	70 (1.1)	99 (1.6)	0.70 (0.52–0.95)	
Resuscitated cardiac arrest	4 (0.1)	4 (0.1)	0.99 (0.25–3.97)	
Revascularization	56 (0.9)	82 (1.3)	0.68 (0.48–0.95)	
Heart failure	21 (0.3)	29 (0.5)	0.72 (0.41–1.26)	
Angina with evidence of ischemia	56 (0.9)	64 (1.0)	0.87 (0.61–1.24)	
Death from any cause — no. (%)	334 (5.3)	357 (5.6)	0.93 (0.80–1.08)	0.32
New-onset diabetes — no. (%)	232 (3.9)	226 (3.8)	1.02 (0.85–1.23)	0.82
Coronary heart disease — no. (%)†	105 (1.7)	140 (2.2)	0.74 (0.58–0.96)	0.02
First and recurrent events of the second coprimary outcome‡				
No. of participants with ≥1 event	277	363		
No. of participants with ≥2 events	68	89		
No. of participants with ≥3 events	6	16		
Total no. of events	353	473	0.75 (0.64–0.89)	0.001
Hospitalizations — no. (%)§				
For cardiovascular causes	281 (4.4)	369 (5.8)	0.75 (0.64–0.88)	<0.001
For noncardiovascular causes	881 (13.9)	879 (13.9)	1.00 (0.91–1.10)	0.99

* The first coprimary outcome was the composite of death from cardiovascular causes, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or nonfatal stroke; the second coprimary outcome was the composite of death from cardiovascular causes, nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, resuscitated cardiac arrest, heart failure, or revascularization; and the secondary outcome was the composite of death from cardiovascular causes, nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, resuscitated cardiac arrest, heart failure, revascularization, or angina with evidence of ischemia.
 † Coronary heart disease was a post hoc outcome that included fatal or nonfatal myocardial infarction, coronary revascularization, and angina with evidence of ischemia.
 ‡ The analysis of the recurrent events of the second coprimary outcome was a post hoc analysis that used a proportional-means model. The second coprimary outcome is shown because it comprises all events that were included in the first coprimary outcome as well as resuscitated cardiac arrest, heart failure, and revascularization.
 § Hospitalizations were a prespecified safety outcome.

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Original Investigation

Different Time Trends of Caloric and Fat Intake Between Statin Users and Nonusers Among US Adults Gluttony in the Time of Statins?

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IMPORTANCE Both dietary modification and use of statins can lower blood cholesterol. The increase in caloric intake among the general population is reported to have plateaued in the last decade, but no study has examined the relationship between the time trends of caloric intake and statin use.

OBJECTIVE To examine the difference in the temporal trends of caloric and fat intake between statin users and nonusers among US adults.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS A repeated cross-sectional study in a nationally representative sample of 27 886 US adults, 20 years or older, from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1999 through 2010.

EXPOSURES Statin use.

MAIN RESULTS AND MEASURES Caloric and fat intake measured through 24-hour dietary recall. Generalized linear models with interaction term between survey cycle and statin use were constructed to investigate the time trends of dietary intake for statin users and nonusers after adjustment for possible confounders. We calculated model-adjusted caloric and fat intake using these models and examined if the time trends differed by statin use. Body mass index (BMI) changes were also compared between statin users and nonusers.

RESULTS In the 1999–2000 period, the caloric intake was significantly less for statin users compared with nonusers (2000 vs 2179 kcal/d; $P = .007$). The difference between the groups became smaller as time went by, and there was no statistical difference after the 2005–2006 period. Among statin users, caloric intake in the 2009–2010 period was 9.6% higher (95% CI, 1.8–18.1; $P = .02$) than that in the 1999–2000 period. In contrast, no significant change was observed among nonusers during the same study period. Statin users also consumed significantly less fat in the 1999–2000 period (7.7 vs 81.2 g/d; $P = .003$). Fat intake increased 14.4% among statin users (95% CI, 3.8–26.1; $P = .007$) while not changing significantly among nonusers. Also, BMI increased more among statin users (+1.3) than among nonusers (+0.4) in the adjusted model ($P = .02$).

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE Caloric and fat intake have increased among statin users over time, which was not true for nonusers. The increase in BMI was faster for statin users than for nonusers. Efforts aimed at dietary control among statin users may be becoming less intensive. The importance of dietary composition may need to be reemphasized for statin users.

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Table 3. Model-Adjusted^a Relative Changes in Caloric and Fat Intake Among US Adults by Statin Use, 1999-2010

Characteristic	Change From 1999-2000 to 2009-2010, % (95% CI)		P Value for Difference in Trends ^b
	Statin User	Statin Nonuser	
Caloric Intake			
1999-2000	0 [Reference]	0 [Reference]	.001
2001-2002	1.7 (-5.6 to 9.5)	0.8 (-2.0 to 3.6)	
2003-2004	6.0 (-1.2 to 13.7)	1.7 (-1.0 to 4.5)	
2005-2006	7.1 (0.2 to 14.8)	0.1 (-3.2 to 3.6)	
2007-2008	4.4 (-3.4 to 12.8)	-2.0 (-5.2 to 1.3)	
2009-2010	9.6 (1.8 to 18.1)	-1.9 (-4.6 to 0.9)	
Fat Intake			
1999-2000	0 [Reference]	0 [Reference]	<.001
2001-2002	2.8 (-6.9 to 13.6)	1.8 (-1.4 to 5.1)	
2003-2004	10.9 (-0.1 to 23.0)	3.8 (0.5 to 7.2)	
2005-2006	14.2 (3.9 to 25.4)	2.5 (-1.8 to 6.9)	
2007-2008	12.1 (1.6 to 23.6)	-0.2 (-4.0 to 3.8)	
2009-2010	14.4 (3.8 to 26.1)	-2.3 (-5.6 to 1.1)	

^a Adjusted for age category, sex, race and ethnicity, educational attainment, and diabetes diagnosis.

^b Significance of interaction terms between survey cycle (continuous) and statin use (binary).

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Original Investigation

Statins and Physical Activity in Older Men
The Osteoporotic Fractures in Men Study

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Invited Commentary

IMPORTANCE Muscle pain, fatigue, and weakness are common adverse effects of statin medications and may decrease physical activity in older men.

OBJECTIVE To determine whether statin use is associated with physical activity, longitudinally and cross-sectionally.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS Men participating in the Osteoporotic Fractures in Men Study (N = 5994), a multicenter prospective cohort study of community-living men 65 years and older, enrolled between March 2000 and April 2002. Follow-up was conducted through 2009.

EXPOSURES Statin use as determined by an inventory of medications (taken within the last 30 days). In cross-sectional analyses (N = 4137), statin use categories were users and nonusers. In longitudinal analysis (N = 3209), categories were prevalent users (baseline use and throughout the study), new users (initiated use during the study), and nonusers (never used).

MAIN RESULTS AND MEASURES Self-reported physical activity at baseline and 2 follow-up visits using the Physical Activity Scale for the Elderly (PASE). At the third visit, an accelerometer measured metabolic equivalents (METs [kilocalories per kilogram per hour]) and minutes of moderate activity (METs ≥3.0), vigorous activity (METs ≥6.0), and sedentary behavior (METs <1.5).

RESULTS At baseline, 989 men (24%) were users and 3448 (76%) were nonusers. The adjusted difference in baseline PASE between users and nonusers was -5.8 points (95% CI, -10.9 to -0.7 points). A total of 3039 men met the inclusion criteria for longitudinal analysis: 727 (24%) prevalent users, 845 (28%) new users, and 1467 (48%) nonusers. PASE score declined by a mean (95% CI) of 2.5 (2.0 to 3.0) points per year for nonusers and 2.8 (2.1 to 3.5) points per year for prevalent users, a nonsignificant difference (0.3 [-0.5 to 1.0] points). For new users, annual PASE score declined at a faster rate than nonusers (difference of 0.9 [95% CI, 0.1 to 1.7] points). A total of 3071 men had adequate accelerometer data, 1942 (63%) were statin users. Statin users expended less METs (0.03 [95% CI, 0.02-0.04] METs less) and engaged in less moderate physical activity (5.4 [95% CI, 1.9-8.8] fewer minutes per day), less vigorous activity (0.6 [95% CI, 0.1-1.1] fewer minutes per day), and more sedentary behavior (7.6 [95% CI, 3.6-12.4] greater minutes per day).

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE Statin use was associated with modestly lower physical activity among community-living men, even after accounting for medical history and other potentially confounding factors. The clinical significance of these findings deserves further investigation.

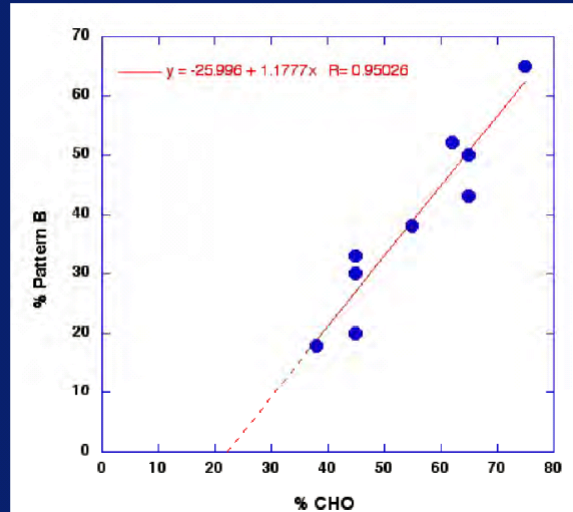
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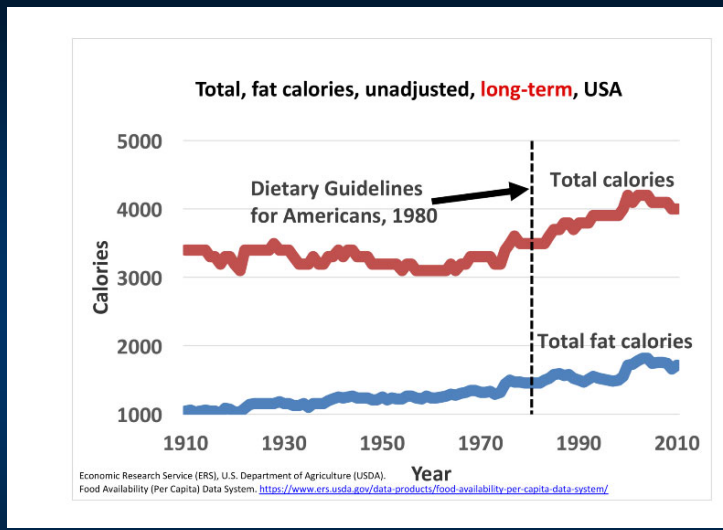
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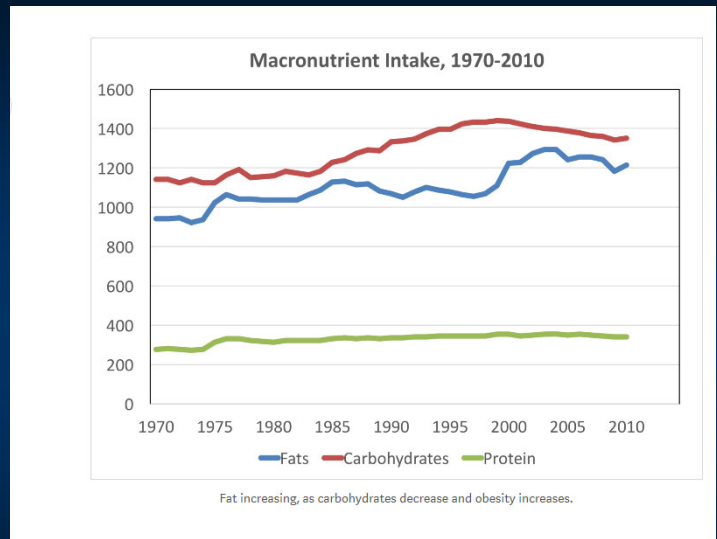
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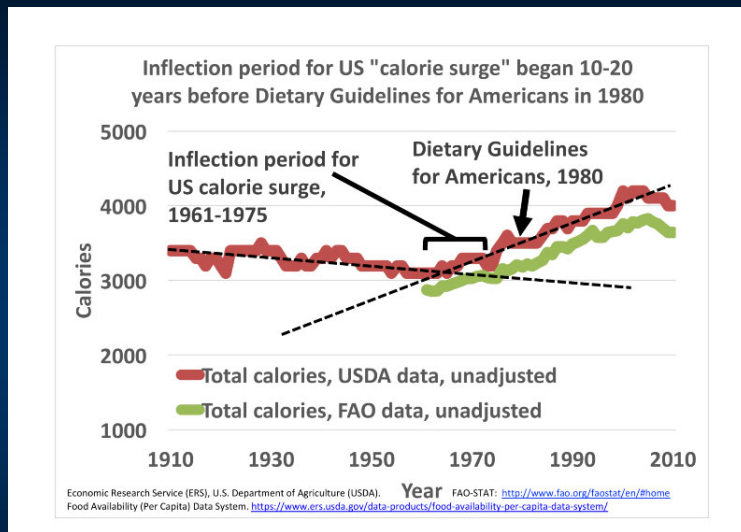


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ORIGINAL RESEARCH



Association of Fast-Food and Full-Service Restaurant Densities With Mortality From Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke, and the Prevalence of Diabetes Mellitus

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Background—We explored whether higher densities of fast-food restaurants (FFRs) and full-service restaurants are associated with mortality from cardiovascular disease (CVD) and stroke and the prevalence of type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2D) across the midland United States.

Methods and Results—In this cross-sectional study county-level data for CVD and stroke mortality, and prevalence of T2D, were combined with per capita densities of FFRs and full-service restaurants and analyzed using regression. Mortality and diabetes mellitus prevalence were corrected for poverty, ethnicity, education, physical inactivity, and smoking. After adjustment, FFR density was positively associated with CVD ($\beta=1.104$, $R^2=0.283$), stroke ($\beta=0.841$, $R^2=0.148$), and T2D ($\beta=0.378$, $R^2=0.03$) and full-service restaurant density was positively associated with CVD mortality ($\beta=0.19$, $R^2=0.10$) and negatively related to T2D prevalence ($\beta=-0.25$, $R^2=0.29$). In a multiple regression analysis (FFRs and full-service restaurants together in same model), only the densities of FFRs were significant (and positive). If we assume these relationships are causal, an impact analysis suggested that opening 10 new FFRs in a county would lead to 1 extra death from CVD every 42 years and 1 extra death from stroke every 55 years. Replicated nationally across all counties, that would be an extra 748 CVD deaths and 567 stroke deaths (and 390 new cases of T2D) over the next 10 years.

Conclusions—These results suggest that an increased density of FFRs is associated with increased risk of death from CVD and stroke and increased T2D prevalence, but the maximal impact (assuming the correlations reflect causality) of each individual FFR is small.

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Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are the main global cause of death, currently accounting for >17.3 million deaths annually, a figure that is predicted to increase to >23.6 million by 2030.¹ Likewise, CVDs were the leading cause of death in the United States in 2015, accounting for 864 000

deaths.² There is little controversy over the benefit to cardiovascular health of eating a well-balanced diet and keeping active, as demonstrated in several large cohort studies.^{3–11} These health behaviors also play an important role in other noncommunicable diseases, such as type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2D).¹²

Money spent on food away from home and energy consumed away from home have increased steadily in the United States over the past 50 years, paralleled by an increase in the availability and consumption of both fast foods and foods consumed at full-service establishments.¹³ Fast foods are quickly served, convenient, relatively inexpensive, and liked by people of most age groups.¹⁴ However, fast foods have high calorie densities, high contents of fat, sugar, and salt, large portion sizes, and high palatability.¹⁵ It has been suggested that consuming fast food leads to weight and adiposity increases, which are a major risk factor for CVDs, noncommunicable diseases, and metabolic abnormalities, such as insulin resistance.^{16–18} However, the evidence linking

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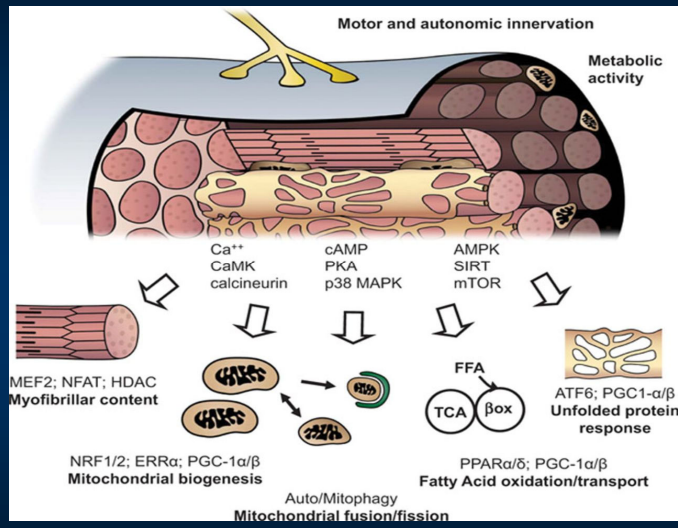




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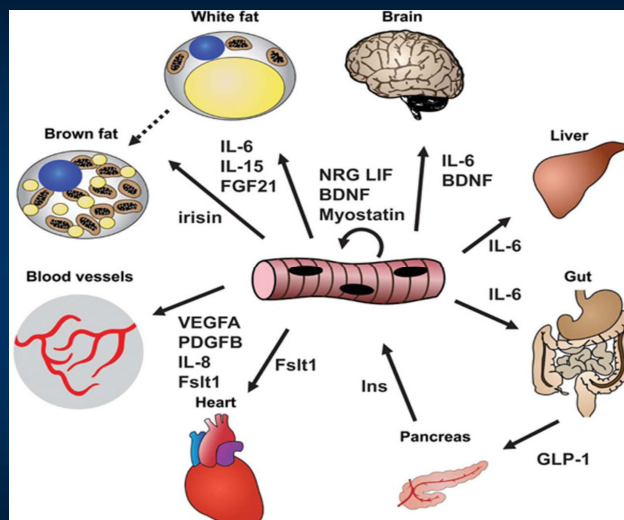


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Minimum amount of physical activity for reduced mortality and extended life expectancy: a prospective cohort study



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Summary

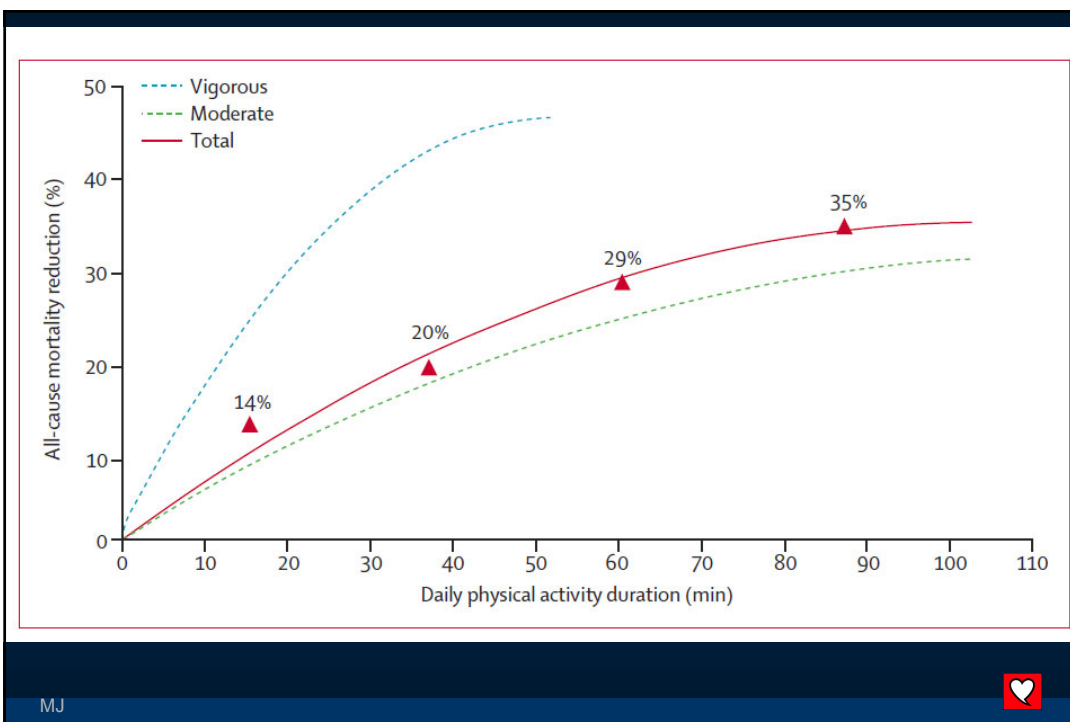
Background The health benefits of leisure-time physical activity are well known, but whether less exercise than the recommended 150 min a week can have life expectancy benefits is unclear. We assessed the health benefits of a range of volumes of physical activity in a Taiwanese population.

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Methods In this prospective cohort study, 416175 individuals (199265 men and 216910 women) participated in a standard medical screening programme in Taiwan between 1996 and 2008, with an average follow-up of 8.05 years

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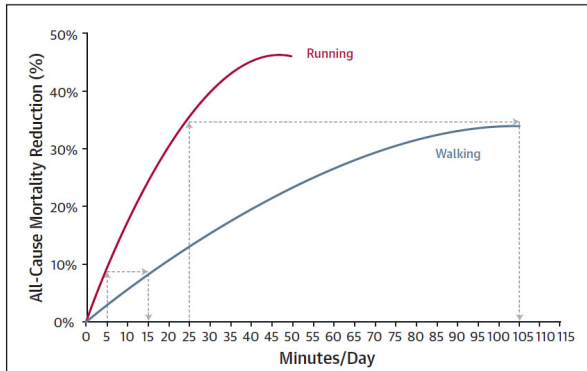


FIGURE 1 Comparison of Benefits Between Walking and Running

A 5-min run generates the same benefits as a 15-min walk, and a 25-min run is equivalent to a 105-min walk.

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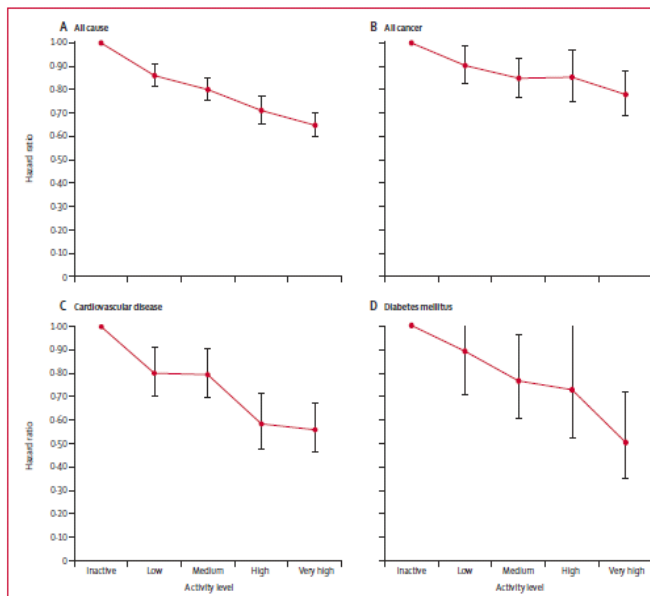


Figure 1: Relation between physical activity volume and mortality reduction compared with individuals in the inactive group. Bars show 95% CIs.

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The effect of physical activity on mortality and cardiovascular disease in 130 000 people from 17 high-income, middle-income, and low-income countries: the PURE study

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Summary

Background Physical activity has a protective effect against cardiovascular disease (CVD) in high-income countries, where physical activity is mainly recreational, but it is not known if this is also observed in low-income countries, where physical activity is mainly non-recreational. We examined whether different amounts and types of physical activity are associated with lower mortality and CVD in countries at different economic levels.

Methods In this prospective cohort study, we recruited participants from 17 countries (Canada, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Poland, Turkey, Malaysia, South Africa, China, Colombia, Iran, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Zimbabwe). Within each country, urban and rural areas in and around selected cities and towns were identified to reflect the geographical diversity. Within these communities, we invited individuals aged between 35 and 70 years who intended to live at their current address for at least another 4 years. Total physical activity was assessed using the International Physical Activity Questionnaire (IPAQ). Participants with pre-existing CVD were excluded from the analyses. Mortality and CVD were recorded during a mean of 6.9 years of follow-up. Primary clinical outcomes during follow-up were mortality plus major CVD (CVD mortality, incident myocardial infarction, stroke, or heart failure), either as a composite or separately. The effects of physical activity on mortality and CVD were adjusted for sociodemographic factors and other risk factors taking into account household, community, and country clustering.

Findings Between Jan 1, 2003, and Dec 31, 2010, 168 916 participants were enrolled, of whom 141 945 completed the IPAQ. Analyses were limited to the 130 863 participants without pre-existing CVD. Compared with low physical activity (<600 metabolic equivalents [MET]-minutes per week or <150 minutes per week of moderate intensity physical activity), moderate (600–3000 MET-minutes or 150–750 minutes per week) and high physical activity (>3000 MET-minutes or >750 minutes per week) were associated with graded reduction in mortality (hazard ratio 0.86, 95% CI 0.74–0.93 and 0.45, 0.40–0.71, $p < 0.0001$ for trend), and major CVD (0.86, 0.78–0.93; $p < 0.0001$ for trend). Higher physical activity was associated with lower risk of CVD and mortality in high-income, middle-income, and low-income countries. The adjusted population attributable fraction for not meeting the physical activity guidelines was 8.4% for mortality and 4.4% for major CVD, and for not meeting high physical activity was 13.1% for mortality and 9.5% for major CVD. Both recreational and non-recreational physical activity were associated with benefits.

Interpretation Higher recreational and non-recreational physical activity was associated with a lower risk of mortality and CVD events in individuals from low-income, middle-income, and high-income countries. Increasing physical activity is a simple, widely applicable, low cost global strategy that could reduce deaths and CVD in middle age.

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Introduction Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading cause of death worldwide and a major economic global burden. Despite reductions in CVD mortality in high-income countries, global CVD mortality increased by 45% between 1990 and 2011, largely driven by rises in low-income and lower-middle-income countries. Indeed, 70% of global CVD deaths come from low-income and middle-income countries, where it is the commonest cause of death.^{1–3} 23% of the world's population is estimated to be insufficiently active⁴ and WHO has recommended a decrease in insufficient physical activity of 80% of the aforementioned global CVD mortality by 2025.⁵ Many studies from high-income countries have reported significant inverse associations of physical activity with mortality and CVD morbidity,^{6–10} but such data from low-

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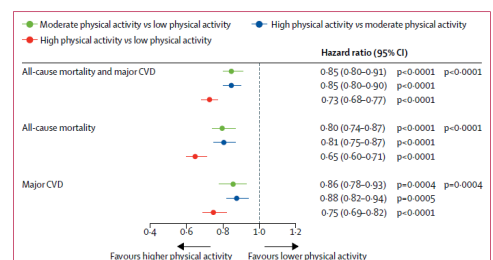


Figure 1: Hazard ratios and 95% CI for all-cause mortality and major CVD, all-cause mortality, or major CVD by level of physical activity. Data adjusted for age, sex, education, country income level, urban or rural residency, family history of CVD, and smoking status; taking into account household, community, and country clustering. There were 3155 events for all-cause mortality and major CVD, 2041 events for all-cause mortality, and 1273 events for major CVD. The p-values of the first column show the significance of each comparison. p-values of the second column show the significance of the overall effect of physical activity. Low physical activity=<600 MET × min per week. Moderate physical activity=600–3000 MET × min per week. High physical activity=>3000 MET × min per week. CVD=cardiovascular disease. Major CVD=CVD mortality plus incident myocardial infarction, stroke, or heart failure. MET=metabolic equivalents.

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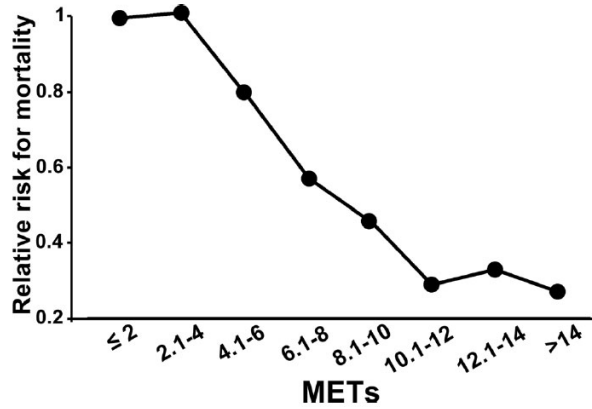


Figure 7 Mortality risk at different exercise capacities. Significant reductions in mortality do not occur less than 4 metabolic equivalents of resting metabolism (METs), become less at approximately 4 to 6 METs and an asymptote occurring at approximately 10 METs in 15,000 US veterans of wars. [Reproduced, with permission, from reference (277,279)].

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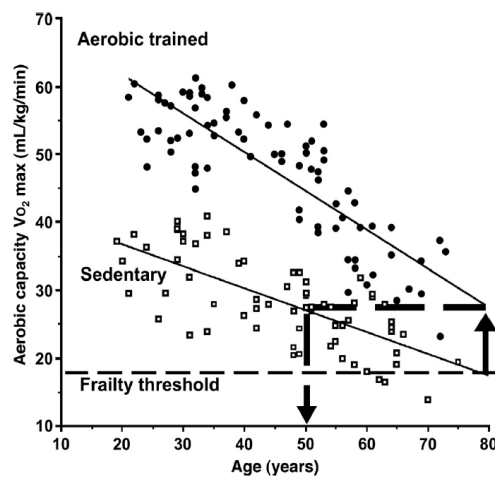


Figure 4 Best-fit linear lines are shown for aerobic capacities of two cross-sectional groups (aerobic trained and sedentary) as a function of their increasing chronological age. At the chronological age of 80 years, a horizontal line is extended from the endurance-trained line to the left where it intersects the sedentary line at age 50 years. Subjects were women who had been aerobically trained for at least 2 years with road-racing competition (closed circles) versus women who were sedentary (open squares) who performed no regular exercise and had body mass indexes (BMIs) more than 35 kg/m² (aerobic-trained

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Relationship of Sedentary Behavior and Physical Activity to Incident Cardiovascular Disease

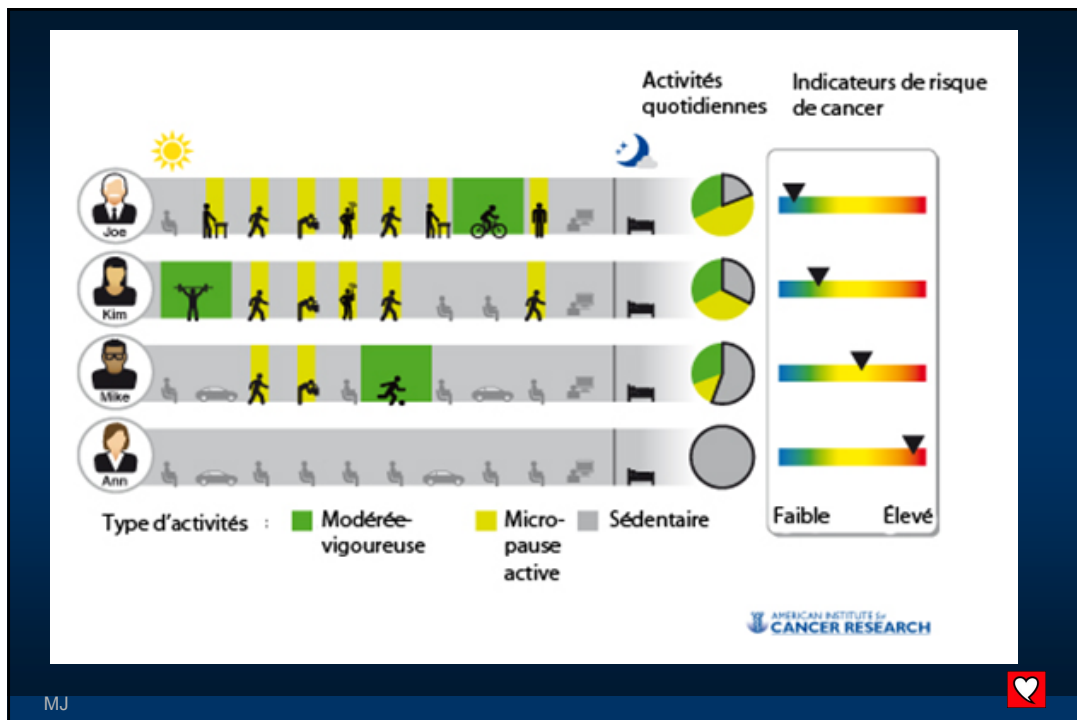
Results From the Women's Health Initiative

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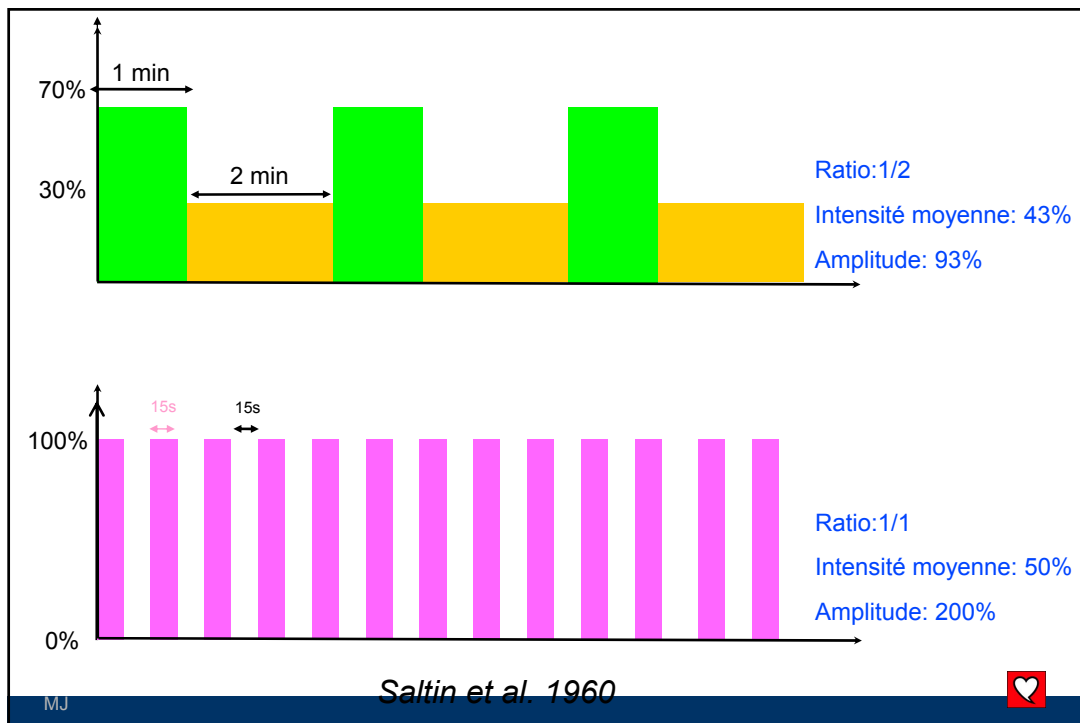
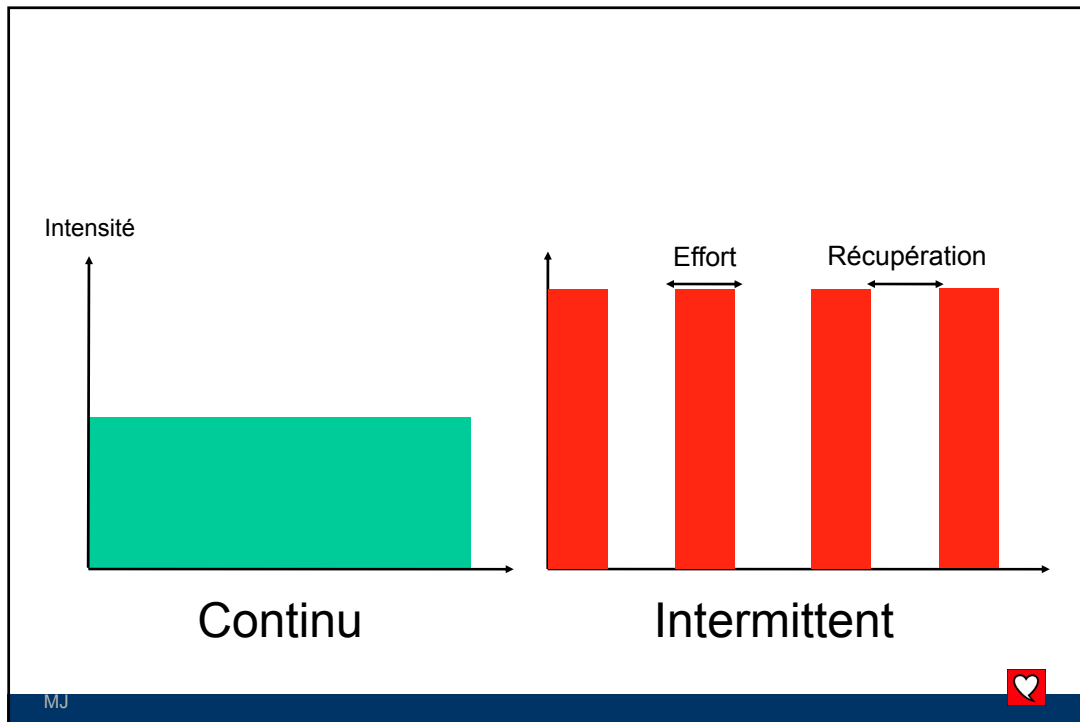
Objectives The aim of this study was to examine the independent and joint associations of sitting time and physical activity with risk of incident cardiovascular disease (CVD).

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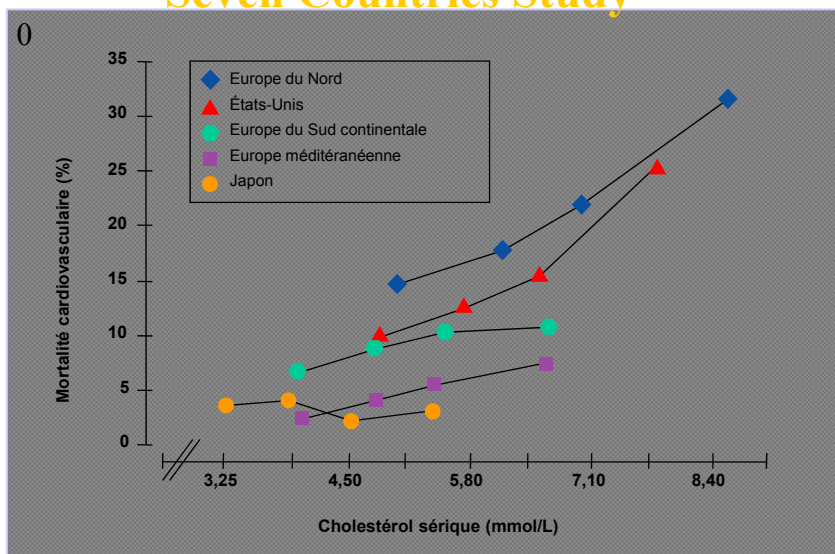








Mortalité cardiovasculaire sur 25 ans Seven Countries Study



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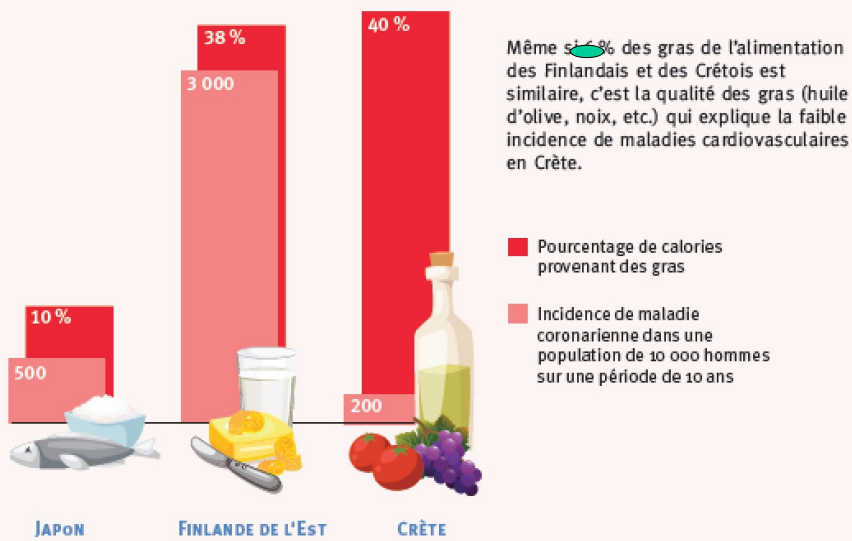


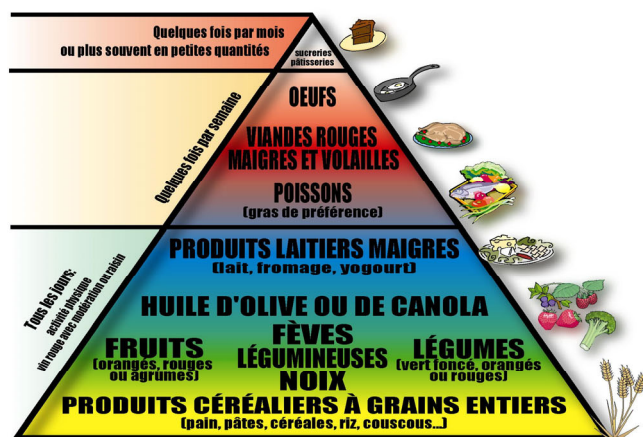
FIGURE 29

D'après Stamper et Willett (2006)

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Alimentation Méditerranéenne Modifiée



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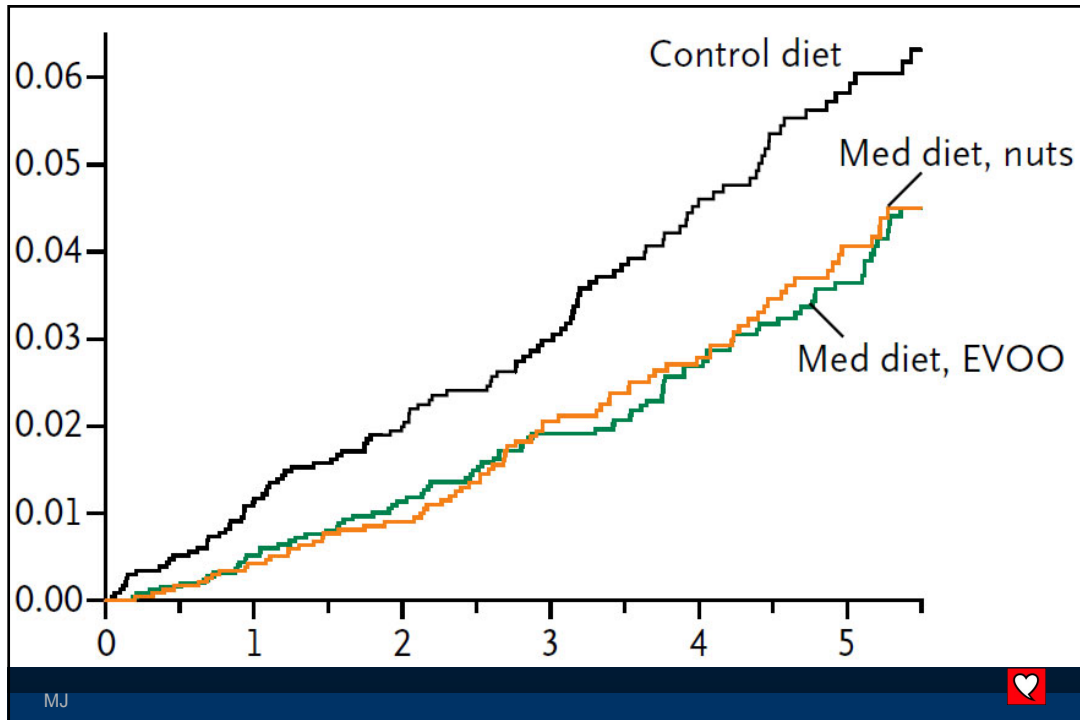


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Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease with a Mediterranean Diet

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Mediterranean Diet and Invasive Breast Cancer Risk Among Women at High Cardiovascular Risk in the PREDIMED Trial A Randomized Clinical Trial

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IMPORTANCE Breast cancer is the leading cause of female cancer burden, and its incidence has increased by more than 20% worldwide since 2008. Some observational studies have suggested that the Mediterranean diet may reduce the risk of breast cancer.

OBJECTIVE To evaluate the effect of 2 interventions with Mediterranean diet vs the advice to follow a low-fat diet (control) on breast cancer incidence.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS The PREDIMED study is a 1:1:1 randomized, single-blind, controlled field trial conducted at primary health care centers in Spain. From 2003 to 2009, 4282 women aged 60 to 80 years and at high cardiovascular disease risk were recruited after invitation by their primary care physicians.

INTERVENTIONS Participants were randomly allocated to a Mediterranean diet supplemented with extra-virgin olive oil, a Mediterranean diet supplemented with mixed nuts, or a control diet (advice to reduce dietary fat).

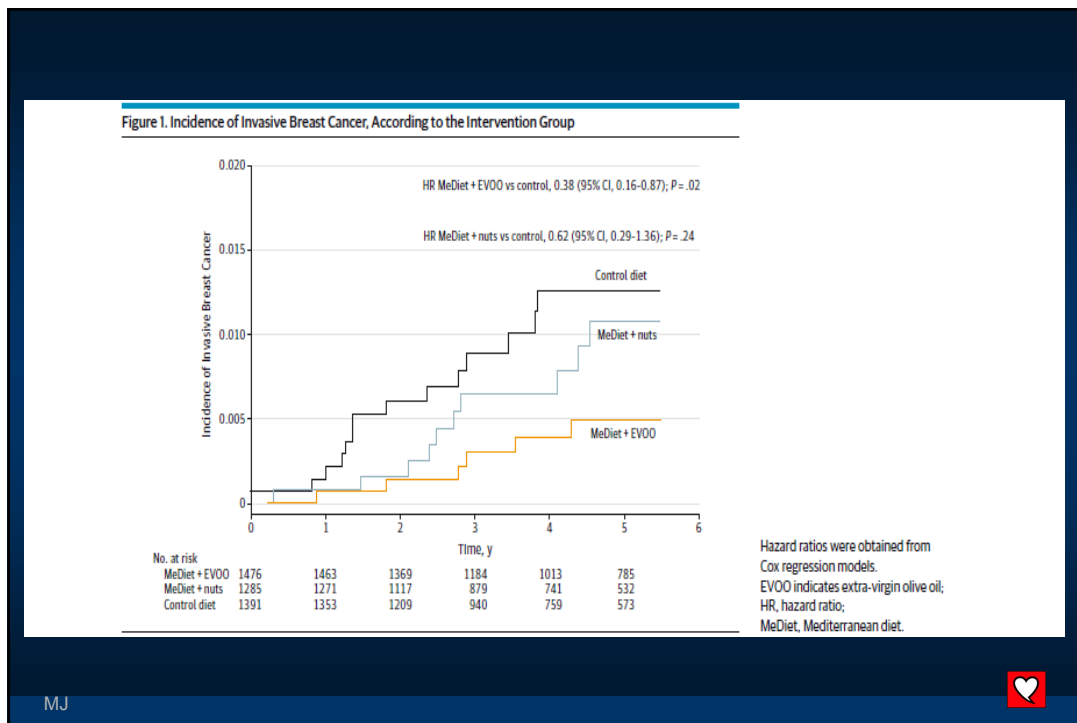
MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES Breast cancer incidence was a prespecified secondary outcome of the trial for women without a prior history of breast cancer (n = 4152).

RESULTS After a median follow-up of 4.8 years, we identified 35 confirmed incident cases of breast cancer. Observed rates (per 1000 person-years) were 11 for the Mediterranean diet with extra-virgin olive oil group, 18 for the Mediterranean diet with nuts group, and 2.9 for the control group. The multivariable-adjusted hazard ratios vs the control group were 0.32 (95% CI, 0.13-0.79) for the Mediterranean diet with extra-virgin olive oil group and 0.59 (95% CI, 0.25-1.35) for the Mediterranean diet with nuts group. In analyses with yearly cumulative updated dietary exposures, the hazard ratio for each additional 5% of calories from extra-virgin olive oil was 0.72 (95% CI, 0.57-0.90).

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE This is the first randomized trial finding an effect of a long-term dietary intervention on breast cancer incidence. Our results suggest a beneficial effect of a Mediterranean diet supplemented with extra-virgin olive oil in the primary prevention of breast cancer. These results come from a secondary analysis of a previous trial and are based on few incident cases and, therefore, need to be confirmed in longer-term and larger studies.

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Mediterranean Diet, Traditional Risk Factors, and the Rate of Cardiovascular Complications After Myocardial Infarction

Final Report of the Lyon Diet Heart Study

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Background—The Lyon Diet Heart Study is a randomized secondary prevention trial aimed at testing whether a Mediterranean-type diet may reduce the rate of recurrence after a first myocardial infarction. An intermediate analysis showed a striking protective effect after 27 months of follow-up. This report presents results of an extended follow-up (with a mean of 46 months per patient) and deals with the relationships of dietary patterns and traditional risk factors with recurrence.

Methods and Results—Three composite outcomes (COs) combining either cardiac death and nonfatal myocardial infarction (CO 1), or the preceding plus major secondary end points (unstable angina, stroke, heart failure, pulmonary or peripheral embolism) (CO 2), or the preceding plus minor events requiring hospital admission (CO 3) were studied. In the Mediterranean diet group, CO 1 was reduced (14 events versus 44 in the prudent Western-type diet group, $P=0.0001$), as were CO 2 (27 events versus 90, $P=0.0001$) and CO 3 (95 events versus 180, $P=0.0002$). Adjusted risk ratios ranged from 0.28 to 0.53. Among the traditional risk factors, total cholesterol (1 mmol/L being associated with an increased risk of 18% to 28%), systolic blood pressure (1 mm Hg being associated with an increased risk of 1% to 2%), leukocyte count (adjusted risk ratios ranging from 1.64 to 2.86 with count $>9 \times 10^9/L$), female sex (adjusted risk ratios, 0.27 to 0.46), and aspirin use (adjusted risk ratios, 0.59 to 0.82) were each significantly and independently associated with recurrence.

Conclusions—The protective effect of the Mediterranean dietary pattern was maintained up to 4 years after the first infarction, confirming previous intermediate analyses. Major traditional risk factors, such as high blood cholesterol and blood pressure, were shown to be independent and joint predictors of recurrence, indicating that the Mediterranean dietary pattern did not alter, at least qualitatively, the usual relationships between major risk factors and recurrence. Thus, a comprehensive strategy to decrease cardiovascular morbidity and mortality should include primarily a cardioprotective diet. It should be associated with other (pharmacological?) means aimed at reducing modifiable risk factors. Further trials combining the 2 approaches are warranted. (*Circulation*. 1999;99:779-785.)

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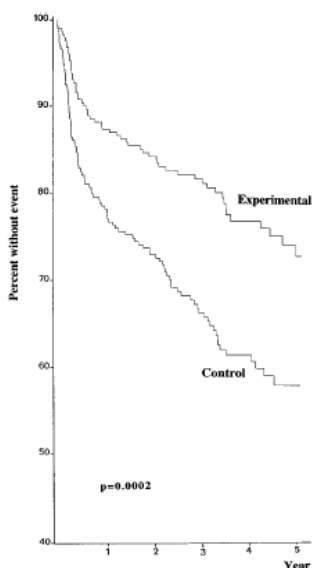


Figure 3. Cumulative survival without nonfatal infarction, without major secondary end points, and without minor secondary end points (CO 3).

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Évènements Étude de Lyon

- **Mortalité CV:**
- 19/204 = **9.3%** 6/219=**2.7%** Diff **absolue 6.6%**
- **Infarctus non fatal:**
- 25/204= **12.2 %** 8/219= **3.6%** Diff absolue **8.6%**
- **Mortalité toutes causes:**
- 24/204= **11.7%** 14/219= **6.4%** Diff absolue **5.3%**
- **DIFFÉRENCES RELATIVES: 71%, 70%, 45%**

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TABLE 3. Daily Nutrient Intake Recorded on the Final Visit in 83 Control and 144 Experimental Nonselected Consecutive Patients

	Control	Experimental	<i>P</i>
Total calories	2088 (490)	1947 (468)	0.033
% calories			
Total lipids	33.6 (7.80)	30.4 (7.00)	0.002
Saturated fats	11.7 (3.90)	8.0 (3.70)	0.0001
Polyunsaturated fats	6.10 (2.90)	4.60 (1.70)	0.0001
18:1(ω -9) (oleic)	10.8 (4.10)	12.9 (3.20)	0.0001
18:2(ω -6) (linoleic)	5.30 (2.80)	3.60 (1.20)	0.0001
18:3(ω -3) (linolenic)	0.29 (0.19)	0.84 (0.46)	0.0001
Alcohol	5.98 (6.90)	5.83 (5.80)	0.80
Proteins, g	16.6 (3.80)	16.2 (3.10)	0.30
Fiber, g	15.5 (6.80)	18.6 (8.10)	0.004
Cholesterol, mg	312 (180)	203 (145)	0.0001

Values are mean (SD).

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Association of Specific Dietary Fats With Total and Cause-Specific Mortality

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IMPORTANCE Previous studies have shown distinct associations between specific dietary fat and cardiovascular disease. However, evidence on specific dietary fat and mortality remains limited and inconsistent.

OBJECTIVE To examine the associations of specific dietary fats with total and cause-specific mortality in 2 large ongoing cohort studies.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS This cohort study investigated 83 349 women from the Nurses' Health Study (July 1, 1980, to June 30, 2012) and 42 884 men from the Health Professionals Follow-up Study (February 1, 1986, to January 31, 2012) who were free of cardiovascular disease, cancer, and types 1 and 2 diabetes at baseline. Dietary fat intake was assessed at baseline and updated every 2 to 4 years. Information on mortality was obtained from systematic searches of the vital records of states and the National Death Index, supplemented by reports from family members or postal authorities. Data were analyzed from September 18, 2014, to March 27, 2016.

MAIN RESULTS AND MEASURES Total and cause-specific mortality.

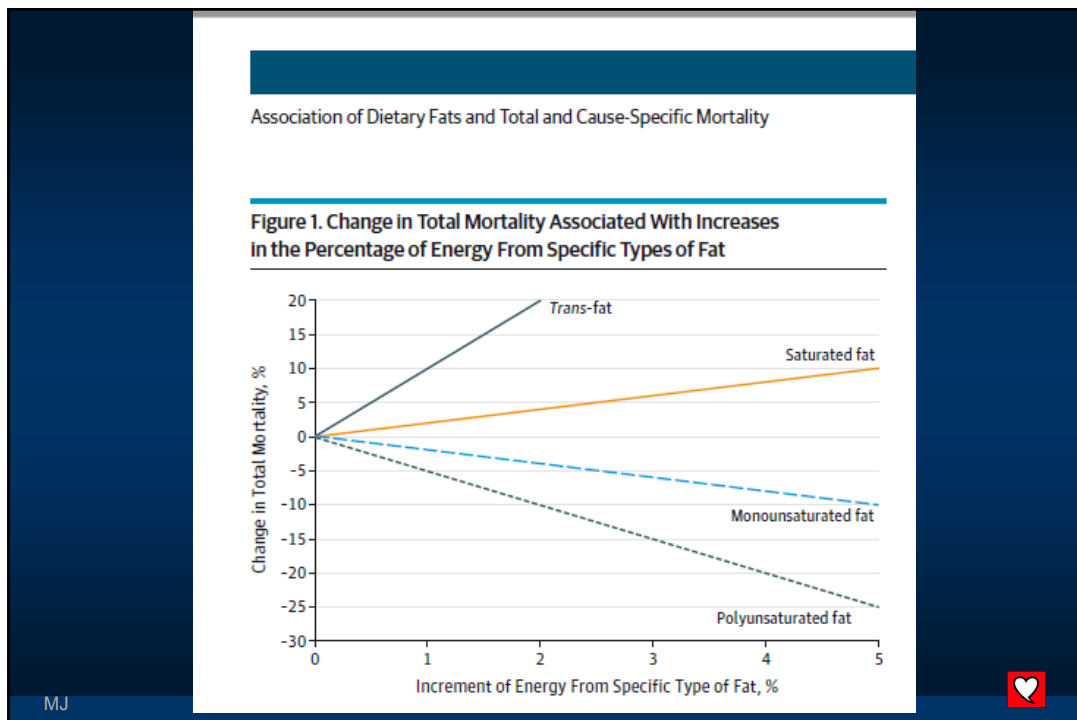
RESULTS During 3 439 954 person-years of follow-up, 33 304 deaths were documented. After adjustment for known and suspected risk factors, dietary total fat compared with total carbohydrates was inversely associated with total mortality (hazard ratio [HR] comparing extreme quintiles, 0.84; 95% CI, 0.81-0.88; $P < .001$ for trend). The HRs of total mortality comparing extreme quintiles of specific dietary fats were 1.08 (95% CI, 1.03-1.14) for saturated fat, 0.81 (95% CI, 0.78-0.84) for polyunsaturated fatty acid (PUFA), 0.89 (95% CI, 0.84-0.94) for monounsaturated fatty acid (MUFA), and 1.13 (95% CI, 1.07-1.18) for trans-fat ($P < .001$ for trend for all). Replacing 5% of energy from saturated fats with equivalent energy from PUFA and MUFA was associated with estimated reductions in total mortality of 27% (HR, 0.73; 95% CI, 0.70-0.77) and 19% (HR, 0.81; 95% CI, 0.82-0.83), respectively. The HR for total mortality comparing extreme quintiles of ω -6 PUFA intake was 0.85 (95% CI, 0.81-0.89; $P < .001$ for trend). Intake of ω -6 PUFA, especially linoleic acid, was inversely associated with mortality owing to most major causes, whereas marine ω -3 PUFA intake was associated with a modestly lower total mortality (HR comparing extreme quintiles, 0.96; 95% CI, 0.93-1.00; $P = .002$ for trend).

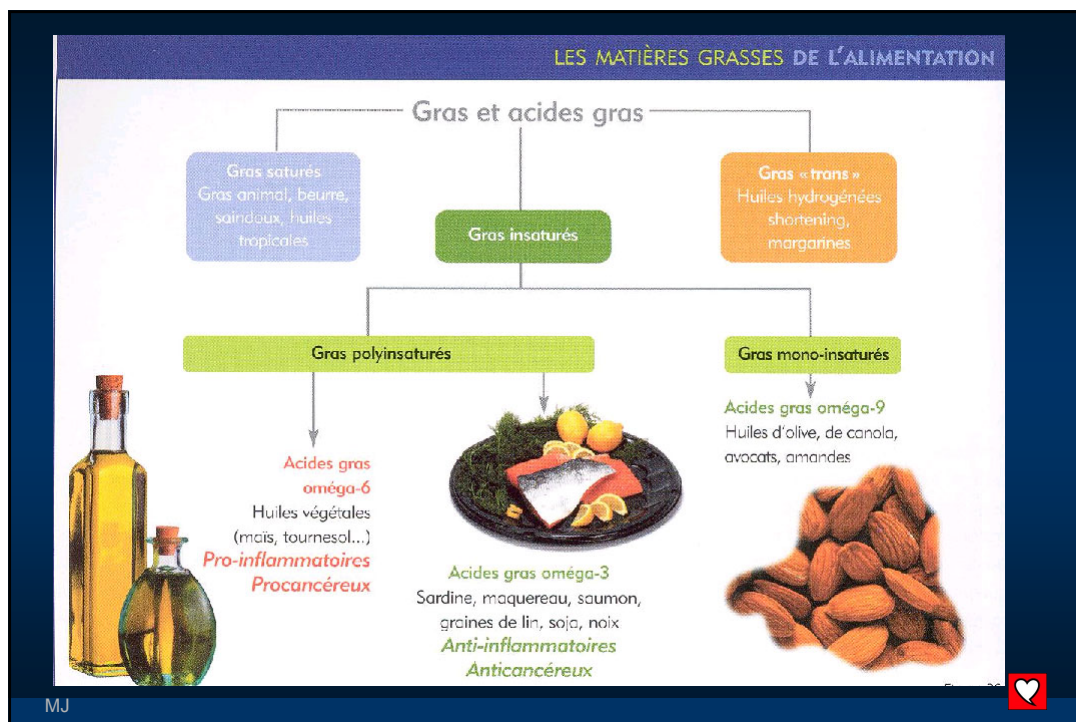
CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE Different types of dietary fats have divergent associations with total and cause-specific mortality. These findings support current dietary recommendations to replace saturated fat and trans-fat with unsaturated fats.

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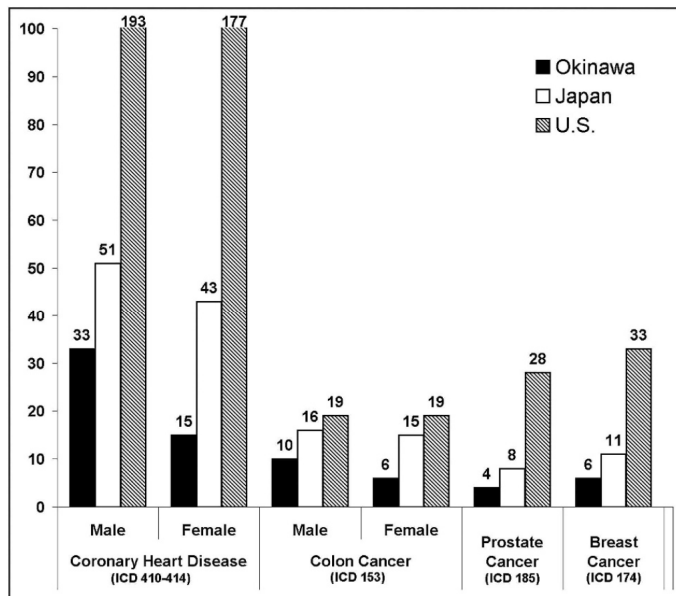
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The Okinawan Diet: Health Implications of a Low-Calorie, Nutrient-Dense, Antioxidant-Rich Dietary Pattern Low in Glycemic Load

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Mortality rates from coronary heart disease and cancers in Okinawans, Japanese, and Americans [1].

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Non-Profit Produces First-Ever Agreement on Overall Principles of Healthy Eating

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agreement. Scientific co-chairs Dr. Walter Willett, Nutrition Chair of the Harvard School of Public Health and Dr. David Katz, Founding Director of the Yale Prevention Research Center, led the group in a two-day debate dissecting scientific studies and comparing diets to arrive at a clear outline of what healthy eating entails, agreeing on standards and sources of evidence, and the need to base judgments on the weight of evidence.

“The foods that define a healthy diet include abundant fruits, vegetables, nuts, whole grains, legumes and minimal amounts of refined starch, sugar and red meat, especially keeping processed red meat intake low. When you put it all together, that’s a lot of common ground.”

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Intensive Lifestyle Changes for Reversal of Coronary Heart Disease

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Context.—The Lifestyle Heart Trial demonstrated that intensive lifestyle changes may lead to regression of coronary atherosclerosis after 1 year.

Objectives.—To determine the feasibility of patients to sustain intensive lifestyle changes for a total of 5 years and the effects of these lifestyle changes (without lipid-lowering drugs) on coronary heart disease.

Design.—Randomized controlled trial conducted from 1986 to 1992 using a randomized nutritional design.

Patients.—Forty-eight patients with moderate to severe coronary heart disease were randomized to an intensive lifestyle change group or to a usual-care control group, and 35 completed the 5-year follow-up quantitative coronary arteriography.

Setting.—Two tertiary care university medical centers.

Intervention.—Intensive lifestyle changes (10% fat whole foods vegetarian diet, aerobic exercise, stress management training, smoking cessation, group psychosocial support) for 5 years.

Main Outcome Measures.—Adherence to intensive lifestyle changes, changes in coronary artery percent diameter stenosis, and cardiac events.

Results.—Experimental group patients (20 [71%] of 28 patients completed 5-year follow-up) made and maintained comprehensive lifestyle changes for 5 years, whereas control group patients (15 [76%] of 20 patients completed 5-year follow-up) made more moderate changes. In the experimental group, the average percent diameter stenosis at baseline decreased 1.75 absolute percentage points after 1 year (a 4.5% relative improvement) and by 3.1 absolute percentage points after 5 years (a 7.5% relative improvement). In contrast, the average percent diameter stenosis in the control group increased by 2.3 percentage points after 1 year (a 5.4% relative worsening) and by 11.9 percentage points after 5 years (a 27.7% relative worsening) ($P < .001$ between groups). Twenty-five cardiac events occurred in 28 experimental group patients vs 45 events in 20 control group patients during the 5-year follow-up (risk ratio for the control group, 2.47 [95% confidence interval, 1.48-4.20]).

Conclusions.—More regression of coronary atherosclerosis occurred after 5 years than after 1 year in the experimental group. In contrast, in the control group, coronary atherosclerosis continued to progress and more than twice as many cardiac events occurred.

THE LIFESTYLE Heart Trial was the first randomized clinical trial to investigate whether ambulatory patients could be motivated to make and sustain comprehensive lifestyle changes and, if so, whether the progression of coronary atherosclerosis could be stopped or reversed without using lipid-lowering drugs as measured by computer-assisted quantitative coronary arteriography. This study derived from earlier studies that used noninvasive measures.¹⁻³

After 1 year, we found that experimental group participants were able to make and maintain intensive lifestyle changes and had a 37.2% reduction in low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol levels and a 91% reduction in the frequency of anginal episodes.⁴ Average percent diameter stenosis regressed from 40.6% at baseline to 37.5% 1 year later, a change that was correlated with the degree of lifestyle change. In contrast, patients in the usual-care control group made more moderate changes in lifestyle, reduced LDL cholesterol levels by 6%, and had a 165% increase in the frequency of reported anginal episodes. Average percent diameter stenosis progressed from 42.7% to 46.1%.

Given these encouraging findings, we extended the study for an additional 4 years to determine (1) the feasibility of patients sustaining intensive changes in diet and lifestyle for a much longer time, and (2) the effects of these changes on risk factors, coronary atherosclerosis, myocardial perfusion, and cardiac events after 4 additional years.

METHODS

The design, recruitment, and study population were previously described.^{5,6} In brief, we recruited men and women

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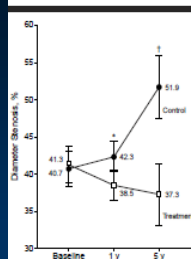


Figure 1.—Mean percentage diameter stenosis in treatment and control groups at baseline, 1 year, and 5 years. Error bars represent SEM; asterisk, $P < .02$ by between-group 2-tailed test; dagger, $P < .001$ by between-group 2-tailed test.

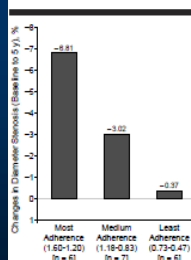


Figure 2.—Changes in percentage diameter stenosis by 5-year adherence tertiles for the experimental group.

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A way to reverse CAD?

Though current medical and surgical treatments manage coronary artery disease, they do little to prevent or stop it. Nutritional intervention, as shown in our study and others, has halted and even reversed CAD.

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FIGURE 1
Restoration of myocardial perfusion²

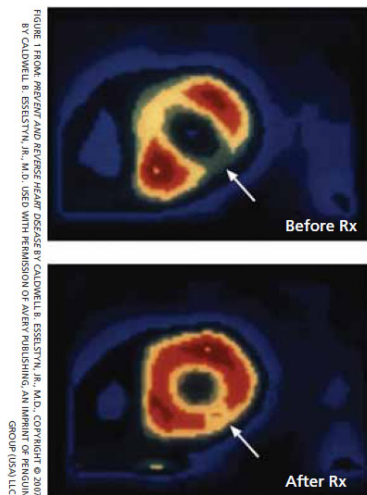
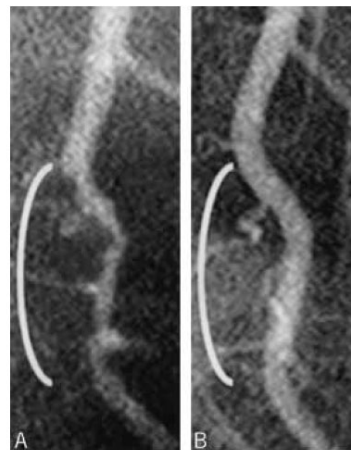


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Positron emission tomography performed on a patient with coronary artery disease shows an area of myocardium with insufficient blood flow (top). Following only 3 weeks of plant-based nutritional intervention, normal blood flow was restored (bottom).

FIGURE 2
Reversal of coronary artery disease⁴



Coronary angiography reveals a diseased distal left anterior descending artery (A). Following 32 months of a plant-based nutritional intervention without cholesterol-lowering medication, the artery regained its normal configuration (B).

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Primary care-led weight management for remission of type 2 diabetes (DiRECT): an open-label, cluster-randomised trial

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- 306 individuals aged 20–65 years (BMI of 27–45 kg/m²) who had been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes within the past 6 years, and were not receiving insulin.
- The intervention group comprised withdrawal of antidiabetic and antihypertensive drugs, total diet replacement (825–853 kcal/day formula diet for 3–5 months), stepped food reintroduction (2–8 weeks), and structured support for long-term weight loss maintenance. Control group was assigned to a best-practice care by guidelines.
- Co-primary outcomes were weight loss of 15 kg or more, and remission of diabetes, defined as glycated haemoglobin (HbA_{1c}) of less than 6.5% (< 48 mmol/mol) after at least 2 months off all antidiabetic medications, from baseline to 12 months.

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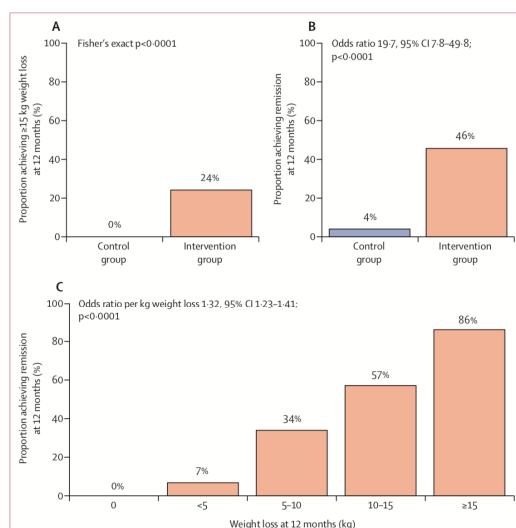


Figure 2: Primary outcomes and remission of diabetes in relation to weight loss at 12 months
(A) First co-primary outcome: achievement of at least 15 kg weight loss at 12 months. (B) Second co-primary outcome: remission of diabetes (glycated haemoglobin <6.5% [48 mmol/mol]), off antidiabetic medication for 2 months. (C) Remission of diabetes, in relation to weight loss achieved at 12 months (both groups combined).

Criteria for diabetes remission

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Table 1 | Published and proposed criteria for diabetes in remission

	Criteria for remission	Confirmation
ADA Consensus Group ⁹	Partial remission (no longer having diabetes): Both HbA _{1c} < 6.5% (<48 mmol/mol) and fasting blood glucose 5.6-6.9 mmol/L without antidiabetes drugs (time not specified)	Maintained for 1 year
	Complete remission (no longer having prediabetes): Both HbA _{1c} < 6% (<42 mmol/mol) and fasting blood glucose <5.6 mmol/L without antidiabetes drugs (time not specified)	Maintained for 1 year
Buchwald et al ⁹ (systematic review after bariatric surgery)	HbA _{1c} < 6% (42 mmol/mol) or fasting blood glucose <5.6 mmol/L without antidiabetic drugs (time not specified)	None
Authors' proposal for coding in routine practice	Previous diagnosis of type 2 diabetes by WHO criteria. HbA _{1c} <6.5% (<48 mmol/mol) or fasting blood glucose <7 mmol/L and 2 hour glucose <11 mmol/L after at least 2 months without antidiabetes medication	Two non-diabetic test results, at least 2 months apart then reviewed annually

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Type 2 diabetes: 5000 patients to test feasibility of "remission service"

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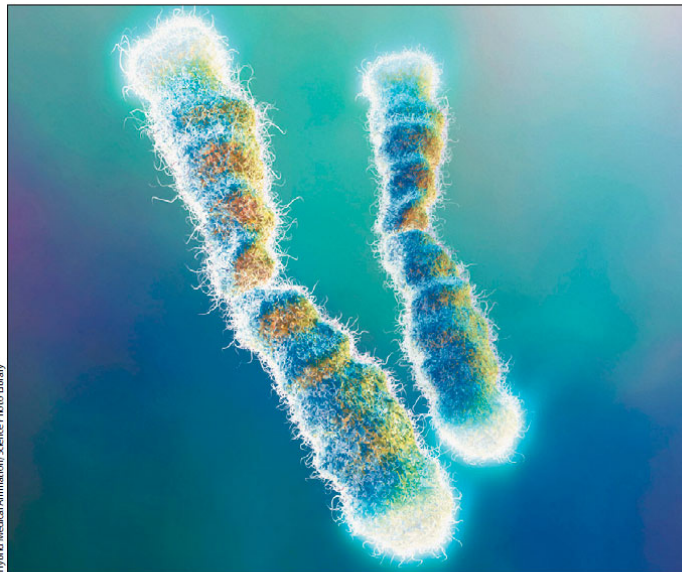
The NHS is to pilot a low calorie diet programme that can put type 2 diabetes into remission as the first treatment option for patients with a new diagnosis of the disease.

The approach will involve GPs prescribing a liquid diet of just over 800 kilocalories a day for three months, then a period of follow-up support. NHS England's chief executive, Simon Stevens, announced on 30 November. It will first be offered to 5000 patients before being rolled out nationally.

The announcement followed a series of recent studies that have overturned the widely held view that type 2 diabetes is incurable and must be managed with medication. Most recently, the DIRECT trial, funded by Diabetes UK, showed that low calorie diets can put the disease into remission and that this can be achieved as part of routine care in general practice.¹

Data published in *Cell Metabolism* in August showed that cells in the pancreas that produce insulin can be "rebooted" once remission has been achieved.² "This is an important observation which had not been noted previously, as it was assumed that β cell function, once lost, probably could not be recovered," said Shareen Forbes.

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Telomeres help prevent the loss of genetic information

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Effect of comprehensive lifestyle changes on telomerase activity and telomere length in men with biopsy-proven low-risk prostate cancer: 5-year follow-up of a descriptive pilot study

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Background Telomere shortness in human beings is a prognostic marker of ageing, disease, and premature morbidity. We previously found an association between 3 months of comprehensive lifestyle changes and increased telomerase activity in human immune-system cells. We followed up participants to investigate long-term effects.

Methods This follow-up study compared ten men and 25 external controls who had biopsy-proven low-risk prostate cancer and had chosen to undergo active surveillance. Eligible participants were enrolled between 2003 and 2007 from previous studies and selected according to the same criteria. Men in the intervention group followed a programme of comprehensive lifestyle changes (diet, activity, stress management, and social support), and the men in the control group underwent active surveillance alone. We took blood samples at 5 years and compared relative telomere length and telomerase enzymatic activity per viable cell with those at baseline, and assessed their relation to the degree of lifestyle changes.

Findings Relative telomere length increased from baseline by a median of 0.06 telomere to single-copy gene ratio (T/S) units (IQR: 0.05 to 0.11) in the lifestyle intervention group, but decreased in the control group (-0.02 T/S units

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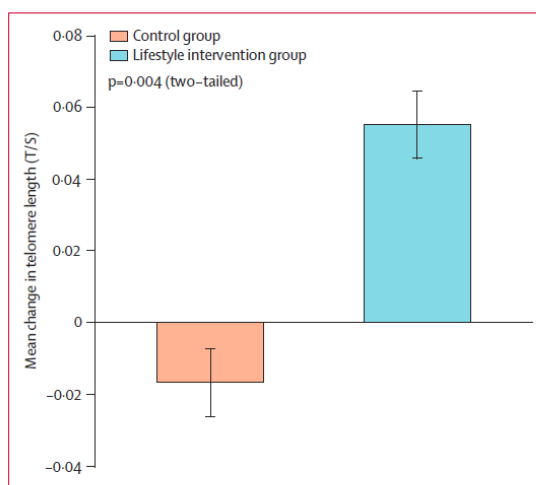


Figure 1: Mean change in relative telomere length over 5 years with lifestyle intervention compared with control
Vertical lines represent 1 SEM. T/S=telomere to single-copy gene ratio units.

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Meat consumption and mortality - results from the European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition

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Abstract

Background: Recently, some US cohorts have shown a moderate association between red and processed meat consumption and mortality supporting the results of previous studies among vegetarians. The aim of this study was to examine the association of red meat, processed meat, and poultry consumption with the risk of early death in the European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition (EPIC).

Methods: Included in the analysis were 448,568 men and women without prevalent cancer, stroke, or myocardial infarction, and with complete information on diet, smoking, physical activity and body mass index, who were between 35 and 69 years old at baseline. Cox proportional hazards regression was used to examine the association of meat consumption with all-cause and cause-specific mortality.

Results: As of June 2009, 26,344 deaths were observed. After multivariate adjustment, a high consumption of red meat was related to higher all-cause mortality (hazard ratio (HR) = 1.14, 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.01 to 1.28, 160+ versus 10 to 19.9 g/day), and the association was stronger for processed meat (HR = 1.44, 95% CI 1.24 to 1.66, 160+ versus 10 to 19.9 g/day). After correction for measurement error, higher all-cause mortality remained significant only for processed meat (HR = 1.18, 95% CI 1.11 to 1.25, per 50 g/d). We estimated that 3.3% (95% CI 1.5% to 5.0%) of deaths could be prevented if all participants had a processed meat consumption of less than 50 g/d.

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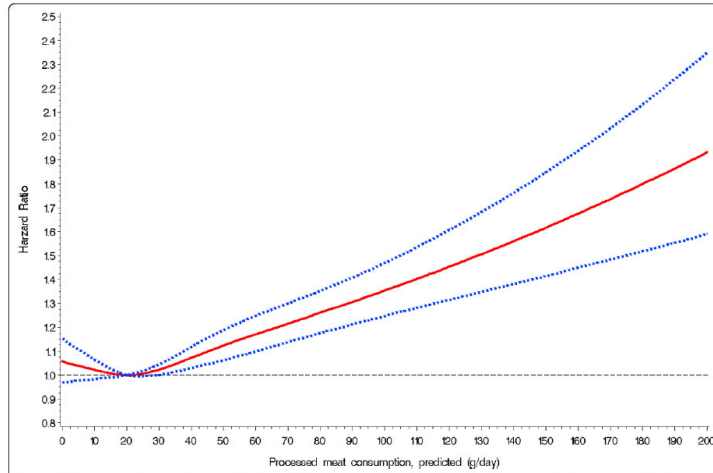


Figure 1 Nonparametric regression curve for the relation of processed meat intake at recruitment with all-cause mortality, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition (EPIC), 1992-2009. Solid line, effect estimate; dotted lines, 95 percent confidence interval.

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Intestinal microbiota metabolism of L-carnitine, a nutrient in red meat, promotes atherosclerosis

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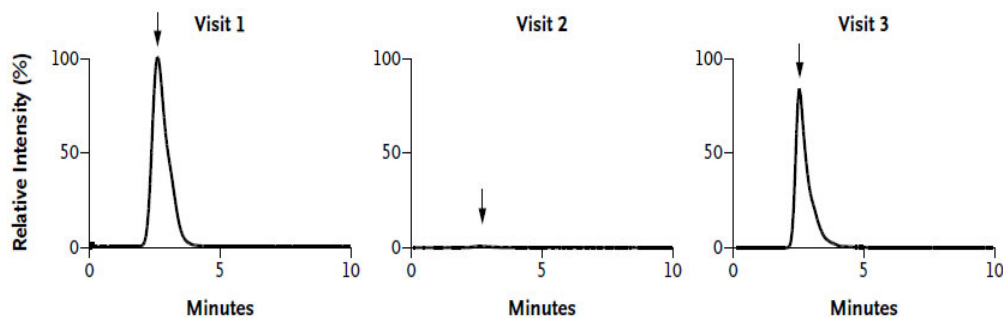
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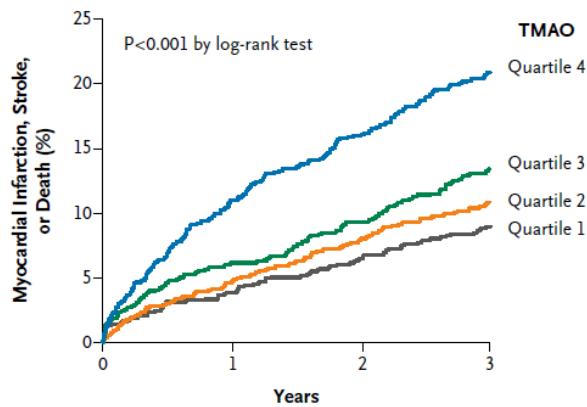
Table 2. Risk of a Major Adverse Cardiovascular Event at 3 Years, According to Quartile of TMAO Level.*

Risk of Event	TMAO Level						
	Quartile 1 reference	Quartile 2		Quartile 3		Quartile 4	
		hazard ratio (95% CI)	P value	hazard ratio (95% CI)	P value	hazard ratio (95% CI)	P value
Unadjusted hazard ratio	1.00	1.24 (0.93–1.66)	0.15	1.53 (1.16–2.02)	0.003	2.54 (1.96–3.28)	<0.001
Adjusted hazard ratio							
Model 1†	1.00	1.14 (0.86–1.53)	0.37	1.29 (0.98–1.71)	0.07	1.88 (1.44–2.44)	<0.001
Model 2‡	1.00	1.08 (0.79–1.48)	0.61	1.15 (0.85–1.56)	0.36	1.49 (1.10–2.03)	0.01
Model 3§	1.00	1.06 (0.77–1.45)	0.72	1.11 (0.82–1.51)	0.50	1.43 (1.05–1.94)	0.02

* A major adverse cardiovascular event was defined as death, myocardial infarction, or stroke. The quartiles of TMAO levels are as follows: quartile 1, less than 2.43 μM ; quartile 2 2.43 to 3.66 μM ; quartile 3, 3.67 to 6.18 μM ; and quartile 4, more than 6.18 μM . Hazard ratios and P values are for the comparison with quartile 1.

† In model 1, hazard ratios were adjusted for traditional risk factors (age, sex, smoking status, systolic blood pressure, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol level, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol level, and status with respect to diabetes mellitus), plus log-transformed high-sensitivity C-reactive protein level.

‡ In model 2, hazard ratios were adjusted for all factors in model 1, plus myeloperoxidase level, log-transformed estimated glomerular filtration rate, total white-cell count, body-mass index, and status with respect to receipt of certain medications



No. at Risk				
Quartile 1	1001	933	869	827
Quartile 2	998	940	884	843
Quartile 3	1003	938	888	835
Quartile 4	1005	913	849	791

Figure 2. Kaplan–Meier Estimates of Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events, According to the Quartile of TMAO Level.

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Food, livestock production, energy, climate change, and health

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Food provides energy and nutrients, but its acquisition requires energy expenditure. In post-hunter-gatherer societies, extra-somatic energy has greatly expanded and intensified the catching, gathering, and production of food. Modern relations between energy, food, and health are very complex, raising serious, high-level policy challenges. Together with persistent widespread under-nutrition, over-nutrition (and sedentarism) is causing obesity and associated serious health consequences. Worldwide, agricultural activity, especially livestock production, accounts for about a fifth of total greenhouse-gas emissions, thus contributing to climate change and its adverse health consequences, including the threat to food yields in many regions. Particular policy attention should be paid to the health risks posed by the rapid worldwide growth in meat consumption, both by exacerbating climate change and by directly contributing to certain diseases. To prevent increased greenhouse-gas emissions from this production sector, both the average worldwide consumption level of animal products and the intensity of emissions from livestock production must be reduced. An international contraction and convergence strategy offers a feasible route to such a goal. The current global average meat consumption is 100 g per person per day, with about a ten-fold variation between high-consuming and low-consuming populations. 90 g per day is proposed as a working global target, shared more evenly, with not more than 50 g per day coming from red meat from ruminants (ie, cattle, sheep, goats, and other digastric grazers).

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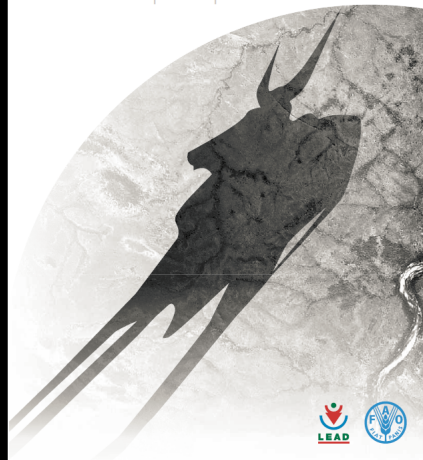
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We need to talk about meat

Humans and the livestock they consume is a tale that impacts lives in a deep and meaningful sense. Human history is interwoven with production of meat for consumption, and its availability and nutritional value as a source of protein has played a major part in diet as far back as we can imagine, shaping regional identities and global movements. The emotionally charged debate over the ethical suitability of meat consumption may never reach a conclusion, but it is only comparatively recently that the climate impact of livestock rearing and the nutritional and health issues caused by meat have become a pressing concern.

Achieving a healthy diet from a sustainable source is a struggle new enough to countries with an abundance of food that it has proven difficult to enact meaningful change. Government efforts to curb consumption and thus curb weight gain in high-income countries are yet to display a meaningful effect, and most of these efforts are focused on sugar or fat. Similarly, the global ecological sustainability of farming habits has not been a major topic of conversation until the last few decades. It's only now that we're beginning to have a conversation about the role of meat in both of these debates, and the evidence suggests a reckoning with our habits is long overdue.

Meat production doesn't just affect the ecosystem by production of gases, and studies now question the system of production's direct effect on global freshwater use, change in land use, and ocean acidification. A recent paper in *Science* claims that even the lowest-impact meat causes "much more" environmental impact than the least sustainable forms of plant and vegetable production. Population pressures, with global population predicted to increase by a third between 2010 and 2050, will push us past these breaking points.

Another important addition to the conversation around meat is the *PLoS One* paper discussing health-related taxes for red meat. The paper offers up some compelling claims as justification, including the suggestion that the health-related costs directly attributable to the consumption of red and processed meat will be US\$1285 billion in 2020, or 0.3% of worldwide gross GDP. 4.4% of all deaths worldwide would be caused by red or processed meat. Of course,

this causal mathematical model should be taken with a pinch of salt, but it does follow on from the 2015 WHO classification of some meats as proven carcinogens, based on the International Agency For Research On Cancer assessment of a "strong" link between red meat and the mechanistic evidence for carcinogenicity.

The question of what can be done is more challenging than the question of what should be done. Countries, and their citizens, should look to limit their consumption of intensively farmed meats, both for health and environmental reasons. The issue of how this change comes about is part of a wider conversation that we all need to start having about meat. Will a simple tax on red and processed meat change habits to the extent required? A simple measure enacted alone runs the risk of unfairly targeting those whose budgets only stretched to the cheaper processed meats. Stating that those who can suddenly not afford meat should just switch to a vegetarian diet anyway is not a balanced addition to the debate over meat's role in society. However, targeted taxation has shown positive results in areas of strong health concern such as tobacco, although these successes are similarly accompanied by discussions of the regressive nature of such a tax.

The likelihood is that action will need to take a wider systems approach, with a very public conversation about meat informing a host of measures from deciding the appropriate application of government farming subsidies and finding a way to ameliorate the true costs to humans and the planet of certain processing methods, all the way through to slowly changing consumer habits over time, possibly through use of targeted taxation but certainly through an engaging, balanced conversation. No one system fits every country. Meat might be common to almost every society but its role in each is different and deeply culturally engrained.

So what is a healthy amount of red or processed meat? It's looking increasingly like the answer, for both the planet and the individual, is very little. Saying this is one thing. Getting the world to a place where we have the ability to balance the desire to eat whatever we want with our need to preserve the ecosystem we rely on to sustain ourselves is quite another. The conversation has to start soon. ■ *The Lancet*



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