**Obesity, Insulin Resistance, Diabetes and Disease Management** 

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# We are fat...

- 66% of adults aged 20 years or older are overweight or obese
  - 32% are obese
  - 4.8% are extremely obese
- 34% of children and adolescents are at risk of overweight or overweight
   17.1% are overweight
  - 17.1% are overweight

# ...and getting fatter

- Prevalence of overweight among children, adolescents and men has increased significantly since 1999
- Obesity in women has not increased, but remains high at ~33%



Ogden et al, JAMA, April 5, 2006 (295)13, 1549











































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≥25%



# Obesity is associated with a variety of serious (and expensive) medical conditions

- High blood pressure
- Atherogenic dyslipidemia
  - low HDL, hi TG, increased small dense LDL particles, slow clearance of TG from the blood
- Vascular disease
  - Coronary artery disease, carotid artery disease, peripheral vascular disease
- Glucose intolerance and type 2 diabetes
- Clotting problems

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- Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease
- Sleep apnea
- Pro-inflammatory state
- Certain forms of cancer
- Polycystic ovary syndrome
- Gout

**Obesity-related medical conditions have a common denominator:** 

Insulin resistance and compensatory hyperinsulinemia

# Key point:

Not all obese people are insulin resistant or at risk for these disorders and not everyone with these disorders is overweight

# Some type 2 diabetics are normal weight

"Once you're a diabetic, you're pretty much a diabetic," says Berry. "I have adult onset diabetes. I was diagnosed when I passed out one day. I've gotten my diabetes to a really manageable place. So I don't have really any complications due to it, but I still have to deal with it and check my blood many times a day."

USA Today 10/21/02



# And some obese people are insulin sensitive

"....substantial numbers of overweight/obese individuals remain insulin-sensitive, and not all insulinresistant persons are obese." *Gerald Reaven, MD* 

Diab Vasc Dis Res 2005 Oct;2(3):105-12

# **Insulin resistance and obesity**

- ~ 75% of individuals in the most insulin-resistant tertile are overweight/obese
  - That means 25% of insulin resistant individuals are not overweight/obese
- 30% of those in the most insulin-sensitive tertile are overweight/obese but are at low risk for IRS
- Metabolic benefit and decrease in risk of CVD following weight loss occurs primarily in those overweight/obese individuals that are also insulin resistant

# Metabolic Syndrome is the term used for clusters of CVD risk factors

- Atherogenic dyslipidemia
- Elevated blood pressure
- Elevated glucose
- Central obesity
- Increased prothrombotic factors
- Increased proinflammatory factors

#### **Criteria for diagnosis of Metabolic Syndrome**

	NCEP ATP III*	WHO***	ACE/AACE
Overweight/ obesity	Waist circumference: >40" (men) >35" (women)	Waist:Hip >0.9 (men) 0.85 (women) or BMI >30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	BMI ≥25
Trigl	$\geq$ 150 mg/dl	same	same
HDL	< 40 mg/dl (men < 50 mg/dl (women)	<35 mg/dl (men) <39 mg/dl (women)	Same as ATP III
BP	≥130/≥85 mmHg	<u>≥ 140/90</u>	<u>≥ 130/85</u>
IFG	≥100 mg/dl**	>110 or IGT or glu uptake < lowest quartile	$\geq$ 110 and 126 mg/dl or 2 hr p glucose challenge $\geq$ 140 mg/dl;
Microalb	N/A	$\geq$ 20 microg/min or alb:creat $\geq$ 30mg/g	
*3 out of 5 needed to make dx **Original criteria defined IFG as $\geq$ 110 mg/dl ***Must have IGT, IFG, IR, or DM plus 2 of the			

other 4

#### **International Diabetes Federation**

- Must have: central obesity (waist circumference ≥ 94 cm for Europid men and ≥ 80 cm for Eurpoid women, with ethnicity specific values for other groups
- Plus two of the following four:
  - − Raised TG level: ≥150 mg/dL (or on treatment)
  - Reduced HDL cholesterol: <40 mg/dL in males and</li>
    <50 in females (or on treatment)</li>
  - − Raised blood pressure: systolic ≥ 130 or diastolic
    > 85 U or on treatment
  - Raised fasting plasma glucose: ≥ 100 mg/dl or previously diagnosed type 2 diabetes

# Insulin Resistance Syndrome vs Metabolic Syndrome

- Insulin resistance syndrome (the endocrinologists' view of the world)
  - Unifying pathophysiology: insulin resistance & compensatory hyperinsulinemia
  - Loosens the link with obesity
- Metabolic syndrome (the cardiologists' view of the world)
  - Term widely used
  - Links clusters of conditions with risk of CVD
  - Obesity is often an defining element of the syndrome

Insulin resistance and compensatory hyperinsulinemia

- Individuals vary in their sensitivity to insulin
- Insulin resistance leads to increases in insulin secretion in order to maintain normal blood glucose

# Insulin resistance and compensatory hyperinsulinemia

- Compensatory hyperinsulinemia is responsible for most, if not all, of the abnormalities and clinical syndromes that constitute IRS/MetS\*
  - Syndrome X, insulin resistance syndrome, metabolic syndrome
- When the pancreas cannot keep up with demand, insulin insufficiency occurs (glucose intolerance, type 2 diabetes)

# Continuum of metabolic derangements related to insulin resistance

- Diabetes is a late manifestation

Normal metabolism, normal weight, genetic predisposition Weight gain, increased insulin resistance and compensatory hyperinsulinemia

**Type 2 Diabetes\*** 

\*70-80% meet criteria for metabolic syndrome, all have insulin resistance

We need to stop thinking about type 2 diabetes in a binary mode

- Increased cardiovascular and stroke risk begin *before* the onset of clinical diabetes
- Progression to diabetes can be slowed or, perhaps, prevented
- Insulin resistance should be recognized and addressed before irreversible damage occurs

# **Increases in the risk of CAD & stroke precede the onset of diabetes**



Multivariate RRs and 95% CIs of MI or stroke according to time before clinical diagnosis of diabetes.

Hu FB et al, Diabetes Care, 2002

# Risk is almost as high in the prediabetic state as after the development of diabetes



according to diabetes status

Hu FB et al, Diabetes Care, 2002

# **Risk of diabetes is increased even if baseline glucose tolerance is normal**



Figure 2— Five-year conversion rates for developing diabetes by the number of RFs present at baseline. *A*: Overall. *B*: Baseline glucose tolerance status. D'Agostino et al, Diabetes Care, Sept. 2004

# **Applying DM Approaches to Obesity and/or Insulin Resistance Syndrome**

- Identification from claims data:
  - Diabetes (250.XX) or abnormal glucose (790.2X)
  - Overweight/obesity (278.00)
  - Dysmetabolic syndrome X (277.7)
  - Hypertension (multiple ICD9 codes) + dyslipidemia (272.XX
    want to capture high TG, low HDL, small dense LDL)
  - Nonalcoholic fatty liver (571.8)
  - Acanthosis nigricans (701.2)
- Other:
  - History of gestational diabetes (648.8) –increases lifelong risk diabetes of mother and child
  - **PCOS (256.4)**

# **Identification (continued)**

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- Self-reported overweight/obesity (BMI  $\geq$  25)
  - Particularly, if high risk ethnic/racial group (Native American, Asian American, African American, Latino, Pacific Islander)
- Self-reported history of giving birth to babies > 9 lbs
- Self-reported history of glucose intolerance or frank diabetes

# Suggested stratification of obese patients for DM

#### High risk

- Overweight/obesity + CVD
- Overweight/obesity + glucose intolerance or frank diabetes
- Overweight/obesity + other evidence of insulin resistance
  - Metabolic syndrome
  - (TG:HDL ratio ≥ 3.0 highly likely to be both insulin resistant and at high risk of increased CVD risk)
  - Nonalcoholic fatty liver
  - Presence of acanthosis nigricans
- Evidence of normal weight, but evidence of insulin resistance

# **Stratification (continued)**

- Moderate risk
  - History of gestational diabetes (mother and child)
  - History of giving birth to babies > 9 lbs
  - Strong family history of type 2 diabetes
  - High risk ethnic group (Native American, Asian American, African American, Latino, Pacific Islander)
  - PCOS

# **Stratification (continued)**

- Low risk
  - Overweight/obese without evidence of insulin resistance, CVD or glucose intolerance

# Interventions

- Weight loss
- Increase physical activity
- Ensure compliance with appropriate medications
- Surgery

# Weight loss

- For many, this requires intensive support
  - One call a week or one call a month is usually not enough
  - Daily food diaries and daily weights are key tools
    - But keep it simple
  - Peer groups provide support and accountability
    - Online: PEERtrainer (<u>www.peertrainer.com</u>)
    - In person: Weight Watchers
  - Family support helpful, but it must not degrade into nagging
  - Some will benefit from nutritionist counseling

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#### success stories

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I have ultimately lost 88 pounds, but I have lost almost 30 since joining PEERtrainer in May, and I think my biggest successes have been the good habits I have formed as a DIRECT RESULT of belonging to this community and being accountable to myself as well as others by maintaining my logs ... More ...



libbysnax PeerTrainer has really worked for me. I've kept food logs before, with minimal success. But, being part of a community of people who share your same goals is a wonderful, positive motivator. I belong to five groups right now, and each one is unique... More...



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# **Physical activity**

- Exercise has an independent effect on insulin sensitivity
  - Aerobic
  - Strength training
  - Best results if exercise daily
    - 1 hour of moderate intensity (brisk walking)
    - Or 30 minutes of high intensity (jogging)
  - Personal trainers helpful, at least initially
  - Peer support (run with friends, log exercise on PEERtrainer) provides accountability

# **Medications/Surgery**

- Metformin and acarbose have been documented to prevent progression of prediabetes to diabetes
  - Less effective that intensive lifestyle changes
- Specific insulin sensitizers may be indicated in some (glitazones)
- DM can play an important role in medicaiton compliance
- Gastric bypass is an effective, but expensive alternative
  - Ghrelin levels do not increase after surgery-induced weight loss
  - This may be why surgery is more effective than dieting for some individuals

# **Other interventions**

- Modeling demonstrates that treatment of component risk factors (e.g., HTN, dyslipidemia) can markedly reduce the expected rate of CAD
- DM programs should monitor and support participants and their physicians in reaching aggressive targets for BP and lipids

# CHD risk in IRS/MetS can be reduced significantly

- Control of 3 risk factors (BP, HDL, LDL) to "normal" levels could prevent 51% of CHD events in men and 43% in women
- Control to "optimal" levels would prevent ~80% of CHD events

Wong ND et al, Am J Cardiology, 2003 91:1421

Treatment of component risk factors is straightforward and cheap compared with treatment of CVD, MI, and stroke

# **Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes**

- Prevention of Type 2 diabetes (or delayed progression) is possible with intensive lifestyle modifications (weight loss and increased physical activity).
- Some pharmacological interventions may also reduce diabetes
  - Acarbose
  - Metformin

Prevention of endovascular catastrophes and type 2 diabetes will save money, the question is when....

- MI and stroke risk is increased 15 years or more before the onset of diabetes
- Conversion from IGT to diabetes occurs at a rate of ~5 %-10%/year
- Increased number of risk factors=increased risk

Therefore, an appropriately designed and managed obesity/IRS/MetS DM program should yield a positive ROI

- Long term insurers
- Medical groups at risk
- Long-term employers
- Public-sector purchasers
- Patients and families

# The clinical benefits are priceless

- Fewer heart attacks
- Fewer MI deaths
- Fewer strokes
- Fewer stroke deaths
- ? Fewer amputations
- Less progression to type 2 diabetes and its complications
- Less disability, improved function
- Less absenteeism; ? Improved presenteeism
- Improved quality of life for the patient and his/her family

# **Take Home Messages**

- Insulin resistance and compensatory hyperinsulinemia, not obesity per se, leads to increased CVD risk and a whole spectrum of metabolic disorders
- Metabolic and CVD benefits resulting from weight loss occur in obese individuals who are also insulin resistant
- Physical activity has independent benefits on insulin sensitivity
- Aggressive treatment of component risk factors (high BP, abnormal lipids) must be a part of an obesity disease management program

# Questions?

**Appendix: Definitions of Overweight and Obesity** 

Adults:

- Overweight: BMI 25.0 to 29.9
- Obesity: BMI  $\geq 30$
- Extreme obesity: BMI ≥40

#### **Children and adolescents:**

- At risk for overweight: ≥ 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of age and sex specific BMI
- Overweight:  $\geq 95^{\text{th}}$  percentile