

OBESITY MANAGEMENT

Clinical evaluation

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**VALL D'HEBRON OBESITY
UNIT**



OBESITY MANAGEMENT IN PRIMARY CARE

- O**besity
- B**uild motivation to improve self-esteem, self-confidence and quality of life
- E**ducate patients and evaluate motivation and health risks
- S**tigma has no place in treatment
- I**nvestigate via history taking, clinical and lab examination
- T**reat co-morbidities
- Y**ield compliance and adherence over the long term

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OVERVIEW

OBESITY MANAGEMENT IN GENERAL PRACTICE

Patient comes to treat his/her body weight issue.

Avoid any **stigmatisation**.

Patient comes to consultation for another issue.

Avoid any **stigmatisation**.

Ask the patient for permission to 'speak about his weight.'

Begin consultation with empathy and respect, develop a nonjudgmental relationship, and create a partnership with the patient, using **motivational interviewing**.

Evaluate patient expectations and motivation to change.

Use **history-taking** to determine the obesity aetiologies, including lifestyle (eating behaviour, physical activity and inactivity, psychological elements), weight loss history, motivation to change and barriers to weight loss.

Clinical examination: measure height, weight and calculate BMI (kg/m^2), determine degree of obesity, measure waist circumference.

Assess using both general and laboratory examination to determine **comorbidities**.

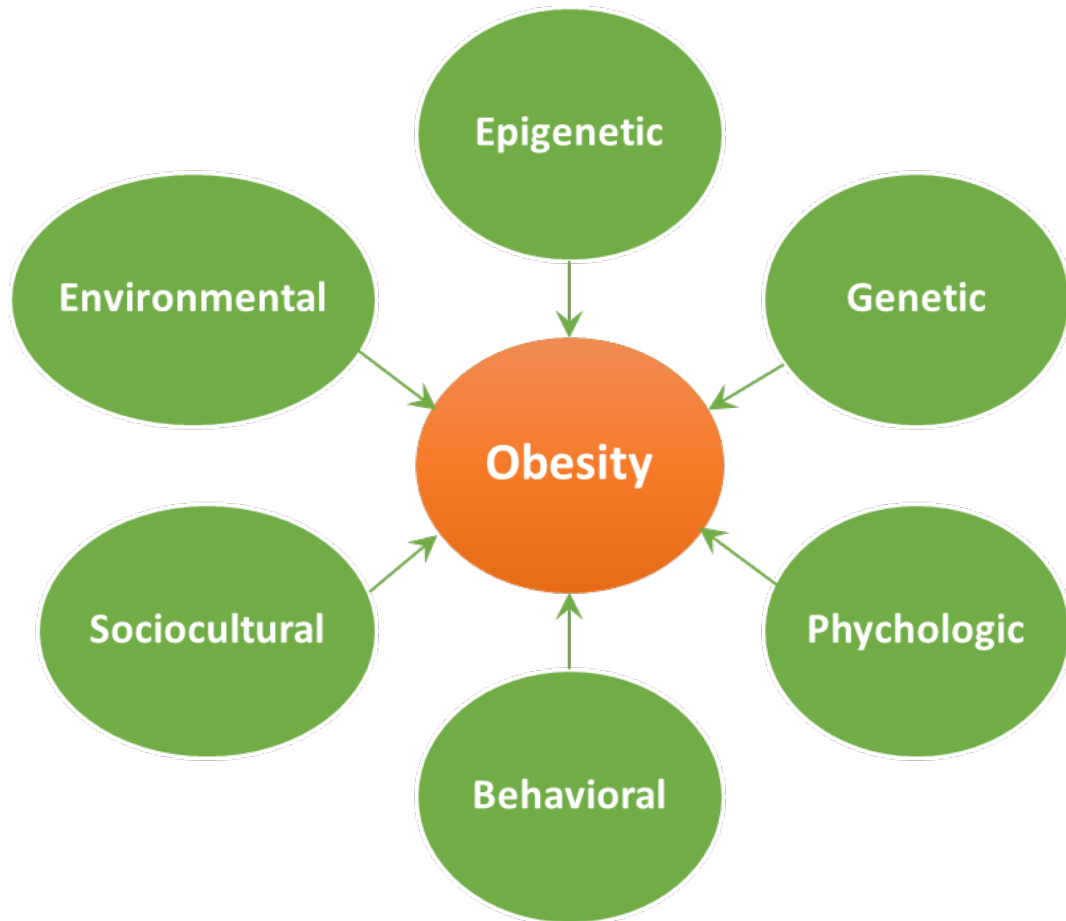
Assess at regular intervals changes in waist circumference, the improvement in comorbidities, lifestyle modifications and improvements in quality of life.

ARE YOU/WE READY FOR A REAL CHANGE?



- **WHICH CRITERIA DO YOU USE IN THE CLINICAL PRACTICE TO DIAGNOSE OBESITY?**
- **WHICH CRITERIA DO YOU USE IN THE CLINICAL PRACTICE TO MAKE DECISIONS ON OBESITY:**

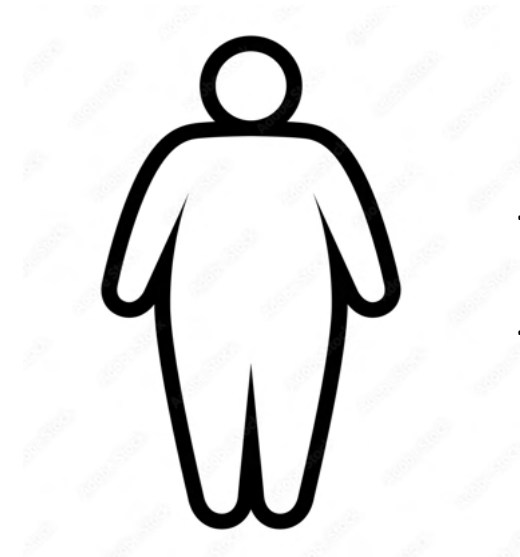
(PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT, BARIATRIC SURGERY, ETC.)



Bray GA, et al. *Lancet*. 2016;387:1947-1956.



- Drink less
- Urinate more



- Eat less
- Exercise more

CLINICAL EVALUATION OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH OBESITY



LET'S UNDERSTAND

The history of Body mass index



Adolphe Quetelet, Belgium
1796-1876

- Invented by a mathematician in the XIX century: on white, Caucasian population from France and Scotland.
- Not designed to assess individual health status, but rather to describe populations and find the characteristics of *“l’homme moyen”*.

The intentions of Quetelet were pure racist



SERIOUS LIMITATIONS



BMI:
Main criteria for obesity and decision making in clinical practice

BMI:
Main criteria for indicating the treatment, including bariatric surgery

BMI chart with obesity classifications adopted from the WHO 1998 report.

WHO CLASSIFICATION OF WEIGHT STATUS	
WEIGHT STATUS	BODY MASS INDEX (BMI), kg/m ²
Underweight	<18.5
Normal range	18.5 – 24.9
Overweight	25.0 – 29.9
Obese	≥ 30
Obese class I	30.0 – 34.9
Obese class II	35.0 – 39.9
Obese class III	≥ 40

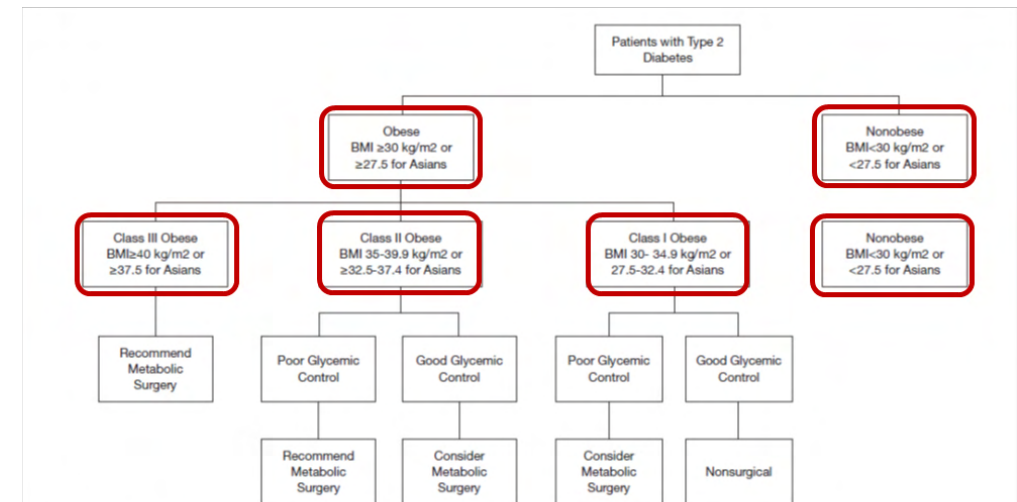
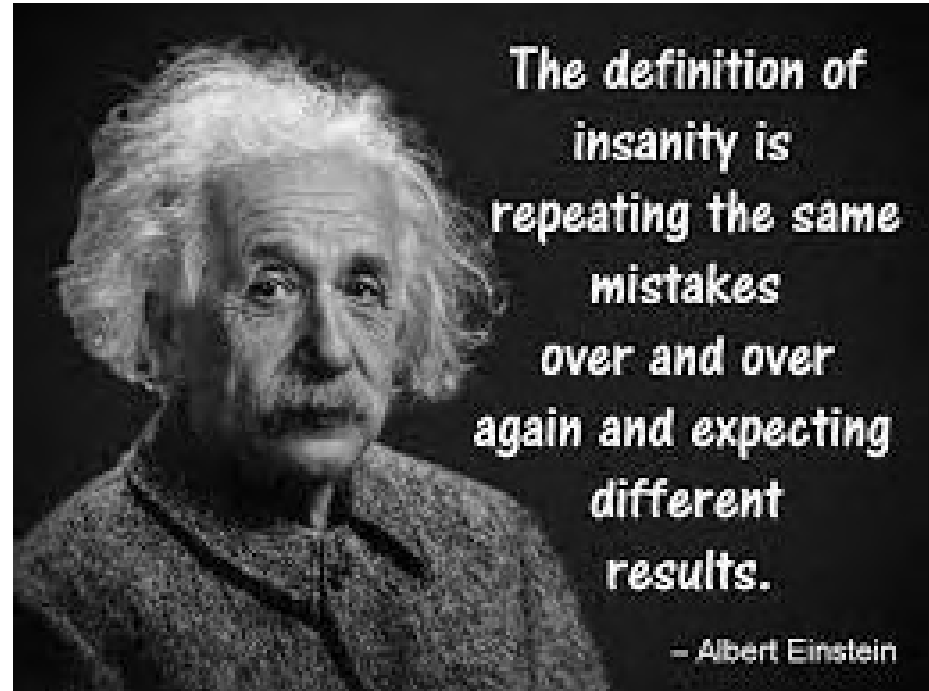


Figure 1 Algorithm for the treatment of T2DM. T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus.

BMI



2017 AACE (American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists): new definition of obesity



Obesity: Adiposity-based chronic disease

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Guidelines

The ABCD of Obesity: An EASO Position Statement on a Diagnostic Term with Clinical and Scientific Implications

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Adiposity: excess of body fat

Based: cause

Chronic: >3 months

Disease

Adiposity

Total amount of fat

Body composition %

Distribution

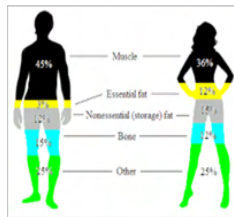
- Subcutaneous
- Ectopic

Function

Expandability (capacity to store TG)

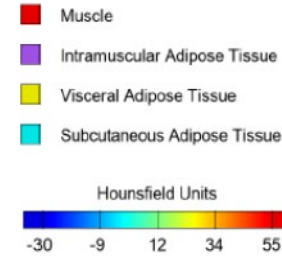
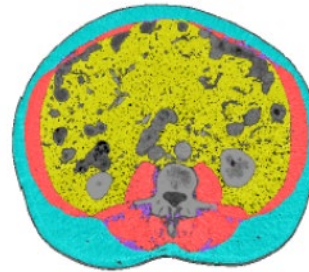
New definitions based on % body-fat

23-25% males

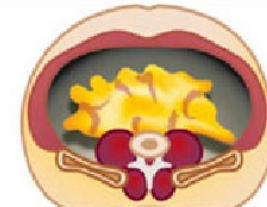


30-35% females

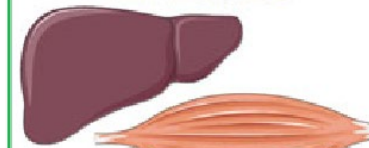
Snitker et al, 2010



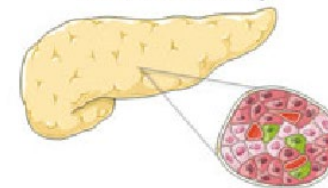
Increased SAT expandability



Subcutaneous obesity
Low visceral fat



Low ectopic fat
Insulin sensitivity



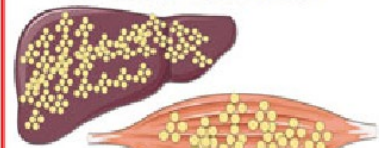
Normal beta cell function

Normal metabolic phenotype
'Metabolically Healthy Obesity'

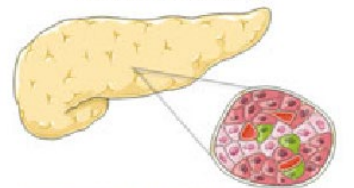
Decreased SAT expandability



Visceral obesity
Immune cell infiltration



Lipid spill-over → ectopic fat
Insulin resistance



Increased insulin demand →
beta cell compensation and
eventually failure

Adverse metabolic phenotype
'Metabolically Unhealthy Obesity'

REGARDLESS BMI

Obesity is not defined by one's weight or size, but by whether a person's body fat impairs their health.

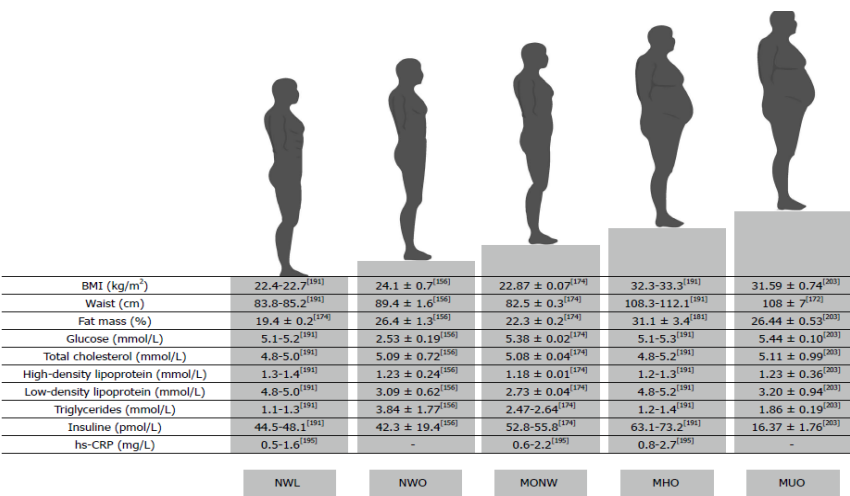
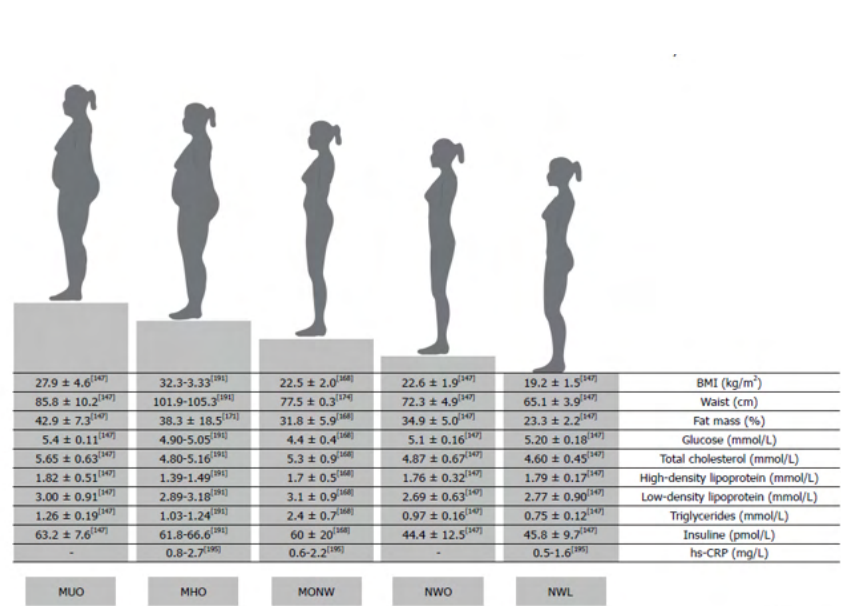
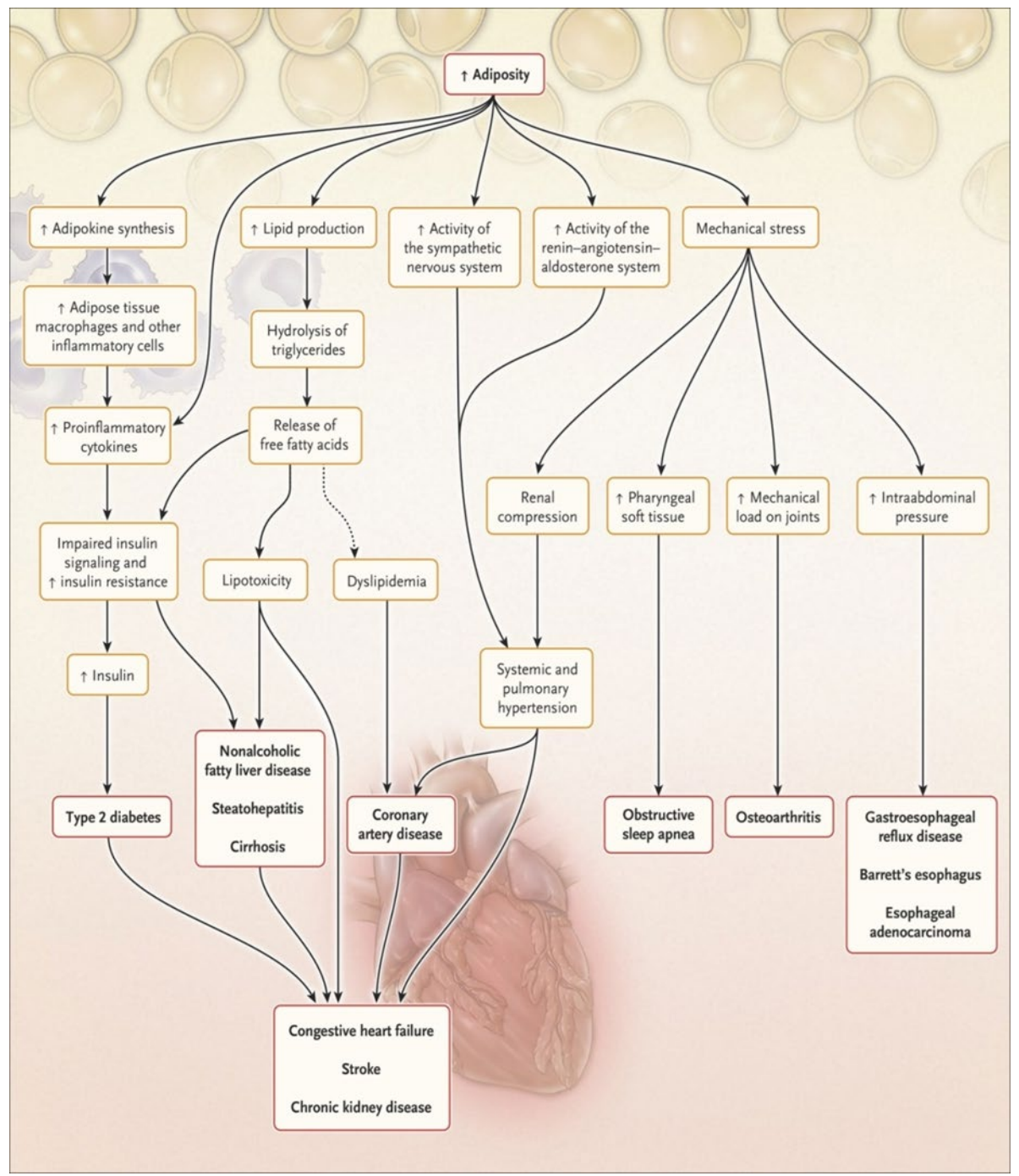
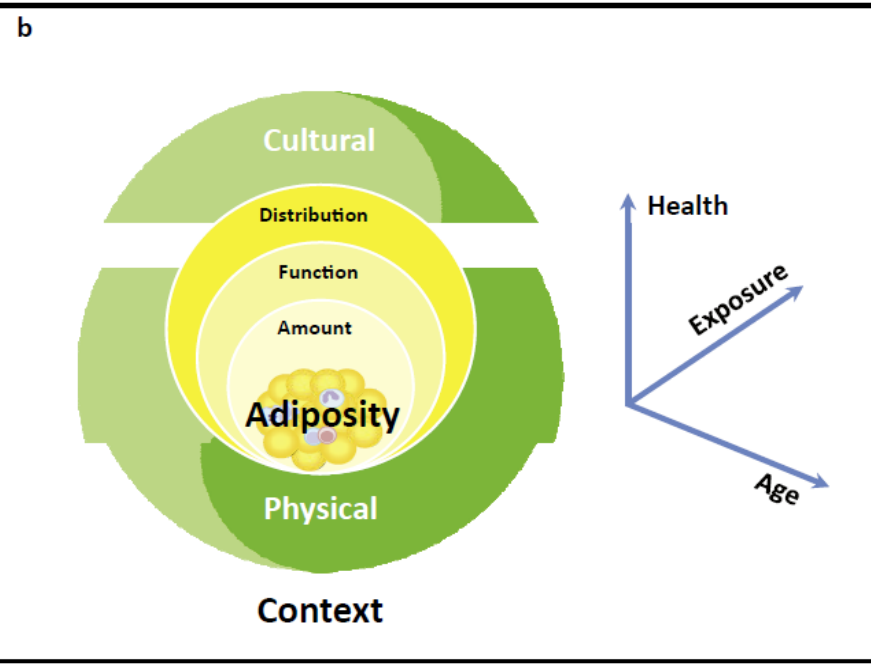
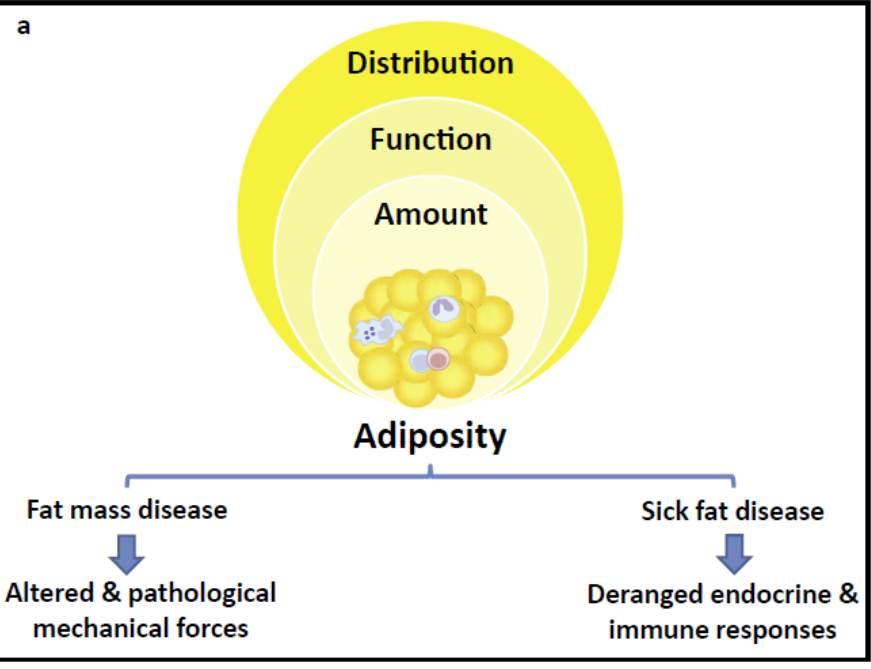


Figure 2 Characteristic of the four obese phenotypes. A. Women; B. Men. NWO: Normal weight obese; MONW: metabolically obese normal weight; MHO: metabolically healthy obese; MUO: metabolically unhealthy obese; BMI: body mass index; hsP: High-sensitive C-reactive protein. Data are expressed as average ± SD (a ± b), or as minimum-maximum (a-b), according to the references.

Person living with obesity: BMI 26kg/m2 + insulin resistance+ body fat 35%





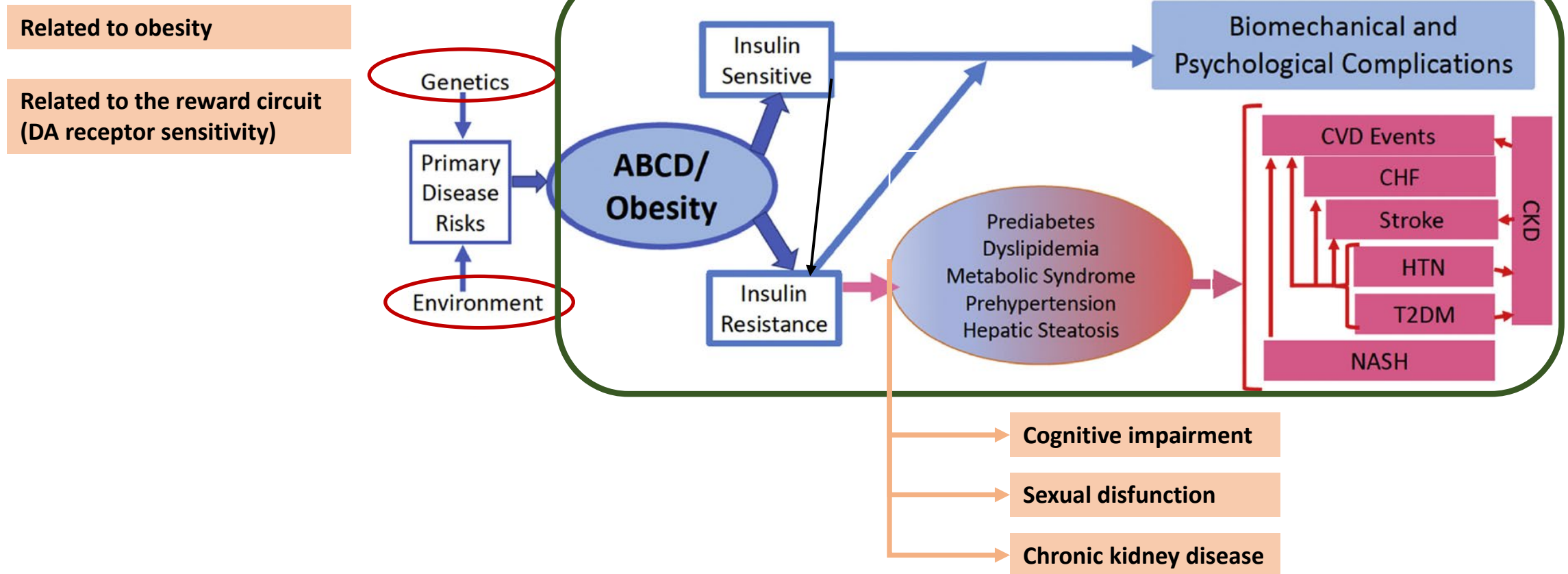
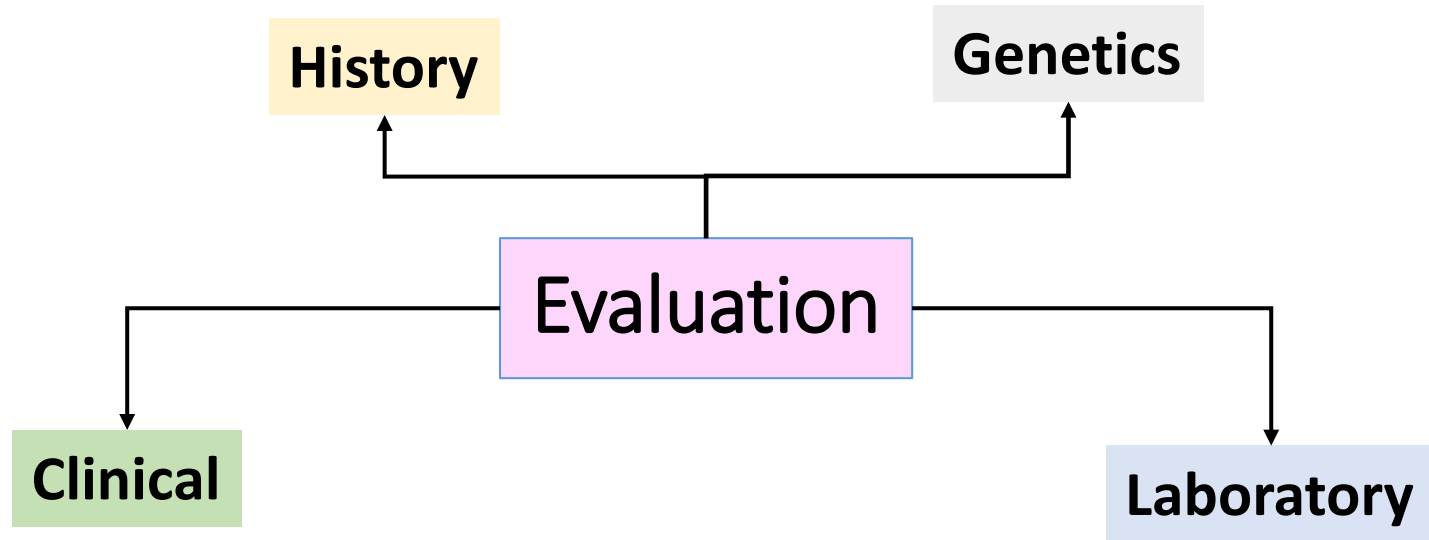


Fig. 4. A chronic care model for the prevention and treatment of ABCD. ABCD = adiposity-based chronic disease; CHF = congestive heart failure; CKD = chronic kidney disease; CVD = cardiovascular disease; HTN = hypertension; LDL-c = low-density lipoprotein-cholesterol; NASH = nonalcoholic steatohepatitis; T2DM = type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Dietary habits and behaviour, Psychological context, Cognitive context, Sociocultural context, Environmental context



Anthropometry

Body composition

Energy expenditure

**Physical examination: Arterial pressure
Movility, etc.**

Other: abdominal US, fibroscan, gastroscopy, etc.

1. Causes of secondary obesity: TSH, Cortisole, GH, etc

2. Consequences of obesity (ABCD):

- Glucose, HbA1C, insulin levels
- Lipid profile (+FFA)
- Liver profile (specific scores of NAFLD)
- Kidney: glomerular filtrate, microalbuminuria
- Sex hormones
- Inflammatory biomarkers

3. GENETICS

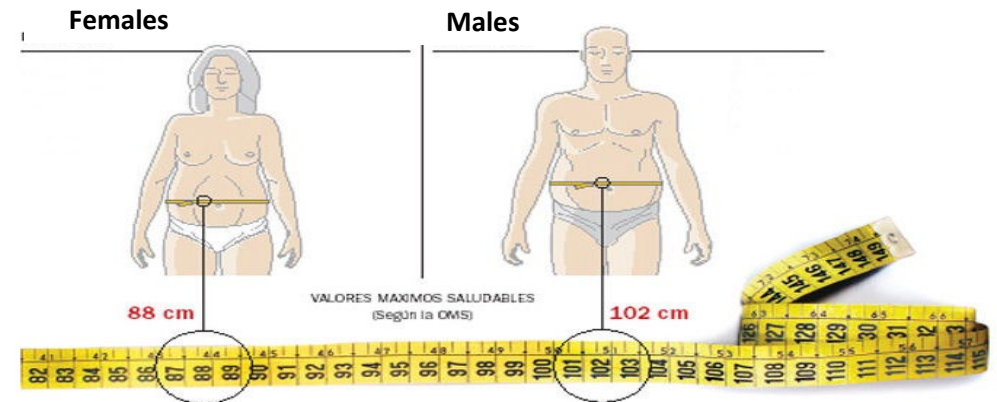
ANTHROPOMETRY

- BMI (body mass index): $\text{weight(kg)}/\text{height (m}^2\text{)}$
- Waist circumference cm
- Hip circumference: cm
- Skinfolds: cm

SUROGATES



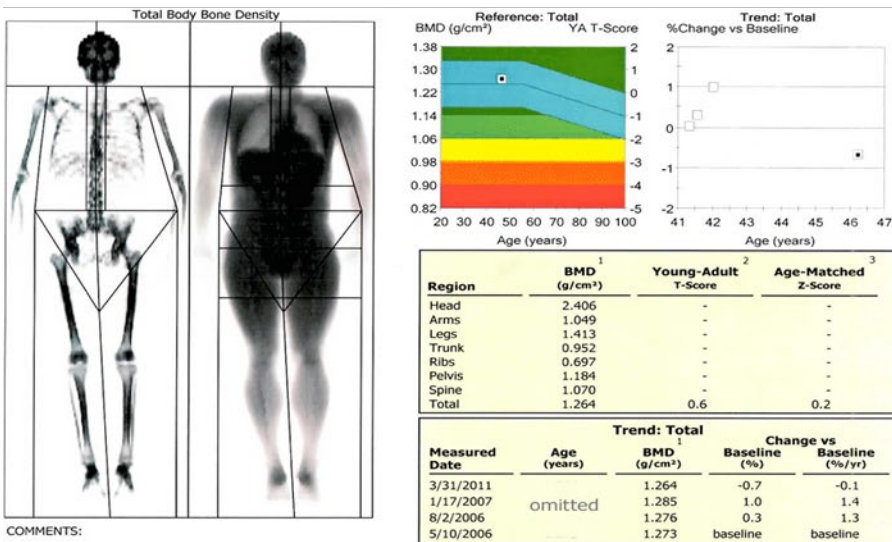
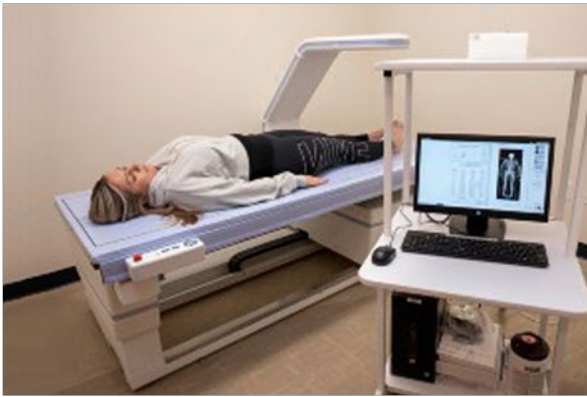
Waist circumference



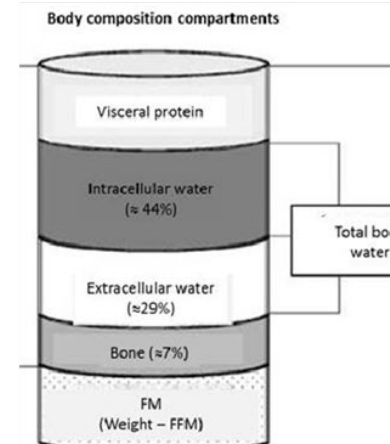
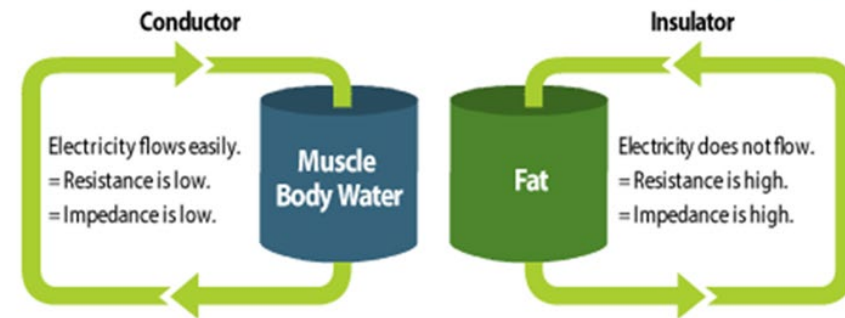
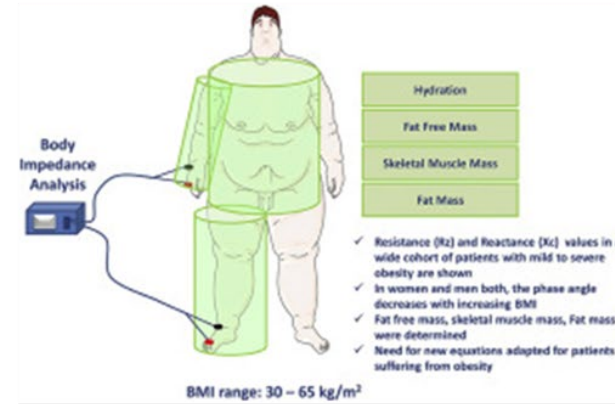
Estimates visceral obesity and cardiovascular risk

Body composition Dual-X-ray-absorptiometry: DXA

- Quantitative evaluation of body composition.
- Do not evaluate fat compartments.



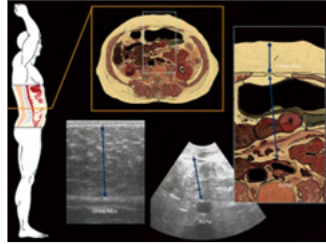
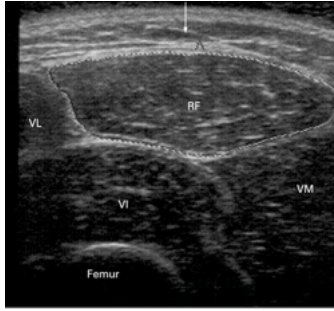
Bioimpedance: body impedance analysis



- Estimated the body composition and different compartments.
- Evaluates the tissue quality (angle phase).
- Estimated energy expenditure and basal metabolism

Ultrasound

Muscular
Preperitoneal fat



Energy expenditure Indirect calorimetry



Skeletal CT-scan

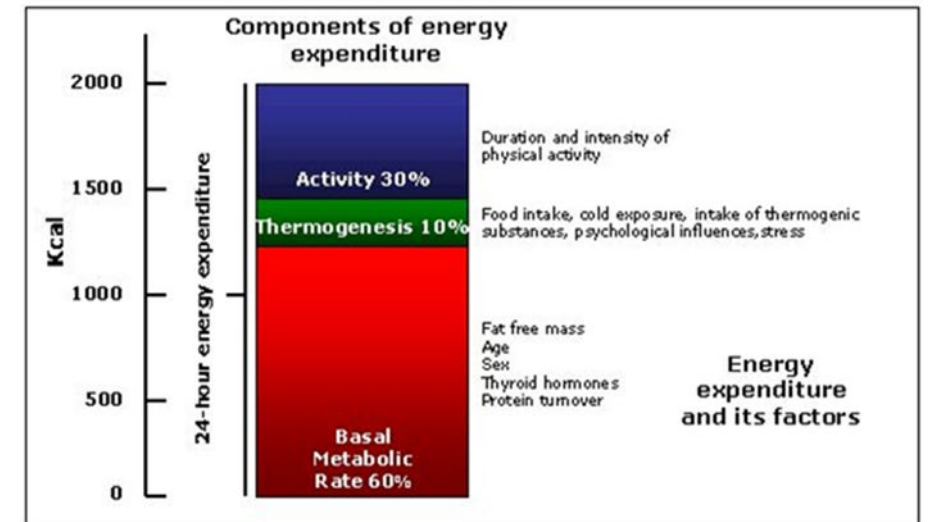
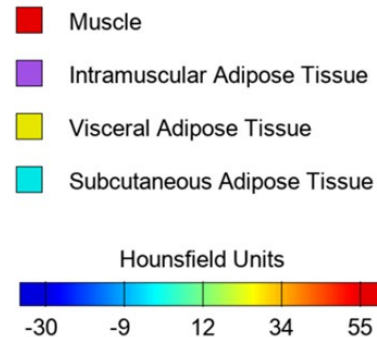


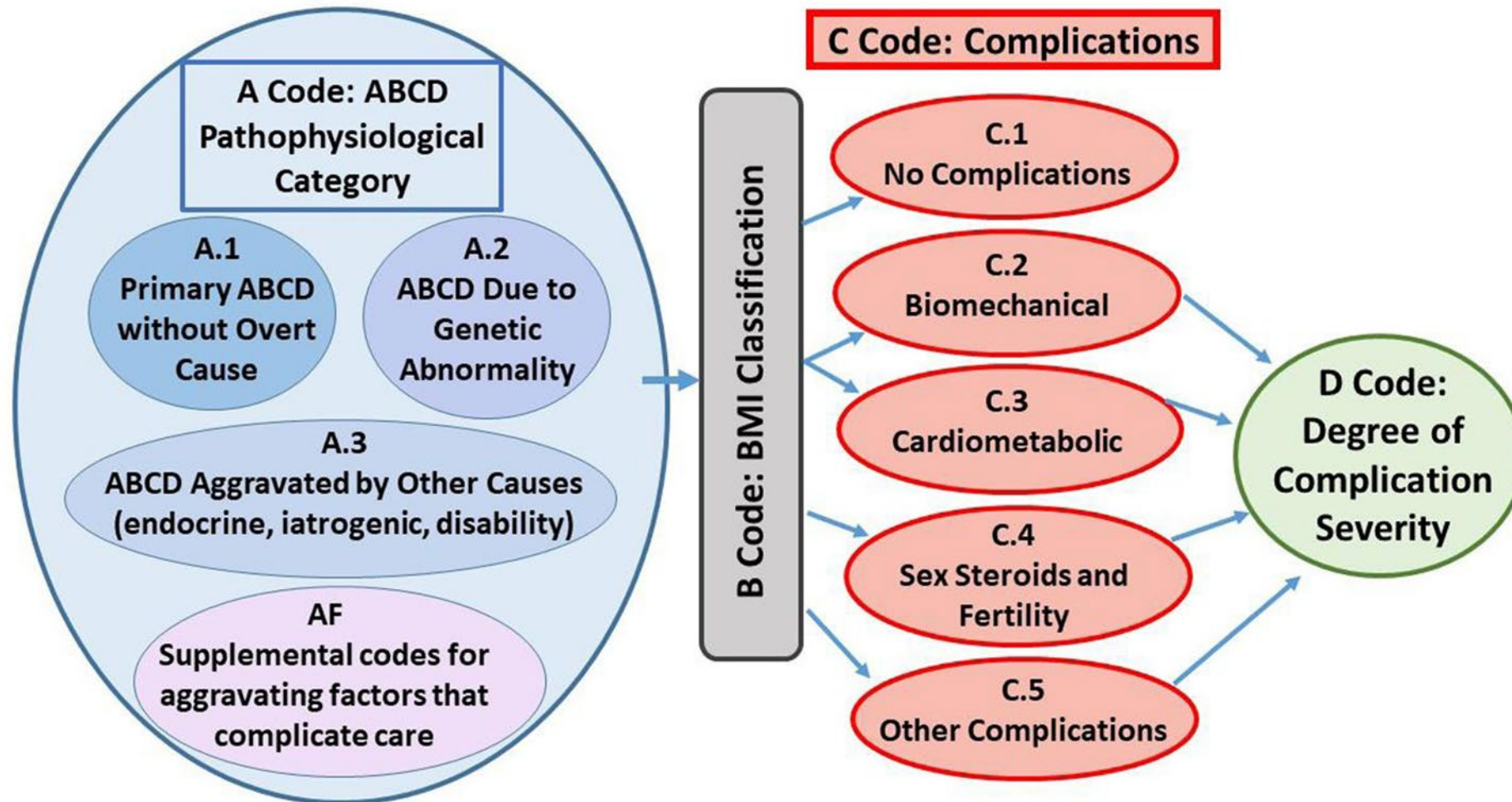
Table 1. Edmonton Obesity Staging System (EOSS) definition.

Stage	Conceptual description (Sharma and Kushner 2009)	Modified study definition*
0	No apparent obesity-related risk factors (e.g., BP, serum lipids, fasting glucose, etc., within normal range), no physical symptoms, no psychopathology, no functional limitations and (or) impairment of well being	No reported EOSS factors
1	• Presence of obesity-related subclinical risk factors (e.g., borderline hypertension, impaired fasting glucose, elevated liver enzymes, etc.) • Mild physical symptoms (e.g., dyspnea on moderate exertion, occasional aches and pains, fatigue, etc.) • Mild functional limitations • Mild psychopathology and (or) • Mild impairment of well being	• BP $\geq 130/85$ and (or) $< 125/75$ mm Hg for individuals with T2D • Fasting glucose ≥ 100 and < 125 mg·dL⁻¹ • Cholesterol ≥ 200 and < 240 mg·dL⁻¹ • Triglycerides ≥ 150 and < 200 mg·dL⁻¹ • HDL < 60 mg·dL⁻¹ • Shortness of breath during physical activity
2	• Presence of established obesity-related chronic disease (e.g., hypertension, type 2 diabetes, sleep apnea, osteoarthritis, reflux disease, polycystic ovary syndrome, anxiety disorder, etc.) • Moderate limitations in activities of daily living and (or) • Moderate impairment of well being	• Diagnosed hypertension or hypertension medication • BP $\geq 140/90$ mm Hg or 130 /80 for individuals with T2D • T2D • Fasting glucose ≥ 125 mg·dL⁻¹ • Diagnosed hypercholesterolemia • Cholesterol ≥ 240 mg·dL⁻¹ • Diagnosed hypertriglyceridemia • Triglycerides ≥ 200 mg·dL⁻¹ • HDL < 40 mg·dL⁻¹ • Gout • Depression • Fatigue • Urinary leakage • Low back pain • Joint stiffness • Reported emotional outlook of “generally sad,” or • Self-reported health of “fair”
3	• Established end-organ damage (e.g., myocardial infarction, heart failure, diabetic complications, incapacitating osteoarthritis, etc.) • Significant psychopathology • Significant functional limitations and (or) • Significant impairment of well being	• Reported chest pain • Chest pain during exercise • Heart attack • Calf pain during exercise • Stroke • Shortness of breath when sleeping • Shortness of breath when sitting • Psychiatric or psychological counseling, or • Moderate or severe cardiomegaly • Reported emotional outlook of “often depressed”, or • Self-reported health of “poor”
4	• Severe (potentially end-stage) disabilities from obesity-related chronic diseases • Severe disabling psychopathology • Severe functional limitations and (or) • Severe impairment of well being	This stage was not examined as these factors were not available in the ACLS database

Note: BP, blood pressure; HDL, high-density lipoprotein, T2D, type 2 diabetes.

*Based on the availability of data in the Aerobics Center Longitudinal Study (ACLS) dataset.

Proposal for a Scientifically Correct and Medically Actionable Disease Classification System (ICD) for Obesity



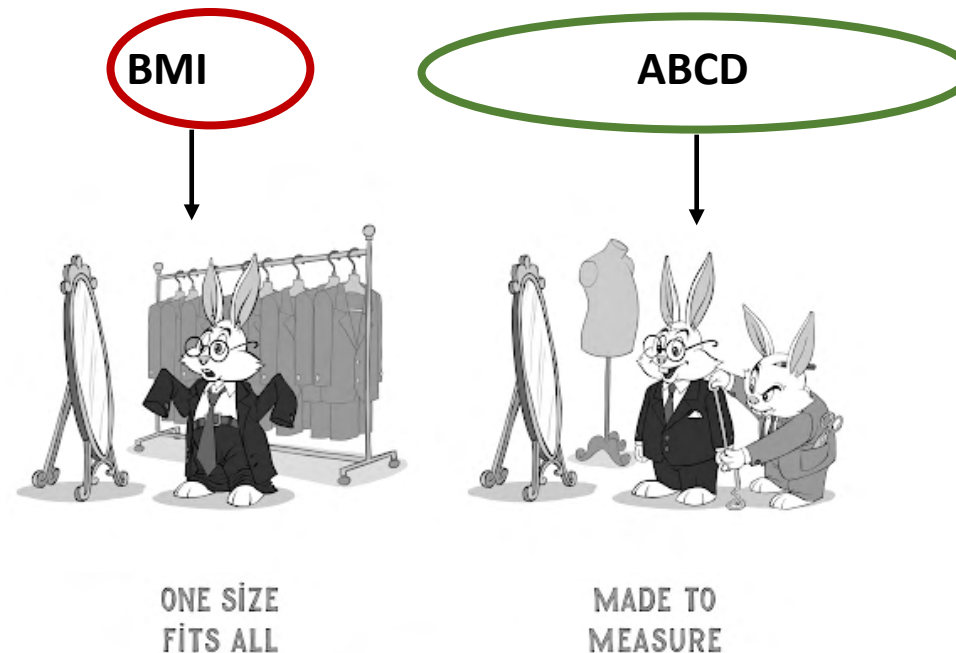


**Take
home message*

Old habits die hard
(but die they can and
will)



- Implement reliable techniques of body composition (quantity and quality) in the evaluation of patients with obesity
- Change the strategies from BMI-guided decision making to ABCD based decision making and global context
- Change the current approach
- Personalize



CLINICAL EVALUATION IN OBESITY?

