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### Nutritional Strategies for Overweight/Obese Pediatric Patients



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## Objectives

- Audience will be able to describe the prevalence of pediatric obesity and related risks
- Identify the methods and results of traditional weight loss approaches
- Identify the methods and results of emerging mainstream diets in America
- Identify the methods and results of non-traditional Medical Nutrition Therapy
- Decode the new FDA proposed food labels

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## Prevalence and Trends of Obesity

- 1/3 of children and adolescents in the US are either overweight or obese
- Body Mass Index (BMI) is the accepted standard measure for children 2 and older
  - Adults: BMI 25-30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> overweight; BMI ≥30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> obese
  - Children: growing in height as well as weight. Body fat and muscle mass changes
- Gold standard for assessment – growth charts
  - Clinical definition of **overweight**: BMI between 85-95<sup>th</sup>ile on CDC growth charts
  - Clinic definition of **obesity**: BMI >95<sup>th</sup>ile on CDC growth charts
  - **Severe obesity** – BMI ≥120 % of the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile values, or a BMI ≥35 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (whichever is lower)
    - 5% of children and adolescents in US

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## Etiology of Obesity Epidemic

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental factors                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Food sources particularly sugar sweetened beverages</li> <li>○ Screen time</li> <li>○ Sleep</li> <li>○ Medications</li> <li>○ Virus</li> <li>○ Gut microbiota</li> <li>○ Toxins</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genetic Factors                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Responsible for 30 to 50 percent of the variation in adiposity</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Endocrine Disease                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identified in less than 1% of children and adolescents with obesity</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Metabolic Programming                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maternal nutrition and endocrine profile</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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### Comorbidities Associated with Childhood Obesity

- Abnormalities in the endocrine, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, pulmonary, orthopedic, neurologic, dermatologic, and psychosocial systems
- Persistence into adulthood
- Lower health related quality of life
  - Psychological and behavioral factors

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Traditional Diets	Emerging Diets	Medical Nutrition Therapy
USDA MyPlate	Gluten Free diet	PSMF diet
Mediterranean Diet	Paleo diet	Multidisciplinary
DASH Diet	Intermittent Fasting	
Caloric Restriction	Detox diets	
Low Carbohydrate	Liquid Shake diets	
Low Fat		
Vegetarian Diet		
Vegan/Plant Based Diet		

**Expectations:**  
 Explanation of Diet  
 Advantages/Disadvantages  
 Utilization in practice

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Traditional Weight Loss Approaches

### USDA MyPlate



- Replaced food pyramid in 2011
- Created as a new generation icon with the intent to prompt consumers to think about building a healthy plate at meal times
- Consistent with 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- Illustrates the 5 food groups as a building block for healthy lifestyle



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Traditional Weight Loss Approaches

### Mediterranean Diet

Heart-healthy eating plan based on typical foods and recipes of Mediterranean-style cooking

- Eating primarily plant-based foods, such as fruits and vegetables, whole grains, legumes and nuts – eat these multiple times every day!
- Eat fish and poultry at least twice a week
- Limit red meat to no more than a few times a month
- Replacing butter with healthy fats, primarily olive oil
- Using herbs and spices instead of salt to flavor foods
- Diet also promotes being physically active and enjoying meals with family

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Traditional Weight Loss Approaches

### Mediterranean Diet



- Reduce risk of metabolic syndrome and reduce metabolic syndrome parameters
- Associated with a significant decrease in BMI, lean body mass, fat mass, glucose, insulin resistance, TG and LDL-C
- Superior in reducing dyslipidemias, plasma glucose, CRP and markers of oxidative stress when compared to low fat
- Diet compliance increased consumption of omega 9 fatty acids, zinc, vitamin E, selenium, and decreased consumption of saturated fatty acids

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Traditional Weight Loss Approaches

### DASH Diet (Dietary Approach to Stop Hypertension)

- Emphasizes increased intakes of low-fat dairy products; fish, chicken and lean meats; nuts, fruits, whole grains, vegetables and legumes
- Low in fat and sodium; high in calcium, potassium, magnesium and dietary fiber
- Has been shown to prevent excess weight gain during adolescence
- Cardiovascular benefits
- May be beneficial for patients with metabolic syndrome
  - Improved glycemic control and liver enzymes in type 2 diabetic patients
- Meets all nutritional requirements - no need for supplements

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Traditional Weight Loss Approaches

### Caloric Restriction

- Hypo-caloric diet defined as 500 calories/day from baseline
  - No fewer than 900 kcal/day for children aged 6 to 12 years and 1,200 kcal/day for adolescents aged 13 to 18 years
- Caloric deficit, different for variety of weight loss
  - Weight loss guidelines to be set by RD, based on age and linear growth expectations
- All diets that work include some version of caloric restriction
- Balanced macronutrient intake

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Traditional Weight Loss Approaches

### Low Carbohydrate Diet

- Diet limits carbohydrates found in grains, fruit, dairy and starchy vegetables; emphasizes foods high in protein and fat
- Complex v simple carbs
- Premise: decreasing carbs lowers insulin levels, which causes the body to burn stored fat for energy and ultimately leads to weight loss
- Various definitions
  - 60-130 grams/day typical definition
  - <60 grams/day or 20% of total calories
  - <20 grams/day to enter ketosis = medically supervised diet

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Traditional Weight Loss Approaches

### Low Carbohydrate Diet

- Limitation of carbs typically leads to lower calorie, higher protein intake
- Whole grain intake promotes greater decrease in waist circumference and CRP as opposed to refined grain group
- Low carb diets may improve HDL cholesterol and triglyceride levels more than moderate carbohydrate intake
  - Shown to be more effective in reducing triglycerides than caloric restriction in subjects with NAFLD
  - Depends on quality of other foods consumed
- Carbohydrate restricted diet superior for short term weight loss
  - Follow-up at 2 years showed no difference as compared to low-fat

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Traditional Weight Loss Approaches

### Low-Fat Diet



- Guidelines first published in 1977
- USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005. 2010
  - Consume <30% of total calories from fat
    - <10% of calories from saturated fatty acids
  - Avoid trans fats
  - Promotes fat free dairy products and lean meats
  - Limit eggs and cholesterol intake
  - Use oils to replace solid fats
- All fats are not created equal



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Traditional Weight Loss Approaches

### Low-Fat Diet

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adverse events more often in low-carb diet than low-fat</li> <li>• Fat is calorically dense</li> <li>• Evidence in adult trials that lower fat intake leads to small, but statistically significant reductions in body weight when baseline fat intakes were 28-43%                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Evidence less strong in children</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Globally less effective at decreasing biomarkers for metabolic syndrome when compared to low carb diet or Mediterranean diet</li> <li>• Difficult to maintain</li> <li>• Dietary fat and cholesterol intake no longer associated with increased risk of cardiovascular disease</li> <li>• Dietary fat <math>\nrightarrow</math> body fat directly</li> </ul> |
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Traditional Weight Loss Approaches

## Vegetarian Diet



- Types of vegetarians
  - Lacto-ovo: still consume milk and eggs
  - Pescatarian: include fish
  - Flexitarian: flexible version of vegetarian diet, consuming meat on occasion. Research shows high weight loss success
  - Vegan: full animal product restriction
- Diets low in energy density and high in complex carbs, fiber and water
- Epidemiological studies consistently show that vegetarians are leaner than comparable non-vegetarians
- Consider type of vegetarian diet and execution
- Results in weight loss... if following diet correctly

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Traditional Weight Loss Approaches

## Vegan/Plant Based Diet

- “Vegan” – full animal product restriction- primary intake from grains, beans, legumes, vegetables and fruits
- “Whole food-plant based” – whole, unrefined or minimally refined plants
  - Excludes meat, dairy, eggs, highly refined foods like bleached flour, sugar and oil
  - Starch based foods and fruit form the basis; vegetables are complementary foods
  - Contains all essential nutrients, B12 exception

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Traditional Diets
USDA MyPlate
Mediterranean Diet
DASH Diet
Caloric Restriction
Low Carbohydrate
Low Fat
Vegetarian Diet
Vegan/Plant Based Diet

- USDA MyPlate appropriate tool for generalization, appropriate for children
- Mediterranean and DASH have proven to be effective
- Caloric restriction has merits, multitude of factors to consider
- Low carb superior to low fat
- Vegetarian/Vegan

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### Emerging Weight Loss Trends

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Emerging Dietary Approaches

### Gluten Free Diet

- Gluten is a protein composite consisting of gliadins and glutenins
  - Wheat, rye, barley
- In 2010 the US market for gluten-free foods and beverages was estimated at 2.6 billion dollars
  - By end of 2015 expected to exceed 5 billion dollars
- Number one motivation for buying gluten-free food products is that they are "considered healthier than their conventional counterparts"

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Emerging Dietary Approaches

### Gluten Free Diet

**Perceived advantages:**

- not necessarily scientifically backed
- Eating wheat stimulates your body to produce very high levels of insulin, which causes the body to accumulate fat around abdomen
- Gluten free leads to improved insulin sensitivity and reduced inflammation
- Eating wheat leads to feelings of low blood sugar, which increases hunger cues
- Going gluten free decreases cravings and overall appetite, therefore decreasing total calories consumed

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Emerging Dietary Approaches

## Gluten Free Diet



**Disadvantages/Risk Factors**

- Gluten free = carb free?
  - Often replaced with processed gluten free foods
  - Regular pretzels: 108 calories and 1 gram of fat
  - Gluten free pretzels: 140 calories and 6 grams of fat
- Research has shown that adherence to the gluten-free dietary pattern may actually result in a diet that is low in carbohydrates, iron, folate, niacin, zinc, and fiber
- Evidence suggests that a gluten-free diet may lead to reductions in beneficial gut bacteria



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Emerging Dietary Approaches

## Paleo Diet "Caveman diet"

- Based on everyday foods that mimic the diet of our pre-agricultural, hunter-gatherer ancestors who were virtually free of diseases of civilization
- 7 fundamental characteristics marketed to minimize risk of chronic disease and result in weight loss
  - Higher protein intake: 19-35% of calories
  - Low carb and low glycemic index
  - High fiber (not from whole grains): fruits and vegetables
  - Moderate to high fat intake: mono and polyunsaturated fats, remove trans fats
  - High potassium and low sodium: unprocessed fresh foods
  - Net dietary alkaline load that balances dietary acid
  - Higher intake of vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and plant phytochemicals



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Emerging Dietary Approaches

## Paleo Diet



- So what can you eat?
  - Grass produced meats; fish/seafood
  - Fresh fruits and veggies
  - Eggs
  - Nuts and seeds
  - Healthy oils (olive, walnut, flaxseed, macadamia, avocado, coconut)
- Don't eat...
  - Cereal grains
  - Legumes (including peanuts)
  - Dairy
  - Refined sugar
  - Potatoes
  - Processed foods
  - Salt
  - Refined vegetable oils
- 85:15 rule: allows you to consume three non-paleo meals per week



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Emerging Dietary Approaches

### Paleo Diet

- Perceived advantages
  - Diet rich in lean protein and plant-based foods can make you feel fuller, control blood sugar levels, and help you lose weight
  - Promotes certain healthy habits that are worth keeping such as limiting processed foods, eating fruits and vegetables, healthy fats and lean meats
- Additional considerations/risk factors
  - Not evidenced-based. Studies are few, small, short and do not include children or adolescents
  - Not suitable for vegetarians or vegans
  - Restricted diet is nutritionally inadequate: safe and maintainable?
  - Concept is poorly based
  - Why don't people lose weight?

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Emerging Dietary Approaches

### Intermittent Fasting



An umbrella term for various diets that cycle between a period of fasting and non-fasting, typically going 14-36 hours without sustenance

- Alternate Day Fasting- 24 hours of eating followed by 24 hours of fasting, repeated. Closer to 12:36 hours
- Modified Fasting (Caloric Restriction)- limited caloric intake (ie 10-20%) on fasting days rather than none at all
- 5:2 diet- two non-consecutive days of fasting, consuming ~500 calories/day during this time
- Multiple other "fasting" philosophies

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Emerging Dietary Approaches

### Intermittent Fasting



#### Advantages

- Small sample of studies found reduction in weight over a 2-4 week period of intermittent fasting- no consensus as to what degree
- ADF may encourage fat oxidation. Weight loss positively correlated with increased fat oxidation.
- ADF may reduce body weight, LDL and TG levels to the same degree regardless of maintenance of low fat or high fat diet on the feeding day
- ADF may effectively modulate metabolic and functional risk factors, thereby preventing or delaying chronic diseases

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Emerging Dietary Approaches

## Intermittent Fasting



### Disadvantages/Risk Factors

- No evidence-based practice recommendations. Majority of research thus far has been done on animals
- Results may be genotype dependent
- Comparison isn't exactly fasting vs. non-fasting. It's more like a comparison between under-eating and over-eating.
- Starvation diets linked to medical complications including ventricular fibrillation, lactic acidosis, vitamin and electrolyte deficiencies. impact on reproduction and bone health
- Psychological/behavioral factors

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Emerging Dietary Approaches

## Detox Diets

- Cleanses which promise to rid your body of all toxins
  - Various marketed cleanses
  - Ex: 3 day juice cleanse to week long "clean eating" and supplement plan
- Juices tend to be pure sugar – no fat, fiber or protein
- Unnecessary practice
- Symptoms include hunger, weakness, fatigue
  - Not maintainable
- Dangerous for Type 1 diabetics – hypoglycemia

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Emerging Dietary Approaches

## Liquid Shake Diets



- Often internet or TV advertised diets
  - Cost \$\$
- Usually extremely low calorie
  - Medically supervised for quick and necessary weight loss
- Potential risks
  - Affect metabolism
  - Low in fiber and various vitamins/minerals
  - Often low in protein- decrease in lean body mass

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Emerging Dietary Approaches

### “Partial Liquid Shake Diet”

- Consists of 2 meal replacements + fruit serving
- One ~500 calorie dinner utilizing MyPlate method
- Includes 1-2 moderate calorie snacks
- Purpose: portion and calorie control
  - Convenience
  - Continues to teach lifestyle modifications while on diet
- Diets that include both solid food and liquids can help overweight people control the number of calories they eat and help keep the weight off for several years.



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- Commonality between all successful “fad diets”
  - Decrease in overall energy intake
- Long term maintenance?

Emerging Diets
Gluten Free diet
Paleo diet
Intermittent Fasting
Detox diets
Liquid Shake diets

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### Medical Nutrition Therapy

- A therapeutic approach to treating medical conditions and their associated symptoms via the use of a specifically tailored diet devised and monitored by a registered dietitian
- Utilization of the nutrition care process to individualize care, taking into account the patient's medical history, anthropometrics, needs and values and using the best evidence available to make decisions



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Medical Nutrition Therapy

### Cleveland Clinic's Protein Sparing Modified Fast diet program

- The PSMF diet is designed for rapid weight loss and incorporates medical, nutritional, and behavioral components. The goal is to reach an appropriate body weight as determined by the medical team.
- General criteria for entry into the PSMF diet program include:
  - Patient has a BMI > 28 or >95<sup>th</sup> percentile on growth charts
  - Pubertal status of Tanner Stage 5 or bone age indicating growth has ceased
  - Clearance from a supervising physician after a complete history, physical, and assessment
    - This physician accepts responsibility for review of lab work, change in medications and follow up visits as needed
  - Registered Dietitian will assess behavior compliance and appropriateness of diet

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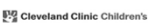
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Medical Nutrition Therapy

### Protein Sparing Modified Fast

- **Principles of Diet:**
  - High protein, Low-fat, Low carbohydrate – inducing ketosis
  - Exercise – goals must be set
  - Behavior modification
  - Expected rate of weight loss
    - 3-4 lbs/week for females
    - 4-5 lbs/week for males
- **Ketosis:**
  - Carbohydrate intake will be minimal (<20 grams a day) with limited added fats
  - Fat breakdown produces ketones which spill into the urine
  - Ketones can be measured and monitored throughout diet to assess compliance
  - While in ketosis, appetite is often reduced, making the diet easier to follow.

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Medical Nutrition Therapy

### Protein Sparing Modified Fast

<p><b>Benefits of PSMF:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid weight loss</li> <li>• Decreased appetite</li> <li>• Decrease in cholesterol and triglycerides</li> <li>• Improved glucose levels</li> <li>• Improved blood pressure</li> <li>• Improved breathing and sleep</li> <li>• Reduction in medications and risk for disease</li> </ul>	<p><b>Possible side effects of diet:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weakness, headache, dizziness</li> <li>• Cold intolerance</li> <li>• Constipation</li> <li>• Muscle cramping</li> <li>• Bad or "fruity" breath</li> <li>• Menstrual changes</li> <li>• Hair thinning</li> <li>• Rapid or irregular heartbeat (call physician immediately)</li> <li>• Gout</li> <li>• Gallstones</li> <li>• Fatigue</li> </ul>
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Medical Nutrition Therapy

### Protein Sparing Modified Fast

**Required Supplements:**

- Potassium (20 mEq/d) unless otherwise directed by physician
  - Must be prescribed
- Magnesium (400 mg/day)
  - To be taken in divided doses of 200 mg BID
- Calcium (1000-1200 mg/day)
  - To be taken in divided doses of 500- 600 mg BID
- Multivitamin/mineral to meet RDA
- Sodium (1500-2000 mg/day)
  - Use ½ teaspoon of table salt or 3-4 bouillon cubes (read label)

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Medical Nutrition Therapy

### Protein Sparing Modified Fast

**Additional Components:**

- Fluid goals: 64 ounces of calorie free fluids per day
- Ketone strips: must check for ketosis each morning after day 3
- Monthly lab work including CMP and uric acid while on diet

**Refeeding Phase:** once patient has achieved weight loss goal or no longer wishes to be on diet

- Slowly add carbohydrates back into diet, while decreasing the amount of protein and weaning off supplements
- Stress importance of continued behavior modification and exercise. Patient must have an exercise plan!
- Typically takes 6 weeks

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Medical Nutrition Therapy

### Protein Sparing Modified Fast

• **Cleveland Clinic Success** ★



**Considerations:**

- Safety and efficacy
- Have patients tried diet and exercise without success
- Is weight loss medically necessary?
- Alternative to weight loss surgery
- Insurance coverage

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Medical Nutrition Therapy

### Medically Supervised, Multidisciplinary Programs

- Team approach utilizing physician/nurse practitioner, registered dietitian, psychologist, exercise physiologist, other medical practitioners as needed
- Goal: facilitate family involvement and change behaviors associated with eating and physical activity while monitoring medical complications of obesity
- Integrated multidisciplinary approaches that address psychiatric needs and provide behavioral support for weight loss may help patients to sustain lifestyle changes
- The integration of a multidisciplinary team to provide guideline-based nonpharmacologic counseling may be beneficial in improving outcomes in the management of prediabetes.
- Cleveland Clinic Programs
  - BeWell
  - FitYouth

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### Which Diet is Best...



- Patient specific based on medical condition, family support, compliance, financial considerations
- Research supports the practice of recommending any diet that a patient will adhere to in order to lose weight
- Behavior adherence is more important than diet composition regardless of chosen weight loss method
- Caloric restriction shown to be overall beneficial, however irrespective of the macronutrient restriction

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## Key to Obesity = Prevention

- Close monitoring of growth charts and weight velocity trends starting at a young age
- Education and early intervention
  - Avoidance of overfeeding at all stages of life
  - Awareness of portion sizes
  - Food label reading
  - "Healthy choices"
- Behavioral Strategies
  - Self monitoring
  - Stimulus control: to reduce environmental cues for unhealthy behavior
  - Goal setting: for healthy behaviors (rather than weight loss)
  - Contracting: reward for the achievement of a specific goal
  - Positive reinforcement



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## Decoding the New FDA Proposed Food Labels

- Goal:
  - Improve public health
  - Reduce the risk of chronic diseases
  - Encourage an adequate intake of essential nutrients
- Proposed rules reflect the new dietary recommendations, consensus reports and national survey data
  - 2010 dietary guidelines for Americans
  - Nutrient intake recommendations from IOM
  - Data from NHANES

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## Current Nutrition Facts Label

- 20 years old
- 2003- 2007: FDA sought public comment on the following issues: trans fat, prominence of calories, revision of reference values and mandatory nutrients and serving sizes
- 2006: addition of trans fats to the food label



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## Updated Serving Size and New Labeling Requirements

- Change the serving size requirements to reflect how people eat and drink today
  - The serving sizes listed on the Nutrition Facts label are not recommended serving sizes. By law, serving sizes must be based on how much food people actually consume, and not on what they should eat.

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## Updated Serving Size and new labeling Requirements

- Require that packaged foods, including drinks, that are typically eaten in one sitting be labeled as a single serving
- For certain packages that are larger and could be consumed in one sitting or multiple sittings
  - "Dual column" labels to indicate both "per serving" and "per package" calories and nutrient information

**Dual Column Format**

<b>Nutrition Facts</b>		Per 1 cup		Per container	
2 servings per container		1 cup (250g)			
Serving size		Per 1 cup		Per container	
<b>Calories</b>		<b>220</b>	<b>440</b>		
Total Fat	5% 10g	10%	20g		
Saturated Fat	10% 2g	20%	4g		
Trans Fat	0g	0g	0g		
Cholesterol	5% 10mg	10%	20mg		
Sodium	10% 200mg	20%	400mg		
Total Carbs	15% 30g	30%	60g		
Dietary Fiber	21% 4g	42%	8g		
Sugars	5g	10g	20g		
Added Sugars	0g	0g	0g		
<b>Protein</b>	5g	10g	20g		
Vitamin D	25% 500IU	50%	1000IU		
Calcium	10% 200mg	20%	400mg		
Iron	5% 10mg	10%	20mg		
Potassium	10% 200mg	20%	400mg		

\* Percent Daily Values are based on a diet of other people's secrets.

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## Refreshed design

- Make calories and serving sizes more prominent
  - Changing "Amount Per Serving" to "Amount per \_\_\_\_\_", with the blank filled in with the serving size in common household measures, such as "Amount per 1 cup."
  - Reversing the order of "Serving Size" and "Servings Per Container" declarations
- Shift the Percent Daily Value to the left of the label, so it would come first
  - 5% or less is low; 20% or more is high
- Change the footnote to more clearly explain the meaning of the Percent Daily Value.

Serving size: larger, bolder type	<b>Nutrition Facts</b> 8 servings per container Serving size Amount per 2/3 cup (55g) <b>Calories 230</b>	Serving sizes updated Calories: larger type
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