

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

MANAGEMENT OF OBESITY

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CALORIE: WHAT MATTERS MOST FOR BODY WEIGHT

Strategies for weight loss



Behaviour therapy



Diet



Exercise

Goals of diet therapy



Facilitate
weight loss



Prevent
weight gain



Improve
cardiometabolic
outcomes



Optimise
nutrient adequacy

Main dietary approach for weight loss

Achieving a state of **negative energy (calorie) balance**

1

Primarily addresses **reduction in calorie intake**

2

Degree of weight loss reflects size of calorie reduction

Energy restriction: efficacy in weight management

- Systematic review of 18 RCTs¹
- Population: Caucasian and Asian
- Three arms
 1. 300-1000 kcal/day deficit of daily energy requirement
 2. 1200-1800 kcal/day in metabolically healthy obese adults
 3. Usual intake
- Duration: 12-104 weeks

Parameters	Results
BMI	-2.70 kg/m ² 95% CI -4.01, -1.39
BP (systolic)	-4.73 mmHg 95% CI -7.12, -2.23
BP (diastolic)	-2.75 mmHg 95% CI -4.30, -1.21)
Triglycerides	-0.11 mmol/l 95% CI -0.16, -0.06)

There was significant association between ER diets and BMI changes ($p < 0.0001$)

Energy restriction: how much for weight loss?



How much should calorie intake be restricted for weight loss **in adults** with obesity & overweight?

To **achieve and maintain nutrient adequacy** and **reduce caloric intake** for an **initial weight loss of 0.5-1.0 kg/week¹**

1. 1200-1500 kcal/day for women
2. 1500-1800 kcal/day for men
3. Reduce daily energy by 500-750 kcal from the usual daily intake

Does less calories = more weight loss?



N=125 women with obesity

6 months



1000 kcal/day

1500 kcal/day



10,000 steps/day OR
3,000 steps above
baseline +
Behavioural therapy

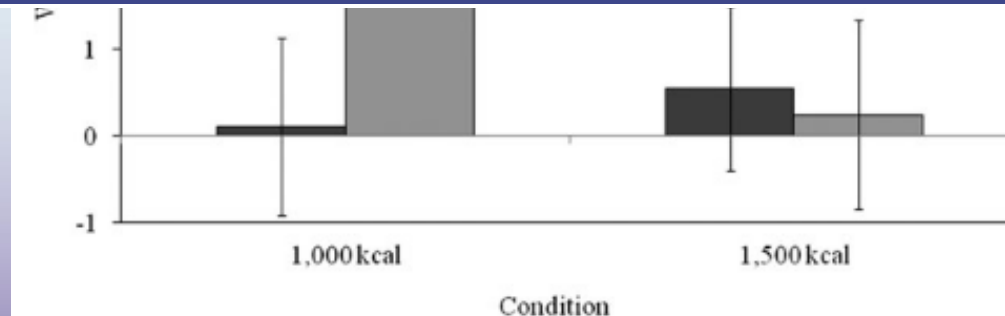
1,000 kcal		1,500 kcal	
M	SE	M	SE

- Greater weight loss with lower calorie intake
- Baseline caloric consumption moderated the effect on weight gain – higher baseline caloric intake (≥ 2000 kcal/day) assigned to 1000 kcal/day were significantly more susceptible to weight gain vs those assigned to 1500 kcal/day

Months 0–6
Months 7–12
Months 0–12

* $P < 0.001$ and ** $P = 0.025$ for within-condition weight change across the specified time periods.

Weight changes in kg according to treatment conditions



Weight regain
(mean \pm SE)
from months 7-
12 according to
treatment
conditions and
baseline caloric
intake

Clinical implications

1. Caloric prescription should consider baseline caloric intake
2. For high baseline caloric intake:
 - a. Based on % of their baseline intake (e.g. 25-50% reduction)
 - b. Projected amount of weight change per week (e.g. 0.50-0.75 kg/week)



3. Take the upper range calorie recommendation for weight loss instead of a fixed energy intake

Diet only vs diet + exercise for weight loss?



n=91 women with obesity
1,500 kcal/day
(diet only, DO)

+ Behaviour
modification



n=95 women with obesity
1,500 kcal/day
Exercise
(diet + exercise, DE)

18 weeks intervention + 18 weeks maintenance

	DO (n = 95)	DE (n = 111)	Change	p value
Weight	Moderate caloric restriction + moderate aerobic exercise = significant weight loss and improved body composition profile			
Fat loss				
Fat-free				
BMI	3.2 (2.1–4.3)	5.1 (3.8–6.4)	1.9 (1.4–2.3)	0.005 ^a

Values in parentheses represent 95% confidence intervals. ^a Statistically significant difference (p < 0.05).

Nutrient adequacy of ER diet

Nutrient inadequacy can occur with caloric restriction¹

The extent of inadequacy and the nutrients affected are dependent on:

- composition of the diet followed
- nutritional needs of the individual

The use of very low-calorie diet (VLCD) i.e. <800 kcal/day, as part of a comprehensive treatment plan should be prescribed **under the supervision of a medical team that includes a dietitian**



Intermittent fasting (IF)



4 main types used to study the effects of IF

1

Alternate-day fasting (ADF)
• No calorie consumption on fasting days

2

Alternate-day modified fasting (ADMF)
• Less than 25% baseline energy needs caloric consumption on fasting days

3

Time-restricted fasting (TRF)
• Restricting food intake to specific time periods of the day

4

Ramadhan fasting

IF vs calorie restricted diet (CRD)

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REVIEW

Time-Restricted Eating



A meta-analysis comparing the effectiveness of alternate day fasting, the 5:2 diet, and time-restricted eating for weight loss

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Article

The Effects of Time-Restricted Eating versus Standard Dietary Advice on Weight, Metabolic Health and the Consumption of Processed Food: A Pragmatic Randomised Controlled Trial in Community-Based Adults

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- IF is comparable to CRD for weight loss
- The degree of weight loss depends on the cumulative caloric restriction
- Little is known about long-term sustainability and health effects

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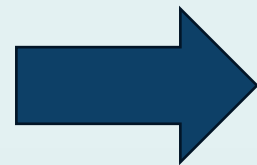
Low Carbohydrate versus Isoenergetic Balanced Diets for Reducing Weight and Cardiovascular Risk: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis



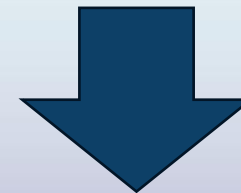
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- Short- and long-term studies
- Adults with overweight and obesity with or without T2DM



Low carbohydrate (CHO) diet (<40% of total energy + high fat/high protein diet)
vs
Balanced isocaloric diet (40-65% CHO of total energy)



- 3-6 months -0.74 kg; 95% CI -1.49, 0.01
- 1-2 years :-0.48 kg; 95% CI -1.44, 0.49
- There was also no significant difference in CV risk factors

No different in weight loss

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Effects of an energy-restricted low-carbohydrate, high unsaturated fat/low saturated fat diet versus a high-carbohydrate, low-fat diet in type 2 diabetes: A 2-year randomized clinical trial

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Aim: To examine whether a low-carbohydrate, high-unsaturated/low-saturated fat diet

Low-CHO (LC):

CHO 14%

Protein 28%

Fat 58% (<10% saturated)

HIGH-CHO (HC):

CHO 53% (overall glycaemic index 46; low)

Protein 17%

Fat 30% (<10% saturated)

Energy prescription: Moderate calorie restriction of 30%
500-1000 kcal/day deficit (1357-2143 kcal/day)

Biweekly consultation with dietician x 12 weeks. Monthly thereafter.

Physical activity: 60 mins moderate intensity aerobic + resistance exercise x 3 days/week under supervision

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Results

Parameters	LC	HC
Weight reduction (kg)	-6.8 (-8.8, -4.7)	-6.6 (-8.8, -4.5)
Body fat reduction (kg)	-4.3 (-6.2, -2.4)	-4.6 (-6.6, -2.7)
Medication reduction (unit)	-0.5 (-0.6, -0.3)	-0.2 (-0.4, -0.02) [p=0.03]

- Isocaloric diet containing either high CHO (53% from total energy) or low CHO (14% from total energy + low saturated fatty acids) resulted a **comparable reduction of body weight in adults with obesity and T2DM**
- The **low CHO** diet resulted in **greater reduction in requirements for glucose lowering drugs** in the 2-year clinical trial

Low or high glycaemic index (GI)/glycaemic load (GL)

Low GI/GL **not superior** to high GI/GL for **body weight reduction** in adult with **BMI ≥ 25 kg/m²**

Low GI/GL **greater body weight reduction** in adult with **BMI ≥ 30 kg/m²**
(-0.93 kg, 95% CI -1.73, -0.12)

Low GI/GL reduced fasting blood glucose and fasting insulin vs high GI/GL

NO DIFFERENCE

- Fat mass
- Fat-free mass
- Waist circumference
- Lipid profile

Calorie restriction with meal replacement (MR) vs conventional calorie restriction for weight loss



RESEARCH

Review



The Effect of Meal Replacement on Weight Loss According to Calorie-Restriction Type and Proportion of Energy Intake: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials



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MR plan: Part of a structured calorie restriction diet that replaced $\geq 60\%$ of the total daily energy intake

22 RCTs

1,982 patients who were overweight/obese



Meal replacement-based plans, **replacing 3 meals/day for 3-6 months** resulted in **greater weight loss** than conventional food-based low energy diet

Weight management interventions by a dietitian: efficacy

A systemic review & meta-analysis of 62 randomised controlled trials



By dietitian vs usual care/no intervention



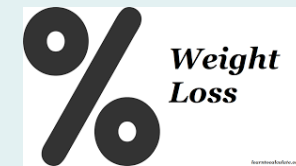
Results: Significant benefits

Interventions
≥1 month

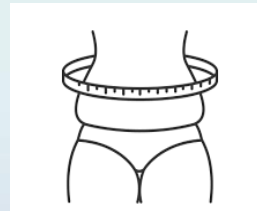
Significant improvements in:



1.5 kg/m²



4.01%



3.45 cm



3.04 mm Hg systolic BP
0.98 mm Hg diastolic BP

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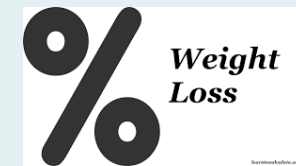
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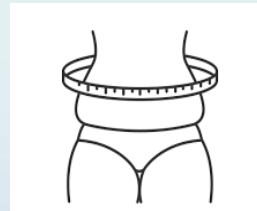
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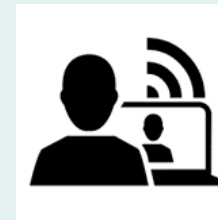
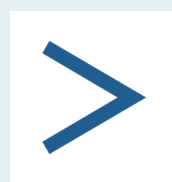
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In-person or telehealth



Exclusively
in-person



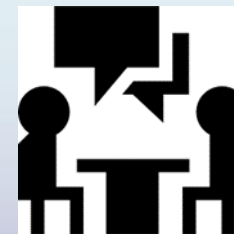
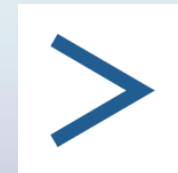
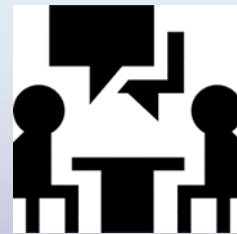
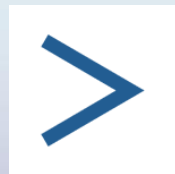
In-person and remote

Exclusively
remote

Individual or group



Exclusively
group

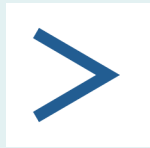
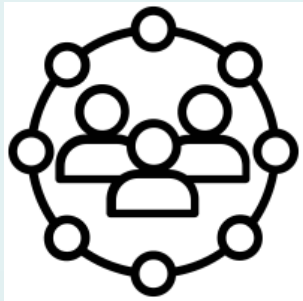


Group and individual

Exclusively
individual

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Dietitian only or multidisciplinary team

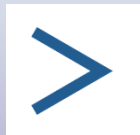


Multidisciplinary team

Dietitian alone

No. of contact with dietitian

≥ 5 contacts



1-4 contacts

Frequency of contact with dietitian

$\geq 4x/$ mth



1-3x/mth



$< 1x/$ mth

Intervention duration

≥ 12 mths

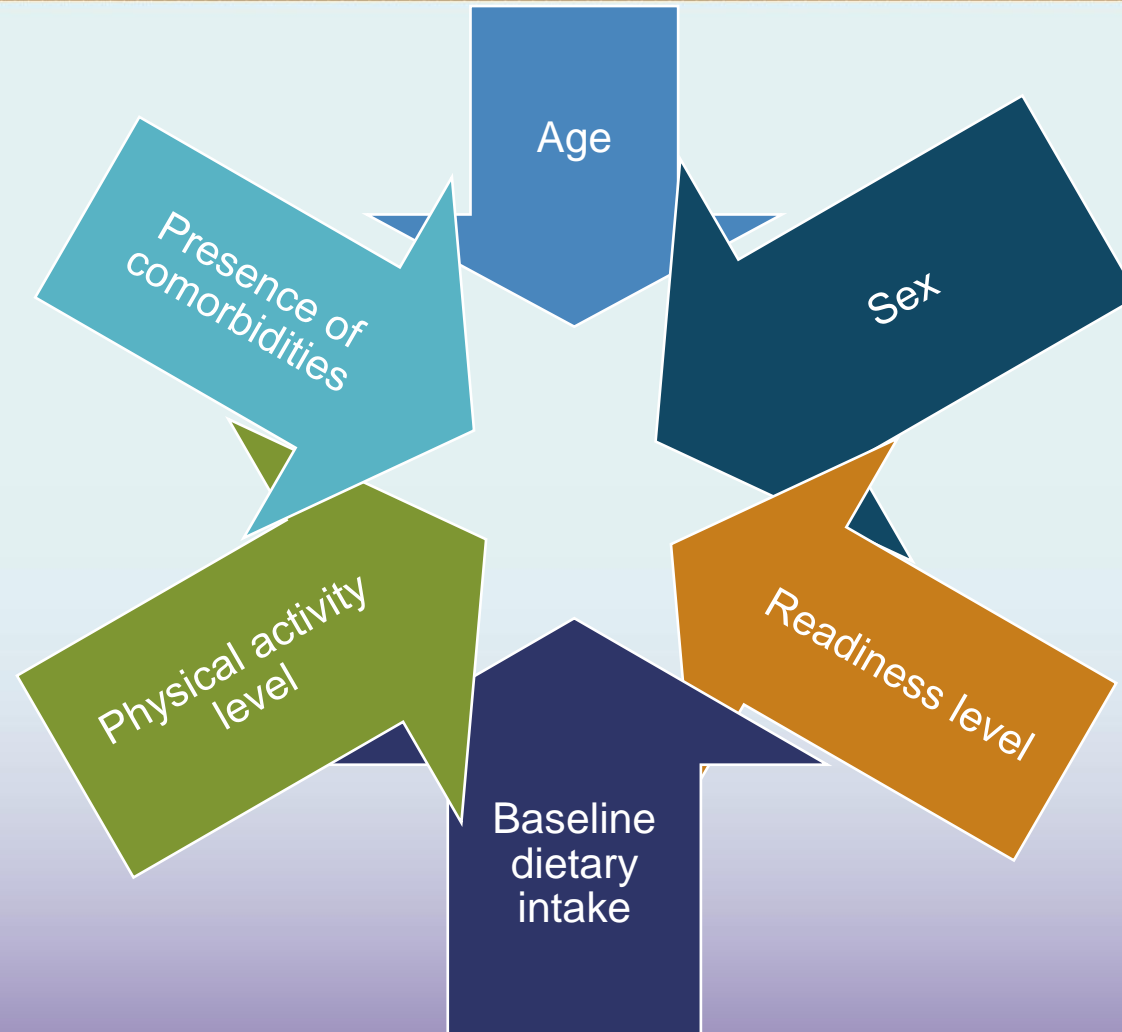


6-12 mth



< 6 mths

Factors to consider before prescribing ER diet for weight loss



Take home messages

- Calorie deficit is the primary aim to produce weight loss
- Low calorie balanced diet is as effective as isocaloric low fat, low CHO in producing weight loss
- Intermittent fasting (calorie consumption within recommendation) can be used as a strategy to achieve weight loss and comparable to low calorie balanced diet
- Meal replacement or intermittent fasting may be used as part of structured calorie restriction diet
- Nutrition interventions that are safe, effective, nutritionally adequate, culturally acceptable and affordable for long-term adherence should be considered for adults living with obesity

Thank you!

