





# Module 7: Applying Foundations of Care When Obesity is the Chief Complaint

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# OBESITY MANAGEMENT IN PRIMARY CARE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:

A Practice Management & Leadership Training Program for PAs and NPs



#### Case 1: Ms. S

#### **Medical Background:**

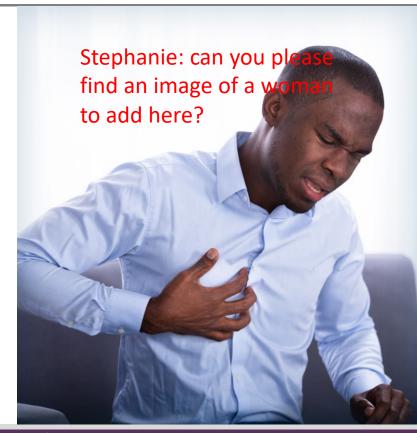
- 34 year old woman with history of: Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), depression, anxiety, and obesity who presents for an annual visit and advice from you regarding weight loss.
- No significant change in health over the past year, although feeling more anxious.

#### Psychosocial Background:

- Married for 2 years and wants to start a family. Works full time for an advertising agency.
- She recently saw her gynecologist for abnormal menstrual cycle and was told that pregnancy would be more likely if she lost weight.

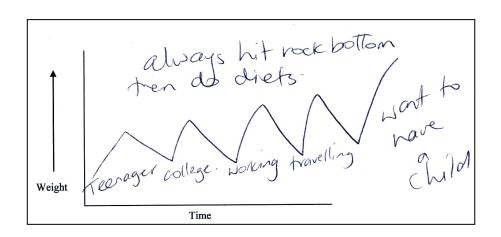
#### **Medications:**

 omeprazole 20 mg QD, paroxetine 40 mg QD, alprazolam 0.25 mg prn, and a multiple vitamin–mineral supplement



### Case 1: Weight History and Past Attempts

- Weight history:
  - Cyclic and ratcheting weight gain since high school. Highest weight is today.
- Multiple self-directed weight loss attempts, mostly fad diets such as keto and juicing. Weight loss of 10 to 15 pounds each time, followed by weight regain when she discontinued the diets. She viewed the changes as difficult.
- She is currently not following any specific diet or exercise plan. Though does state that she tries to make healthy choices.



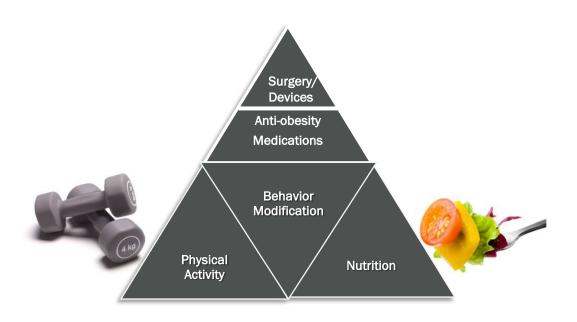
### Case 1: Physical Examination

- Weight: 203 lbs, height: 67"
  - BMI is 32 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, waist circumference is 96 cm
- BP: 126/88 mm Hg, HR: 92 bpm.
- The remainder of the physical exam is unremarkable.
- Labs: CBC normal

Chem Profile	
Glucose	102 mg/dL
HbA1c	5.8%
TC	210 mg/dL
LDL-C	130 mg/dL
TG	150 mg/dL
HDL-C	40 mg/dL
TSH	2.2

Behavioral Screeners				
PHQ-9	10/27			
Binge Eating Scale	19			
Self- reported stress	7/10			
Hours per night of sleep	7-8 hours			

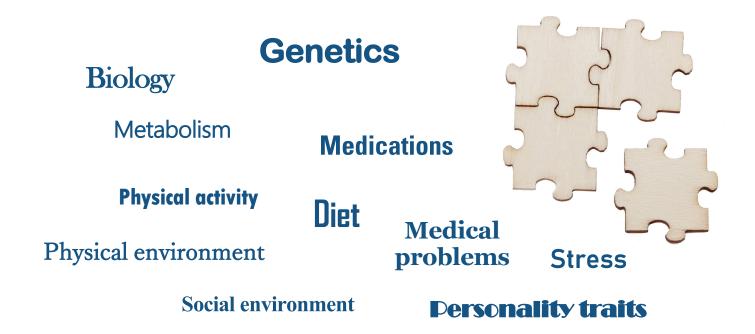
#### Components of an Effective Obesity Management Program



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- What is the relationship between the patient's GERD, depression and abnormal menstrual cycle with obesity?
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- 4. Are there any other questions or tests that you would like to ask for/order?
- 5. What is the role of "shared decision making" and how do you conduct it in practice?
- 6. What questions do you ask to better understand potential for eating disorders?
- 7. How can you assess the difference between overeating and binge eating?

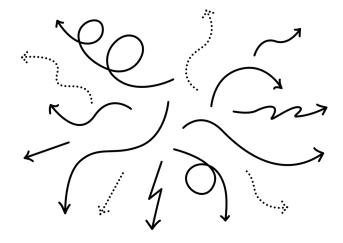
### **Determinants of Weight Gain**



### Life course perspective

• The *life course perspective* suggests that all of the mental, physical and social factors that individuals experience through life influence health and disease risk and determine health trajectory

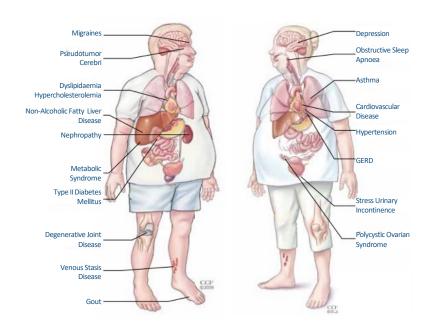




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### **Weight Gaining Side Effects of Medications**

Category	Drugs That May Cause Weight Gain	Possible Alternatives
Neuroleptics	Thioridazine, haloperidol, olanzapine, quetiapine, risperidone, clozapine	Ziprasidone, aripiprazole
Antidiabetic agents	Insulin, sulfonylureas, thiazolidinediones	AGIs, DPP-4i, SGLT2i, GLP-1 RAs, metformin
Steroid hormones	Glucocorticoids, progestational steroids	Barrier methods, NSAIDs
Tricyclics (ADs)	Amitriptyline, nortriptyline, imipramine, doxepin	Protriptyline, bupropion, nefazodone
MAOIs (ADs)	Phenelzine	
SSRIs (ADs)	Paroxetine	Fluoxetine, sertraline
Other (ADs)	Mirtazapine, duloxetine	Bupropion
Anticonvulsants	Valproate, carbamazepine, gabapentin, pregabalin, vigabatrin	Topiramate, lamotrigine, zonisamide, felbamate
Antihistamines	Cyproheptadine	Inhalers, decongestants
β- and α-adrenergic blockers	Propranolol, doxazosin	ACEIs, CCBs

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### **SCOFF Questions**

- Do you make yourself Sick (induce vomiting) because you feel uncomfortably full?
- Do you worry that you have lost Control over how much you eat?
- Have you recently lost more than One stone (14 lb [6.4 kg]) in a three-month period?
- Do you think you are too Fat, even though others say you are too thin?
- Would you say that Food dominates your life?

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### Binge Eating Disorder (DSM-5)

Criterion 1:	Recurrent episodes of binge eating. An episode of binge eating is characterized by both of the following:		
	Eating, in a discrete period of time (e.g., within any 2-hour period), an amount of food that is definitely larger than most people would eat in a similar period of time under similar circumstances		
	The sense of lack of control over eating during the episode (e.g., a feeling that one cannot stop eating or control what or how much one is eating)		
Criterion 2:	Binge-eating episodes are associated with three (or more) of the following:		
	<ul> <li>(a) Eating much more rapidly than normal</li> <li>(b) Eating until feeling uncomfortably full</li> <li>(c) Eating large amounts of food when not feeling physically hungry</li> <li>(d) Eating alone because of being embarrassed by how much one is eating</li> <li>(e) Feeling disgusted with oneself, depressed, or very guilty after overeating</li> </ul>		
Criterion 3:	Marked distress regarding binge eating is present.		
Criterion 4:	The binge eating occurs, on average at least 1 day a week for 3 months (DSM-5 frequency and duration criteria)		
Criterion 5:	The binge eating is not associated with the regular use of inappropriate compensatory behavior (e.g., purging, fasting, excessive exercise) and does not occur exclusively during the course of anorexia nervosa or bulimia nervosa		
Severity Grading	Mild: 1 to 3 episodes per week Moderate: 4 to 7 episodes per week Severe: 8 to 13 episodes per week Extreme: 14 or more episodes per week		

### Case 1: Discussion Questions (2)

8. What is the importance of taking a nutrition recall? How does this benefit shared decision making?

9. What questions would you ask to asses her current nutrition or food knowledge?

### **Nutrition History**

#### **Nutrition Recall**

- Short term or long term
- 24 hour nutrition recall
  - Quick method to determine patterns, habits, choices
- Info: family, social/ work environment, socio-economic factors, nutrition understanding
- Helps to formulate YOUR plan
- Can also be perceive as judgmental
  - Patients may tell you what they think you want to hear
  - OR want to avoid confrontation

#### **Shared Decision Making**

- Improved quality of decision making process
- Establishes context
  - (value and preferences of the patient)
- Identifies areas of patient uncertainty
- Risks and benefits of treatment plans or course of action
- Team approach: Cohesive therapy approaches

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### Assessing Knowledge: ASK

- "I'd like to learn more about you What are some examples of what you would eat for breakfast, lunch, etc.?"
- "You seem like a busy person! Are you eating regularly or do you find yourself skipping meals or going long periods of time without eating?"
- "Tell me about the weekends do you find yourself eating differently?"
- "What do you like to drink with your meals / throughout the day"
- "Who grocery shops/ prepares meals in your house?"
- "What does 'healthy eating' mean to you?"
- "Do you (or have you ever) looked at nutrition labels?"

### Case 1: Discussion Questions (2)

10. Regarding her past diet attempts, why does she perceive the diets to have been difficult? Would you consider this a reason she may struggle with any diet advice you provide?

11. How do you decide which lifestyle treatment program to recommend?

### **Determining Lifestyle Diet Treatment: ASK**

- Ask about past diet attempts: What you like vs what you didn't
- Why do you think this worked? (or didn't)
- What do YOU think your biggest food (or diet) struggles are?
- What is your biggest challenge with changing your diet?
- How does your family feel about changing the food at home?
- YOUR PLAN:
- Meet the patient where he or she is
- Set realistic Expectations with the patient
- Negative perceptions may lead to clinical inertia

### **Set Realistic Expectations**

Realistic Weight Reduction Goals	Realistic Nutrition Changes	Realistic Outcomes	
1-2 pounds per week	Be wary of restriction/ binge pattern	Find the MIDDLE GROUND (no "all or nothing"0  Weight loss may be slowerbut less restrictive and more sustainable	
10% current weight in 6 months	Avoid elimination of specific foods (unless a trigger food)	Focusing on "health goals" as opposed to "scale goals"	
"Goal Weight" or "ideal weight" may not be achievable May feel overwhelming	Reduce Calories Go for EASY strategies	<ol> <li>Is it working</li> <li>Can I do this the rest of my life?</li> </ol>	

### PROVIDE RESOURCES

- Disconnect between WHY and HOW
- Provide ideas that are easy to implement
- Meal and / or snack options
- Grocery lists
- Healthier options when eating out
- Online tools (websites, apps, support, accountability)
- Don't be afraid to use your OWN eating plan as an example
- (Stephanie will we be able to provide some electronic handouts for the participants to reference here?

### Keep it Simple

Nutrition tracking: awareness and choice Better

not

best

Progress over perfection

"Low-hanging fruit"

Finding the minimum

### Case 1: Discussion Questions (3)

- 11. How do you decide which lifestyle treatment program to recommend?
- 12. If you decide to recommend physical activity, how would you start?
- 13. Is this a patient that should be referred to a specialized obesity treatment program?
- 14. If you decide to guide treatment yourself, how do you bill for that service? What resources do you need to effectively treat obesity in the office?
- 15. How would you monitor any dietary questions or struggles she may experience?

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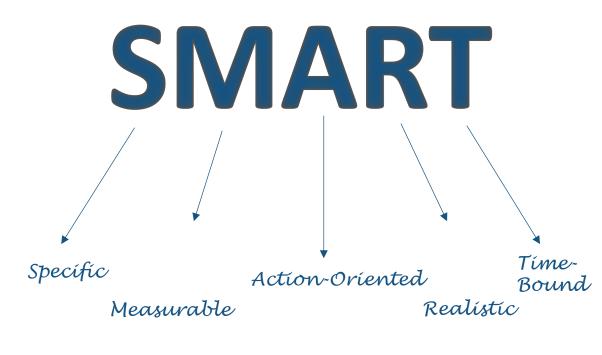
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### **Physical Activity**



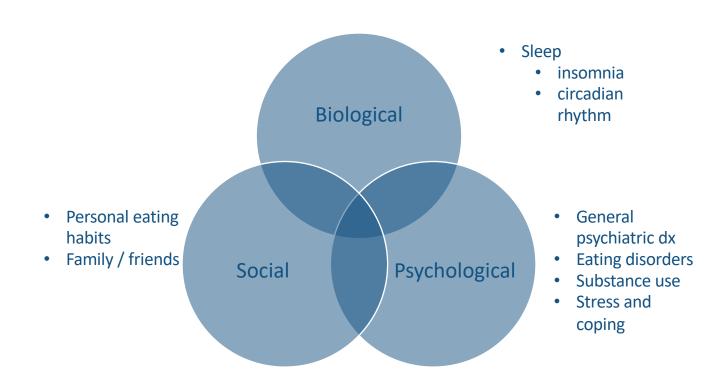




### Case 1: Follow-up at 6 months

- You treat the patient in the office. She chooses to follow a structured lifestyle program and incorporate self-monitoring of her weight, diet, and activity. She sets a calorie goal and spends more time planning and preparing her own meals and snacks. You schedule follow-up office visits for monitoring, reinforcement, and counseling.
- Over the next 4 months she successfully loses 6% (12 lbs) of her body weight but, similar to her
  past history, she experiences weight regain over months 5 and 6. She returns to your office having
  regained 5 lbs. She is frustrated and more depressed about her weight. She wants to know what
  else she can do.
- She is monitoring her steps but has not found a consistent way to increase her activity

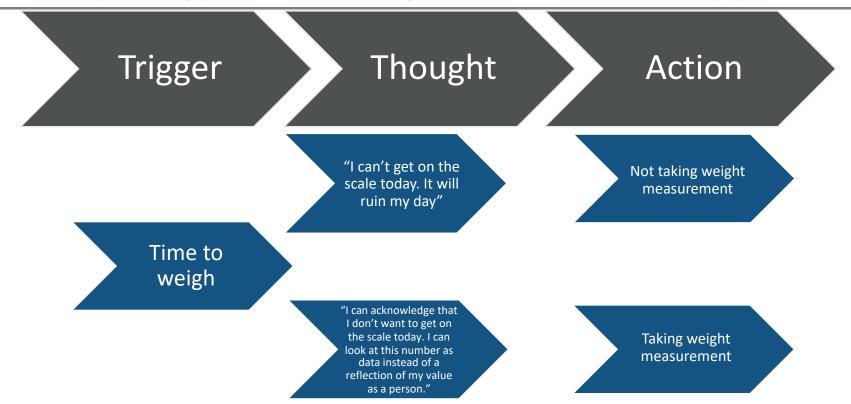
### Health Psychology Referral: Assessment



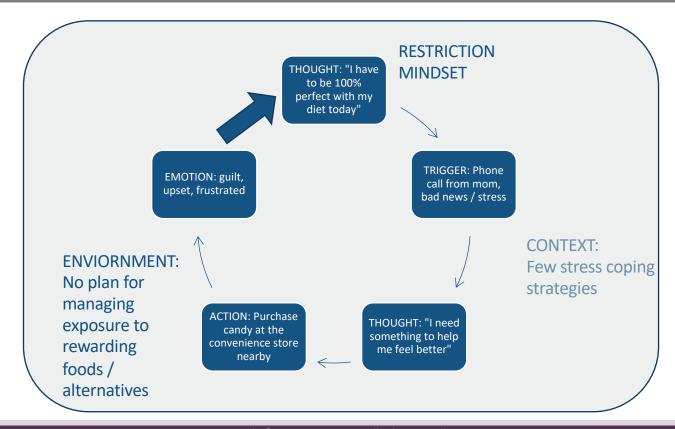
### Health Psychology Treatment: Contextual logging

Food	Time	Emotion	Hunger (1-10)	Activity
% c. Greek yogurt with 5 strawberries and % c granola	7:35am	Content, happy	7	Sitting at the kitchen table, thinking about my meeting at 8am.
Coffee with dream and ½ chocolate donut	9:15am	Anxious, frustrated	3	Breakroom at work, meeting didn't go great. Was only planning to have the coffee, but Kim brought donuts and I couldn't resist.
Cobb salad with dressing and piece of bread	12:30pm	More calm	6	Grabbed lunch from the shop downstairs and ate while working at my desk.

### Health Psychology Treatment: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)



#### Health Psychology Treatment: Perfectionism / Emotional Eating Cycle



### Case 1 – Discussion Points (4)

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## What is the Primary Purpose of Adjunctive Medications used in Obesity Treatment?

"The rationale for use of medications is to help patients adhere to a lower calorie diet more consistently in order to achieve more sufficient weight loss and health improvements when combined with increased physical activity."

Jensen MD, et al. Circulation. 2014;129(25 Suppl 2):S102-38.

Indicated for patients with a BMI ≥30 kg/m² or a BMI ≥27 kg/m² associated with a co-morbidity

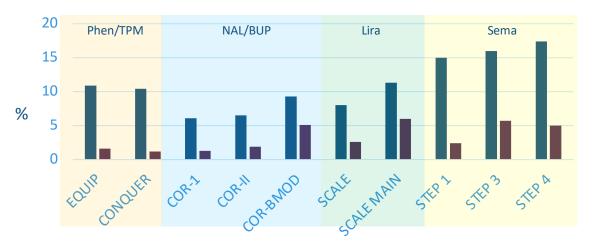




#### **Current Anti-Obesity Medications (AOM)**

Agents	Mechanism of Action	Effect
Phentermine	Sympathomimetic	Appetite regulation
Phentermine/ topiramate ER (Qsymia®)	<ul> <li>Sympathomimetic</li> <li>Anticonvulsant (GABA receptor modulation, carbonic anhydrase inhibition, glutamate antagonism)</li> </ul>	Appetite regulation
Naltrexone/ bupropion SR (Contrave®)	<ul><li>Opioid receptor antagonist</li><li>Dopamine/noradrenaline reuptake</li><li>inhibitor</li></ul>	Appetite regulation
Liraglutide (Saxenda®)	GLP-1 receptor agonist	Appetite regulation
Orlistat (Xenical® or Alli®)	Pancreatic lipase inhibition	Reduces fat absorption

#### Percent Weight Loss (Drug versus Placebo)



Sema 2.4 mg is under FDA approval



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#### **Goal Setting**



Look for 8 or more

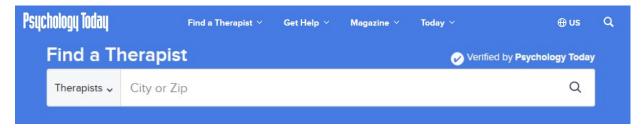
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#### Finding a health psychologist

- Behavioral medicine providers (LCSW/PsyD/PhD) within your institution or other medical or clinical settings
  - Look for experience with weight management or eating disorders
  - Interventions used: motivational interviewing (MI), cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT)

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## Case 1 – Discussion Points (5)

Discuss the medication options and expectations

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#### Follow up (mo. 5 and 6)

- Diet Fatigue:
- Motivation is not linear
- Praise success, non-scale victories
- Discuss challenges "troubleshoot"
- Reconnect with goals
- Revisit diet
- Try something new

#### Case 2: Mr. T

#### Medical Background:

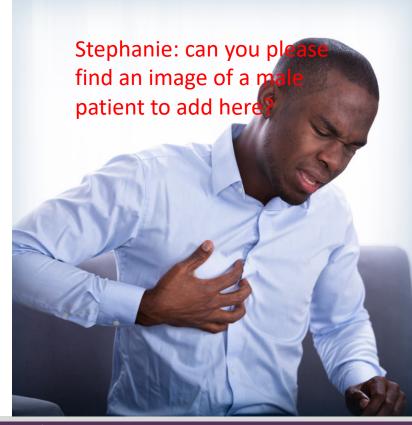
 55 year old man with history of: hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus, obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), osteoarthritis of his knees, and obesity. He makes an appointment today to ask your opinion regarding what he can do for his obesity, as he knows that most of his other health problems are due to his body weight.

#### Psychosocial Background:

 Married for 20 years, 2 children (ages 13 and 15), working full-time as an insurance salesman. His wife is also overweight.

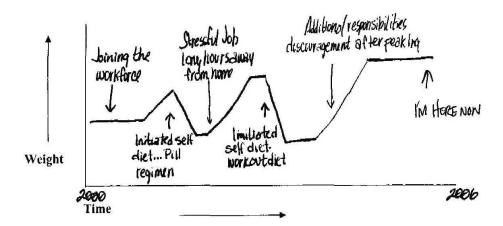
#### **Medications:**

- Metformin 500 mg BID, Glyburide 10 mg BID, Losartan 100 mg QD,
   Diltiazem 240 mg QD, Atorvastatin 10 mg QD, Aspirin 81 mg QD,
   Chlorthalidone 25 mg QD
- Prescribed CPAP



#### Case 1: Weight History and Past Attempts

- He has been battling his weight for many decades. He
  previously lost weight on his own through diet and exercise,
  as well as one time while taking an appetite suppressant
  medication. He previously saw a registered dietitian when
  he was diagnosed with diabetes.
- He attributes his weight gain to pressures at work and at home and having less time to take care of himself.



#### Case 2: Current Health Habits

Diet history:

Breakfast	Skipped
Lunch (11:30am)	Restaurant meal with clients
Dinner (7pm)	At home, with family, large portion sizes
Snacks	Up late, watching TV and snacking after family goes to bed

- Physical activity is limited to activities of daily living.
- Currently very few hobbies. Spends most of his off-time watching TV, reading magazines or talking with family. Previously was active in photography and volunteering.

#### Case 2: Physical Examination

 Weight: 278 lbs; height: 70"; BMI: 40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

• BP: 128/62 mm Hg

• HR: 92 bpm

Heart: Grade 2/6 SEM at apex

 Extremities: dystrophic skin changes, 1+ edema

Labs	
FBS	95 mg/dL
HbA1c	6.9%
BUN	19 mg/dL
TC	152 mg/dL
LDL-C	80 mg/dL
TG	181 mg/dL
HDL-C	38 mg/dL

Behavioral Screeners		
PHQ-9	2/27	
Binge Eating Scale	13	
Self-reported stress	4/10	
Hours per night of sleep	5-7 hours - feels unrefreshed / not using CPAP	

## Case 2 – Discussion Points (1)

- 1. What are the contributors to his weight and what would you expect to improve with weight loss?
- 2. What are the best treatment options for this patient?
- 3. Is this a patient who should be referred to a specialized obesity treatment program?
- 4. Regarding T2DM: is there a medication that may benefit this patient with weight loss and reducing HbA1c%?

## Improvements in Risk Factors and Comorbidities

	Orlistat	Phentermine/ topiramate ER	Naltrexone/ bupropion SR	Liraglutide 3.0 mg
WC	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ
BP	<b>Ψ</b>	Ψ	<b>^</b>	Ψ
LDL	44	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ
HDL	<b>^</b>	<b>^</b>	<b>^</b>	<b>^</b>
TG	44	44	$\mathbf{\Psi}\mathbf{\Phi}$	44
A1C	Ψ	Ψ	Ψ	$\Psi \Psi \Psi$
HR	Ψ	-	<b>^</b>	<b>^</b>
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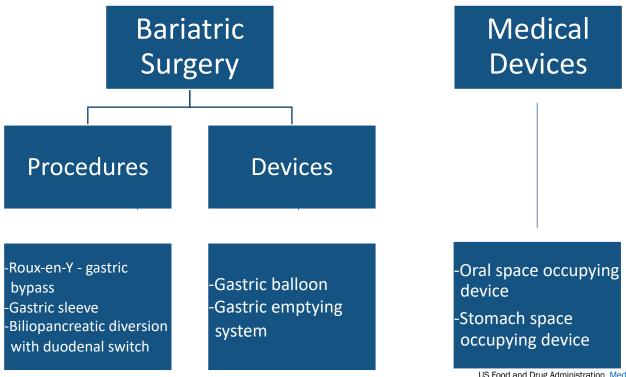
BP = blood pressure; HDL = high-density lipoprotein; HR = heart rate; LDL = low-density lipoprotein; TG = triglycerides; WC = waist circumference.

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#### **Emerging Anti-Obesity Pharmacological Therapies**

Category	Mechanism	Drug	Stage of Development
Hormonal	GLP-1 receptor agonist GLP-1/GIP receptor agonist GLP-1/glucagon receptor agonist Amylin analogue GLP-1/amylin GLP-1/GIP/glucagon Ghrelin antagonist PYY analogue	Semaglutide Tirzepatide	Phase 3 – submitted to FDA Phase 3 Phase 3 Phase 2 Phase 2 Phase 2 Phase 1 Phase 1
Neuropeptide	Melanocortin-4 receptor agonist	Setmelanotide	IMCIVREE (Nov, 2020)
Enzyme inhibition	Sodium-glucose transporter-1 and 2 (SGLT1, SGLT2 inhibitor)	Licoglifloxin	Phase 2
Monoamine receptor uptake inhibition	Noradrenaline, dopamine, serotonin update inhibitor	Tesofensine	Phase 3
Monoclonal antibody	Activin type II receptor antagonist	Bimagrumab	Phase 2

#### Surgery and Devices for Weight Loss & Management



US Food and Drug Administration. Medical Devices for Weight Loss and Weight Management: What to Know | FDA. Accessed January 26, 2021.

#### **Considerations for Surgical Treatment**

- May be an option for patients with<sup>1</sup>:
  - BMI 35-39.9 kg/m² and ≥1 obesity-related comorbidity
  - BMI ≥40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

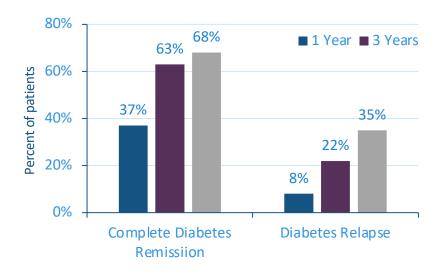
- Long-term reduction in:
  - Body weight
  - Cardiovascular biomarkers, events
  - Other weight-related complications
- Need for ongoing support and intervention

# A Follow-up on Mechanisms of Weight loss and Remission of T2DM Following RYGB

Mechanism	Metabolic effect
Food intake	¥
Energy expenditure	¥
Leptin	<b>V</b>
Insulin secretion	<b>^</b>
Hepatic insulin sensitivity	<b>^</b>
Muscle insulin sensitivity	<b>^</b>
Gastric emptying	<b>^</b>
GLP-1	<b>^</b>
Peptide YY	<b>^</b>
Ghrelin	<b>V</b> >
Cholecystokinin	<b>^</b>
Bile acids	<b>Å</b>
Gut microbiota	Altered

# RYGB Results in Durable Remission of T2DM in Most (but not all) Patients

- Retrospective cohort study of 4,434 adults with T2DM who underwent RYGB
- Lower remission rates predicted by poor preoperative glycemic control (A1c ≥6.5%), longer duration of diabetes, and receiving insulin
- Median time to relapse was 8.3 y



### Case 2: Follow Up

- You discuss all options with the patient.
- He attends a group discussion of bariatric surgery but says, "I want to try something less aggressive."
- He agrees to work with a registered dietitian who recommends the use of meal replacement products for greater calorie and portion control. He is started on a 1500-calorie diet.
- He is not interested in increasing physical activity.
- He also agrees to discuss possible medications to aid in his dieting efforts.
- You tell him that his diabetes medications may need monitoring during weight loss.

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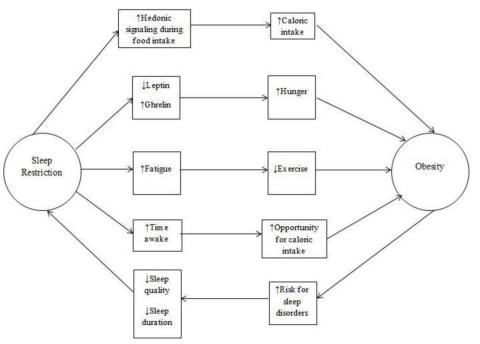
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#### Night Eating Syndrome – DSM-5

• Technically: Other Specified Feeding or Eating Disorder(OSFED)

Criterion 1:	The daily pattern of eating demonstrates a significantly increased intake in the evening and/or nighttime, as manifested by one or both of the following:  • At least 25% of food intake is consumed after the evening meal  • At least two episodes of nocturnal eating per week
Criterion 2:	Awareness and recall of evening and nocturnal eating episodes are present.
Criterion 3:	The clinical picture is characterized by at least three of the following features:  Lack of desire to eat in the morning and/or breakfast is omitted on four or more mornings per week  Presence of a strong urge to eat between dinner and sleep onset and/or during the night  Sleep onset and/or sleep maintenance insomnia are present four or more nights per week  Presence of a belief that one must eat in order to initiate or return to sleep  Mood is frequently depressed and/or mood worsens in the evening
Criterion 4:	The disorder is associated with significant distress and/or impairment in functioning.
Criterion 5:	The disordered pattern of eating has been maintained for at least 3 months.
Criterion 6:	The disorder is not secondary to substance abuse or dependence, medical disorder, medication, or another psychiatric disorder.

#### Sleep and Obesity



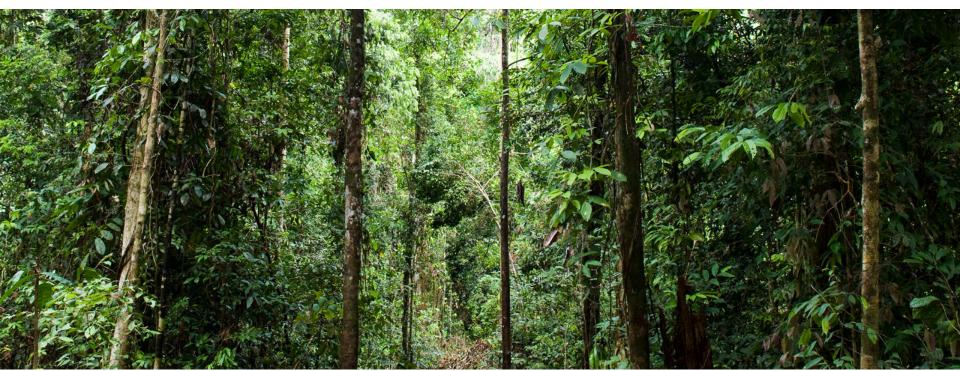
 Short sleep duration (<5 or 6 hours) is significantly associated with future obesity.

- Other notable factors:
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  - Sleep timing
  - Daytime napping
  - Sleep efficiency / quality
- Untreated Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA)

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## Values-Based Perspective



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#### **ADW: Meal Replacements**

- Meal Replacements: liquid meals, meal bars, calorie-controlled packaged meals
- Supporting Evidence: Substituting one or two daily meals or snacks with meal replacements is a successful weight loss and weight maintenance strategy.
- Most Overheard Concerns?





#### Look for meals with:

**Calories:** 250-400

**Saturated Fat:** 4 grams or less

Trans Fat: 0 grams

Sodium: Less than 600mg

(Daily rec. <2000mg)

**Fiber:** at least 3-5 grams **Protein:** at least 10 grams





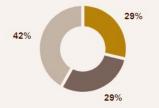


#### **ADW: Meal Replacements**









1020

34%

CALORIES

Iron

YOUR BURRITO BOWL

Calories from Fat 480 TOTAL FAT 53.5g Saturated Fat 19.5g Trans Fat Og PROTEIN 55a CARBOHYDRATES 78a Dietary Fiber 17g 7g 1950ma SODIUM VITAMINS & MINERALS Vitamin A 50% Vitamin C. 73% Calcium 38%

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#### Barriers to Implementation

- Eating out with Clients
  - How likely is this to change?
- Large portions at Dinner
  - Level of Hunger
- Timing Rule of Thumb:
  - Try to avoid long periods of time with no eating occasions
  - 4-5 hours
  - Overly hungry, hard to control portions, less energy, vulnerable to unhealthy choices
- Other suggestions for better choices?

#### Pt's diet recall:

Breakfast	Skipped
Lunch (11:30am)	Restaurant meal with clients
Dinner (7pm)	At home, with family, large portion sizes
Snacks	Up late, watching TV and snacking after family goes to bed

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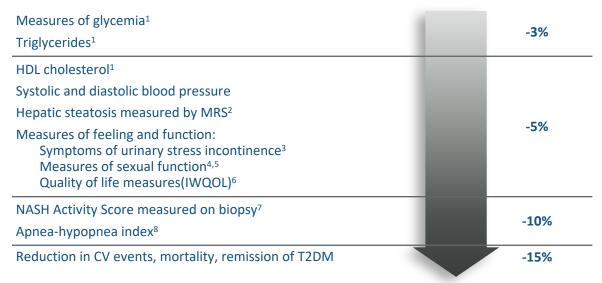
- Through shared decision making, the patient chooses to try liraglutide 3.0 mg and you provide a prescription. He is instructed on pen use and drug administration, including titration over the first month.
- Over the next 6 months, he loses 22 lbs (8% of initial body weight). Weight is now 256 lbs.
   New BMI = 36.8 kg/m² (Class II obesity)
- Labs:
  - Glucose 102 mg/dL
  - A1C 6.2%
  - TC 174 mg/dL
  - LDL-C 104 mg/dL
  - HDL-C 51 mg/dL
  - TG 95 mg/dL
- Weight and labs remain stable over an additional 6 months.

## Case 2 – Discussion Points (4)

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#### **Greater Benefits with Greater Weight Loss**



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#### Key Take-aways

