
Nutritional Physiology in the News
Gain weight by drinking your calories? PEBB Newsletter
Salt–beyond hypertension UCB Wellness Letter, June 2011

Nutrition Primer DC Module 2, Sizer & Whitney (S&W) Sci Lib
A. Dietary Guidelines: USDA, AICR, Eat Like the Rainbow!
C. Nutrition Quackery, Balanced Approach Kleiner, Monaco+

Digestion LS 2012 ch 15, pp 437-9, DC Module 3 pp 17-23
A. Steps of digestion Dr. Evonuk + LS pp 437-9; DC p 23
B. Hydrolysis: the central linking theme! LS p 438, Fox 2009
C. What’s missing? LS fig 15-1 p 438
D. GI-Donut analogy? Dr. Lorraine Brilla WWU
F. Organ-by-organ review LS tab 15-1 pp 440-1 + DC fig 3-1
Sample Exam I Questions

Sample 1. What is human physiology? (+2) How does it differ from human anatomy? (+2)

Sample 2. Give 2 examples of when positive feedback may occur normally in the human body. (+4)

Sample 3. Cells are progressively organized into
   a. organs, systems, tissues, then the whole body
   b. tissues, organs, systems, then the whole body
   c. systems, tissues, organs, then the whole body
   d. None of the above are correct.
5 times per wk? ≡ 106,600 calories/yr ≡ ± 30.5 lb fat/yr

Starbucks Cinnamon Dolce Latte, whipped cream (Venti 20 oz.) = 410 calories

Jogging 50 min.

Better choices!
More Reasons to Shake the Salt Habit

1. Blood vessel vasodilation w/in 30 min by ingesting 1500 mg Na+!
2. Ca\(^{2+}\) excretion ↑bone loss, risk of osteoporosis & fractures.
4. GI cancer risk, inflammation?

Stop me!

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Macronutrients & Micronutrients
Essential for Life

**Macronutrients**

- H₂O/Water
- 1️⃣ Carbohydrates
- 2️⃣ Fats/Triglycerides/Lipids
- 3️⃣ Proteins

**Micronutrients**

- Vitamins (A, D, E, K; C + B)
- Minerals (K⁺, Na⁺, Ca²⁺, Mg²⁺, Fe²⁺, Zn²⁺,...)

**Sample Food Sources**

- Water, other drinks, fruits & vegetables
- Grains, vegetables, fruits, dairy products
- Meats, full-fat dairy products, oils
- Meats, legumes, dairy vegetables
- Vegetables, vegetable oils, fruits, citrus, grains, dairy
- Fruits, vegetables, grains, nuts, dairy, meats, processed foods

- **NB:** Need only minute quantities!

**Energy nutrients = yield ATP**
USDA Food Pyramid 1992

Fats, oils, and sweets
Use Sparingly

Milk, yogurt, and cheese group
2-3 Servings

Vegetable group
3-5 Servings

Meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs, and nuts group
2-3 Servings

Fruit group
2-4 Servings

Bread, cereal, rice, and pasta group
6-11 Servings

Key
- Fat (naturally occurring and added)
- Sugars (added)
Willett & Stampfer Suggestions 2003

- Red meat and butter: Use sparingly
- White rice, white bread, potatoes, pasta and sweets: Use sparingly
- Dairy or calcium supplement: 1 to 2 servings
- Fish, poultry and eggs: 0 to 2 servings
- Nuts and legumes: 1 to 3 servings
- Vegetables: In abundance
- Whole grain foods: At most meals

- Plant oils (olive, canola, soy, corn, sunflower, peanut and other vegetable oils): At most meals
- Daily exercise and weight control

NEW FOOD PYRAMID
US Modifications to 1992 Food Pyramid 2005

Fats, oils, and sweets
Use sparingly

“good” fats!

saturated & trans fats!

Milk, yogurt, and cheese group
2–3 servings

3 or more!

Vegetable group
3–5 servings

5 or more!

Meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs, and nuts group
2–3 servings

eg, fish, nuts

4 or more!

Fruit group
2–4 servings

Bread, rice, pasta group
6–11 servings

½ whole grain

Regular Physical Activity: Exercise! Exercise!!
1. ↑ emphasis on ↓ kcal + ↑ exercise. 😊
2. 9-A-Day! 4 fruit + 5 vegetable servings.
3. ≥ 3 of 6 whole grains → ½ whole grains!
4. 3 servings of dairy, eg 3 c fat-free milk.
5. ↓ saturated + trans fats + ↑ unsaturated/“good” fats, eg Ω-3 fish, walnuts.
6. Drink in moderation if at all.
7. Practice food safety.
1. Vary your veggies.
Fill ½ your plate with fruits & vegetables!

2. Focus on fruits.
Whole fruit preferable to juice, but any fruit counts!
Fill ½ your plate with fruits & vegetables!

3. Make at least ½ of your grains whole grains!

4. Go lean with protein.
Keep protein to < ¼ plate! Nuts, beans, peas, seeds, poultry, lean meat, seafood,…

5. Get your calcium-rich foods.
Buy skim or 1% milk. Go easy on cheese!

MyPlate launched June 2, 2011
Diet & Health Guidelines for Cancer Prevention

1. Choose a diet rich in variety of plant-based foods.
2. Eat plenty of vegetables & fruits.
3. Maintain a healthy weight & be physically active.
4. Drink alcohol only in moderation, if at all.
5. Select foods low in fat & salt.

And always, remember...

Do not smoke or use tobacco in any form.

American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR)
Your plate should be the size of a Frisbee, not a manhole cover.

When it comes to colorful foods, Fruit Loops don’t count.

A surprising number of people get 1/5 of their calories from sodas or other liquids.

If you look at the label & need a chemistry degree to read it, put the item back on the shelf!

**NB:** Each group 500 kcal deficit/day, 16 weeks

Exercise is better than dieting in lowering body fat & preserving muscles!
Dietary Composition & Physical Endurance

- eg, Atkins!
  - High-fat diet
  - Normal mixed diet
  - High-carbohydrate diet

~ 1/3 endurance!

Maximum endurance time:
- 57 min
- 114 min
- 167 min
Negative Effects of Low Carbohydrate

1. ↑ fatigue/exhaustion central & peripheral!
2. ↓ glucose – brain+spinal cord, rbcs thrive upon.
3. ↓ variety which reduces intake of phytochemicals, vitamins, minerals & fiber.
4. ↑ risk of respiratory infections.

+ gall stones, ↓ thermoregulation...
We’re better at storing fat vs carbohydrate!

- Dietary Fat
  - 3% Kcal
- Body Fat
  - 23% Kcal
- Dietary Carbohydrate
To Help Lower Body Wt & %Fat
EXERCISE!! +Minimize These!!

FAT  9 Kcal/g
ETOH 7 Kcal/g
CARB 4 Kcal/g
PRO 4 Kcal/g

NB: Minimize not Eliminate!
Moderation not Abstinence!!
I'm not sure I believe you! Why can't I just starve to lose weight?
TOTAL FAST =
No Energy Nutrients
(No Carbohydrates, Fats or Proteins)

ONLY

1. Water
2. Vitamins
3. Minerals

ML Pollock & JH Wilmore 1990.
60-day Fast???

Lost 60 lb!! Wow!!

Yet

\[
\begin{align*}
> \frac{3}{4} \\
26 \text{ lb Water} \\
20 \text{ lb Lean Body Mass} \\
14 \text{ lb Fat}
\end{align*}
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Fat < $\frac{1}{4}$ total wt loss!
You can lose weight by starving – but it's mostly water & muscle! Also, there can be complications!
Potential Complications of Total Fasting

Nausea, diarrhea, persistent vomiting, postural hypotension, nutritional deficiencies, menstrual irregularities, and...sudden death.

Positive Aspect??

General loss of appetite within first 2 days, maintained throughout fasting period.

ML Pollock & JH Wilmore 1990.
Dietary Carbohydrate, Fat and Protein in Weight-Loss Diets: A Report and Insider’s Reflections on the Pounds Lost Trial

Frank M. Sacks, MD

Well-controlled studies of energy-reduced diets conducted in controlled environments showed that the macronutrient composition of the diet did not affect weight loss (1). Nonetheless, theories persisted that specific macronutrients would be superior for weight loss. For example, the traditional paradigm for low-fat, high-carbohydrate diets was based on the lower energy density of carbohydrate compared to fat, and the metabolic efficiency of converting dietary fat to body fat (2). Indeed strict vegetarians sustain lower body weight for years on low-fat diets (3). However, meaningful differences in body weight usually were not achieved in population-based trials of conventional low-fat diets (4). Thus, higher-fat, Mediterranean-style diets were proposed to be better for long-term weight loss because of their variety and satisfaction. Two trials found that Mediterranean diets were superior to low-fat diets for weight loss (5,6). Others claimed that a radically different approach that used low-carbohydrate, high-fat, and high-protein foods could produce weight loss without attention to reducing intake because of the satiety of protein-rich foods. Low-carbohydrate diets succeeded in the first few months with more rapid weight loss than low-fat diets but by one year, none of the trials found that weight loss on low-carbohydrate

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Dr. Sacks’ Conclusions:
We conclude that healthful diets with varying emphases on carbohydrate, fat & protein levels can all achieve clinically meaningful weight loss & maintenance of weight loss over a 2-yr period. The results give people who need to lose weight the flexibility to choose a diet that they can stick with, as long as it’s heart healthy. Such diets can also be tailored for individuals based on their personal & cultural preferences & in this regard may have the best chance for long-term success.
## US Dietary Recommended Intakes (DRI)
**Committee Acceptable Macronutrient Distribution Ranges (AMDR)!**

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Emphasize ABCs + Variety & Moderation!
All of these factors help to build a nutritious diet.
Kleiner's & Monaco's Top 10 Hit List for Nutrition Quackery

1. Treatment based on **unproven theory** calling for non-toxic, painless therapy.

2. Author's/purveyor's credentials aren't recognized in scientific community.

3. No reports in scientific, peer-reviewed literature but rather mass media used for marketing.

4. Purveyors claim **medical establishment is against them** & play on public's paranoia about phantom greed of medical establishment.

5. Treatments, potions, drugs manufactured according to **secret formula**.

6. Excessive claims promising **miraculous cures**, disease prevention or life extension.

7. **Emotional images** rather than facts used to support claims.

8. Treatments require **special nutritional support** including health food products, vitamins and/or minerals.

9. Clients are cautioned about discussing program to avoid negative.

10. Programs based on **drugs or treatments not labeled** for such use.
LOWER CARBOHYDRATE
ELIMINATE CALORIES or FOOD GROUPS
ENCOURAGE FASTING

LOWER FAT
ADEQUACY BALANCE
CONSISTENCY & MODERATION

NOT PEER-REVIEWED = TRADE BOOKS
PEER-REVIEWED = TEXTS → RESEARCH
AHA + DASH + MAYO CLINIC
Digestion Steps

1. Ingestion
2. Mechanical Digestion
3. Chemical Digestion
4. Peristalsis
5. Absorption
6. Storage
7. Defecation

Hi gang!!
You need me for digestion!!

\[ \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Enzyme} \]
**FIGURE 15-1** An example of hydrolysis. In this example, the disaccharide maltose (the intermediate breakdown product of polysaccharides) is broken down into two glucose molecules by the addition of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ at the bond site.
Polymer to Monomer
(Many to One)

…Central-linking theme!!

Carbohydrate → Glucose

Protein + Fat → Amino Acids

Fat → Fatty Acids + Glycerol
GI-DONUT ANALOGY

GI LUMEN

BODY
# Gut Secretions

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<td>3. $\text{H}_2\text{O}$, acids, bases+</td>
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<td>4. Hormones</td>
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1. **Mouth**
   - **Ingestion** entry way
   - salivary gland secretion
   - mucus + enzymes
   - enzymatic digestion: carbohydrate
   - mastication = chewing
   - deglutition = swallowing

2. **Esophagus**
   - **Rapid transit**
   - peristalsis
   - secretion mucus

3. **Stomach**
   - **Mixing** peristalsis
   - secretion mucus + HCl
   - + enzymes
   - enzymatic digestion: protein + butter fat!

4. **Liver-Gall Bladder**
   - **Emulsification** = detergent action of bile
   - + secretion

5. **Pancreas**
   - **Secretion** mucus + NaHCO$_3$ + enzymes
   - enzymatic digestion: carbohydrate, fat, protein

6. **Small Intestine**
   - **Absorption**
   - Secretion mucus
   - + enzymes
   - enzymatic digestion: carbohydrate, fat, protein
   - Peristalsis

7. **Large Intestine**
   - **Dehydration**
   - secretion + absorption
   - storage + peristalsis
Common Control Mechanisms

1. Local (autoregulation)
2. Nervous (rapidly-acting)
3. Hormonal (slower-acting/reinforcing)