

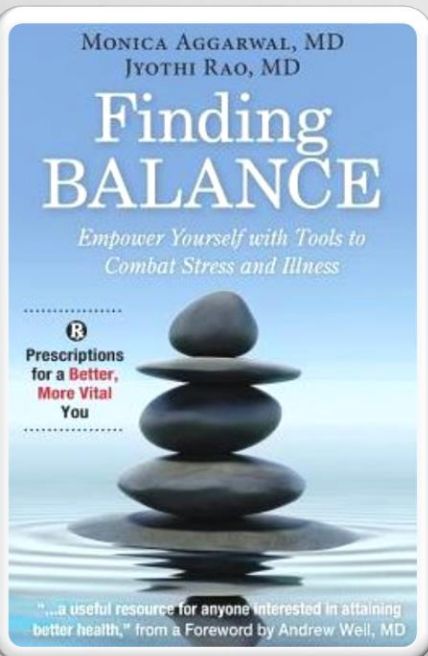


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# HOW MY DAUGHTER SAVED ME: MY JOURNEY TO BETTER HEALTH

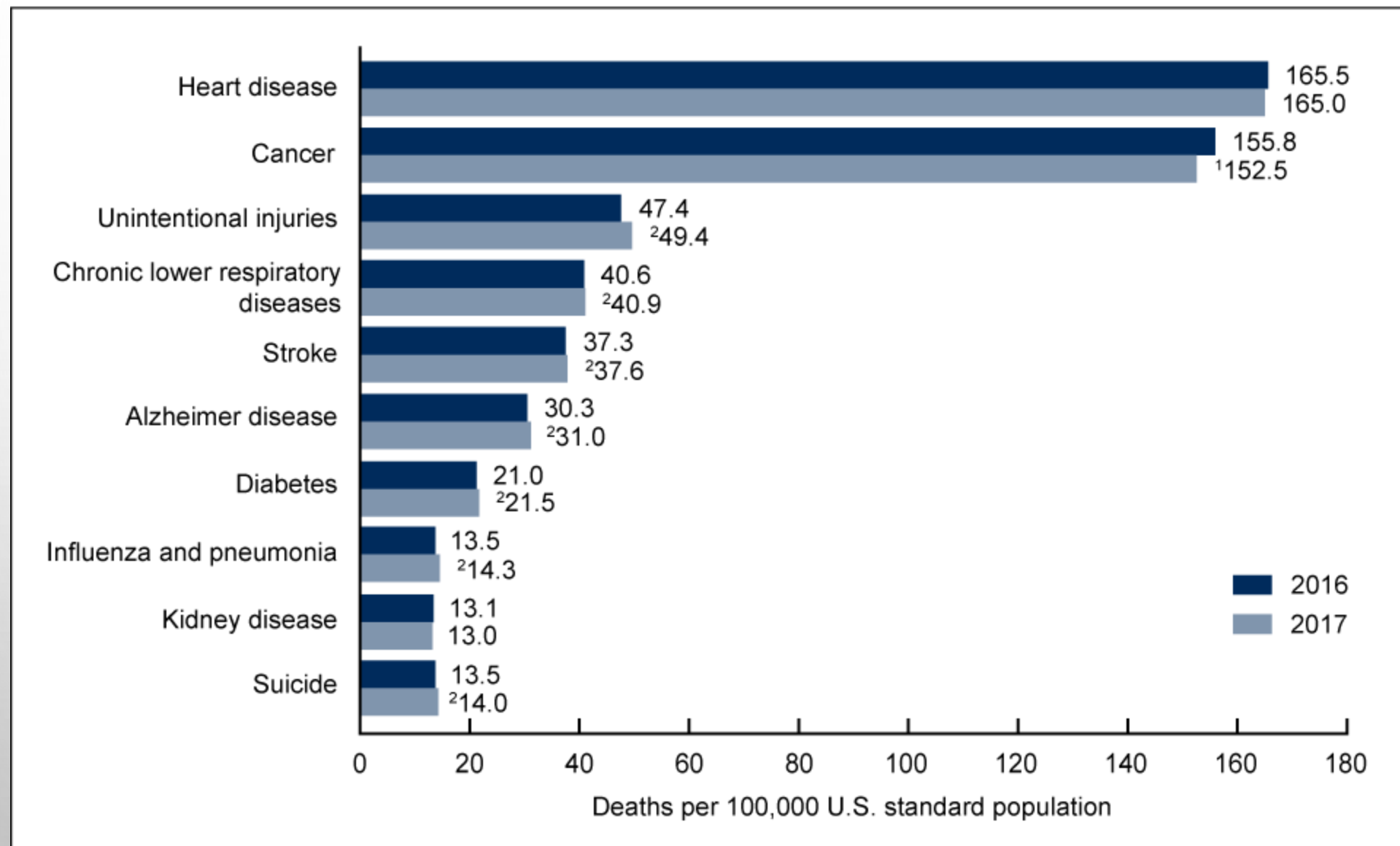


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Figure 4. Age-adjusted death rates for the 10 leading causes of death: United States, 2016 and 2017



<sup>1</sup>Statistically significant decrease in age-adjusted death rate from 2016 to 2017 ( $p < 0.05$ ).

<sup>2</sup>Statistically significant increase in age-adjusted death rate from 2016 to 2017 ( $p < 0.05$ ).

NOTES: A total of 2,813,503 resident deaths were registered in the United States in 2017. The 10 leading causes accounted for 74.0% of all deaths in the United States in 2017. Causes of death are ranked according to number of deaths. Rankings for 2016 data are not shown. Data table for Figure 4 includes the number of deaths for leading causes. Access data table for Figure 4 at: [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db328\\_tables-508.pdf#4](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db328_tables-508.pdf#4).

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality.

# STATS

- AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES AFFECT APPROXIMATELY 5%–8% OF THE POPULATION OR 14–22 MILLION PERSONS
- 78% OF AFFECTED ARE WOMEN

**OSTEOPOROSIS**

**RHEUMATISM**

**HEARTBURN**

**OBESITY**

**IBS**

**HEART DISEASE**

**ARTHRITIS**

**DIABETES**

**CANCER**

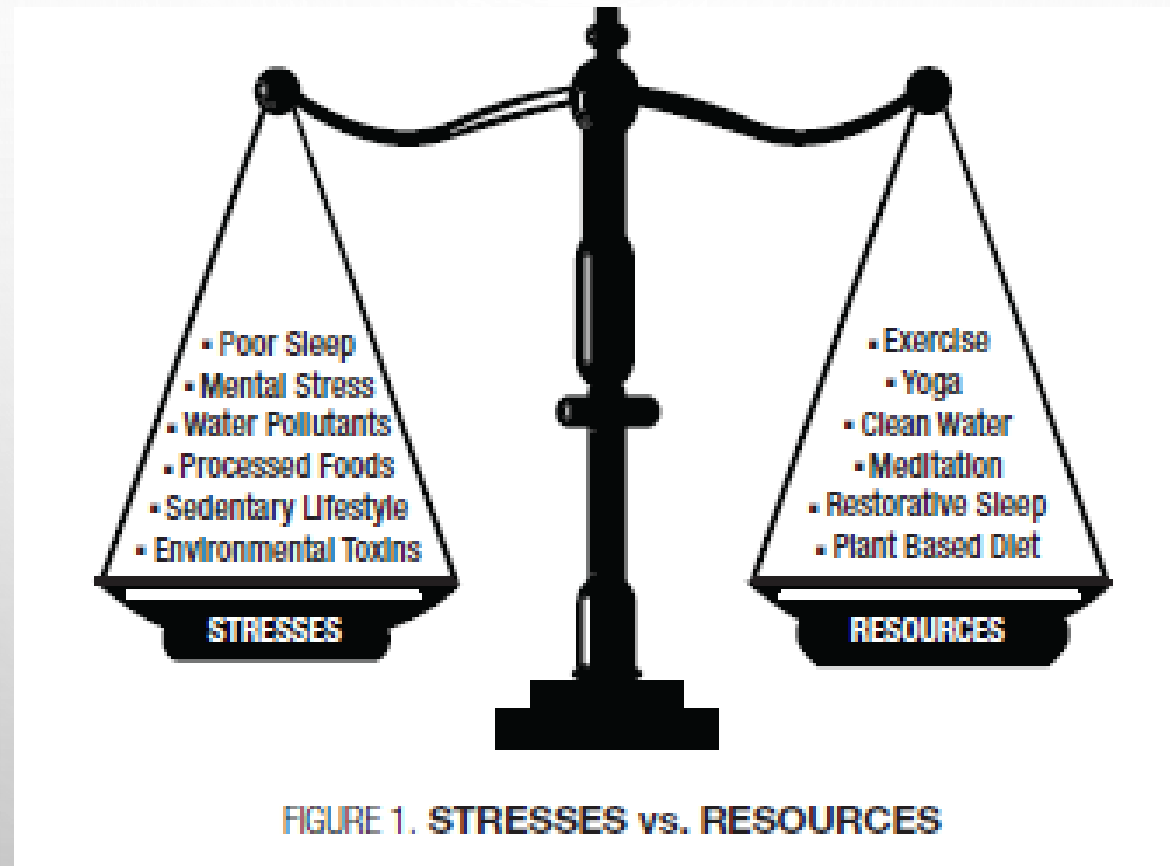
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# WHAT IS INFLAMMATION?



# LIFESTYLE FACTORS IMBALANCE=INFLAMMATION



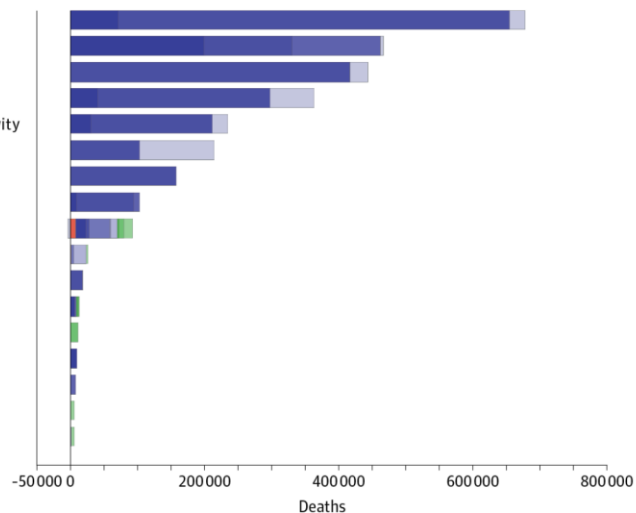
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**A** Risk factors and related deaths

**Risk Factors**

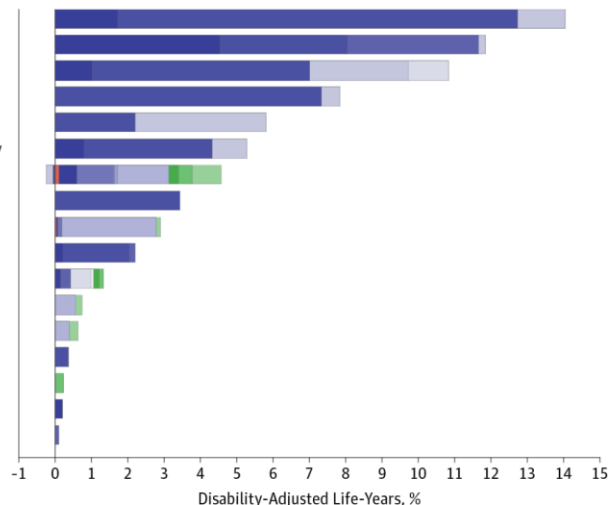
- Dietary risks
- Tobacco smoking
- High blood pressure
- High body mass index
- Physical inactivity and low physical activity
- High fasting plasma glucose
- High total cholesterol
- Ambient particulate matter pollution
- Alcohol use
- Drug use
- Lead exposure
- Occupational risks
- Low bone mineral density
- Residential radon
- Ambient ozone pollution
- Intimate partner violence
- Childhood sexual abuse

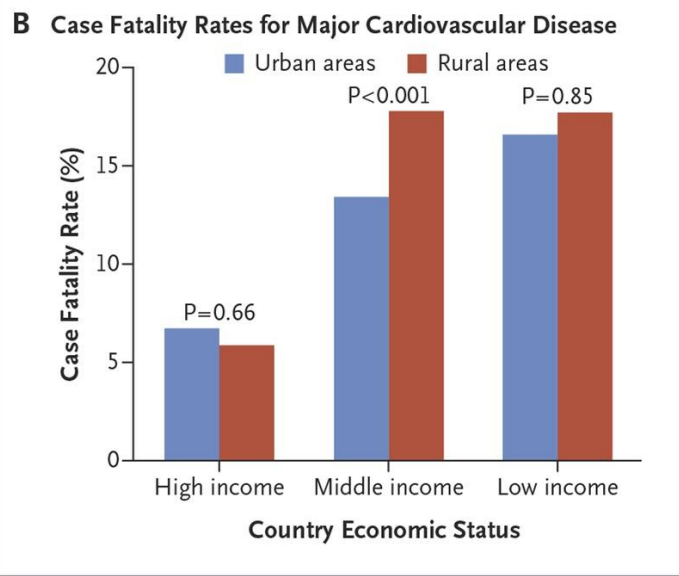
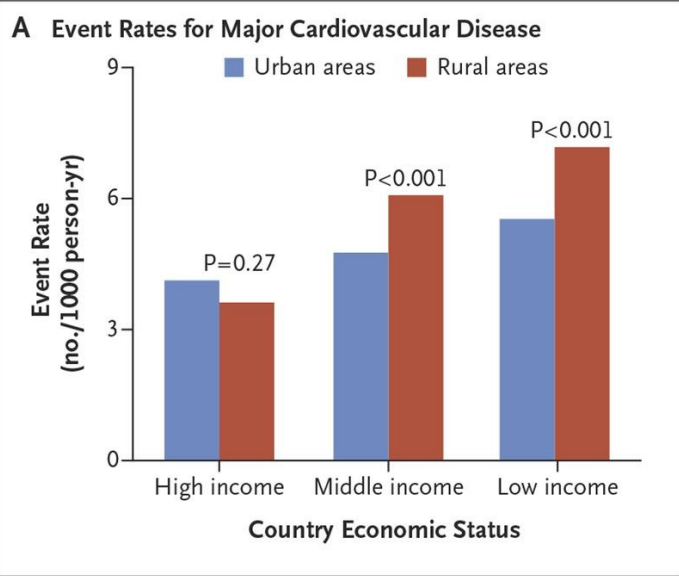


- Diseases and injuries**
- Intentional injuries
  - Unintentional injuries
  - Transport injuries
  - Other noncommunicable
  - Musculoskeletal disorders
  - Diabetes/urogenital/blood/endocrine
  - Mental and behavioral disorders
  - Neurological disorders
  - Digestive diseases
  - Cirrhosis
  - Chronic respiratory diseases
  - Cardiovascular and circulatory diseases
  - Cancer
  - Other communicable
  - Nutritional deficiencies
  - Neonatal disorders
  - Maternal disorders
  - Neglected tropical diseases and malaria
  - Diarrhea/lower respiratory tract infections/other infections
  - HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis

**B** Risk factors as a percentage of disability-adjusted life-years

- Dietary risks
- Tobacco smoking
- High body mass index
- High blood pressure
- High fasting plasma glucose
- Physical inactivity and low physical activity
- Alcohol use
- High total cholesterol
- Drug use
- Ambient particulate matter pollution
- Occupational risks
- Childhood sexual abuse
- Intimate partner violence
- Lead exposure
- Low bone mineral density
- Residential radon
- Ambient ozone pollution









WHATS WRONG WITH OUR FOODS=THE  
STANDARD AMERICAN DIET (SAD)

# SAD DIET

- THIS DIETARY PATTERN IS CHARACTERIZED BY A HIGH CONSUMPTION OF
  - RED MEAT
  - REFINED GRAINS
  - PROCESSED MEAT
  - HIGH-FAT DAIRY PRODUCTS
  - DESSERTS
  - HIGH-SUGAR DRINKS
  - EGGS





- ALMOST 75% OF PACKAGED FOODS IN THE U.S. NOW CONTAIN ADDED SUGARS, AND MUCH ALSO COMES FROM CONSUMPTION OF SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGE (SSBS)

# SUGAR SHOCKERS

Drink Water instead of Sugary Drinks



**WATER**  
16 oz.  
0 calories  
0 grams sugar

**100% JUICE SMOOTHIE**  
15.2 oz. bottle ▲ 200 calories



**60**  
grams sugar

**LEMON-LIME SODA**  
20 oz. bottle ▲ 245 calories



**77**  
grams sugar

**ORANGE SODA**  
20 oz. bottle ▲ 250 calories



**85**  
grams sugar

**COLA WITH ICE**  
44 oz. cup ▲ 510 calories  
20 oz. soda, 6 oz. ice



**128**  
grams sugar

**ICED COFFEE MOCHA FLAVOR**  
15-oz. bottle ▲ 150 calories



**31**  
grams sugar

**SPORTS DRINK**  
20-oz. bottle ▲ 125 calories



**35**  
grams sugar

**SWEETENED ICED TEA**  
16-oz. bottle ▲ 140 calories



**36**  
grams sugar

**ENERGY DRINK**  
15-oz. can ▲ 200 calories



**54**  
grams sugar

**100% ORANGE JUICE**  
8-oz. glass ▲ 130 calories



**21**  
grams sugar

**CHOCOLATE SKIM MILK**  
8-oz. glass ▲ 140 calories



**23**  
grams sugar

**100% APPLE JUICE**  
8-oz. glass ▲ 115 calories



**27**  
grams sugar

**CRANBERRY JUICE COCKTAIL**  
8-oz. glass ▲ 120 calories



**30**  
grams sugar

**COFFEE**  
8-oz. cup ▲ 60 calories



**0**  
grams sugar

**VEGETABLE JUICE**  
8-oz. glass ▲ 60 calories



**8**  
grams sugar

**SOY MILK**  
8-oz. glass ▲ 130 calories



**8**  
grams sugar

**SKIM MILK**  
8-oz. glass ▲ 90 calories

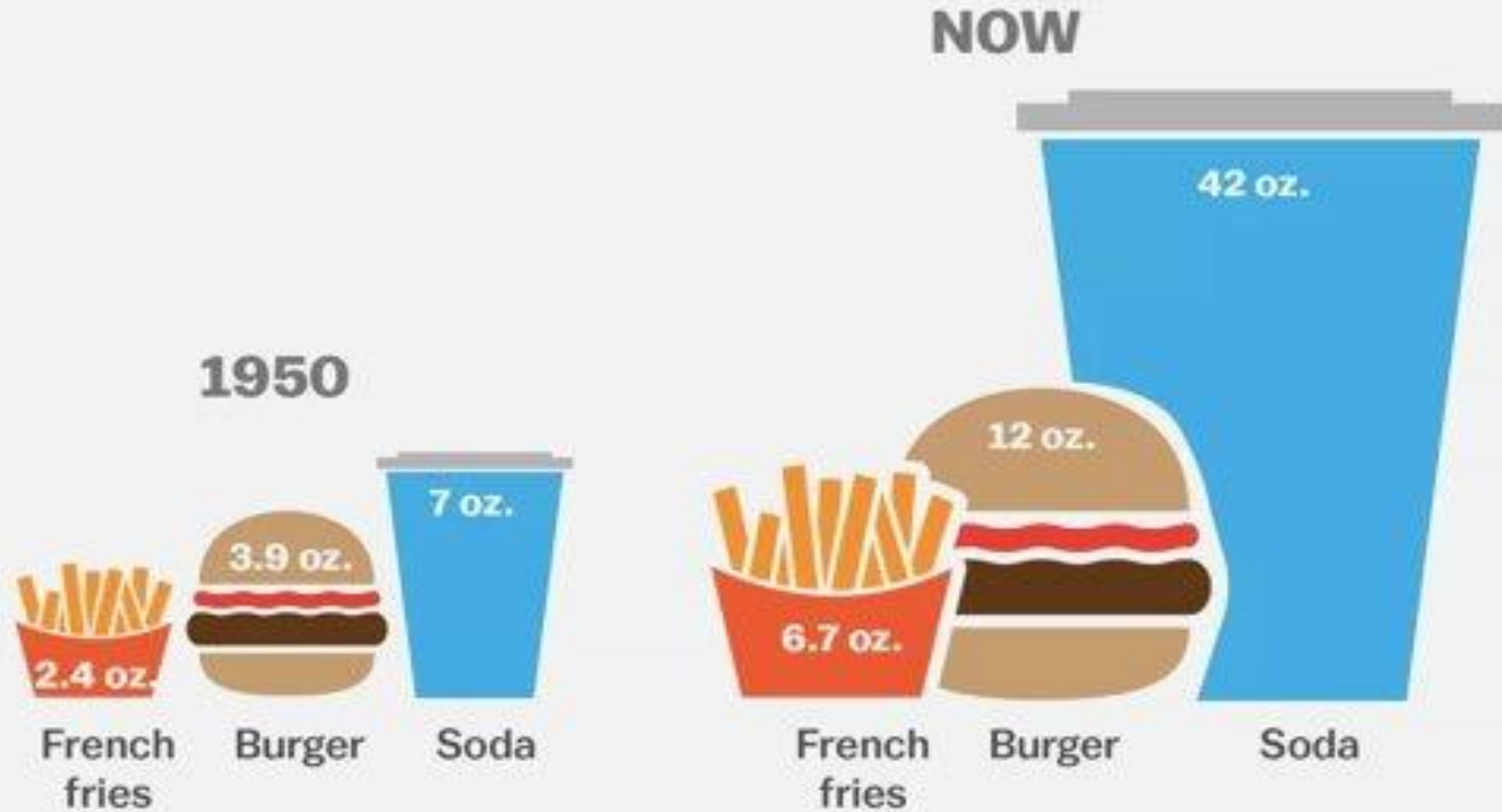


**12**  
grams sugar

The sugar value = 25 grams of sugar. NOTE: Nutrition information based on typical values for drinks, foods and sugar sweeteners. The number of sugar cubes pictured are rounded to the nearest whole cube.

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# The average restaurant meal today is more than four times larger than in the 1950s

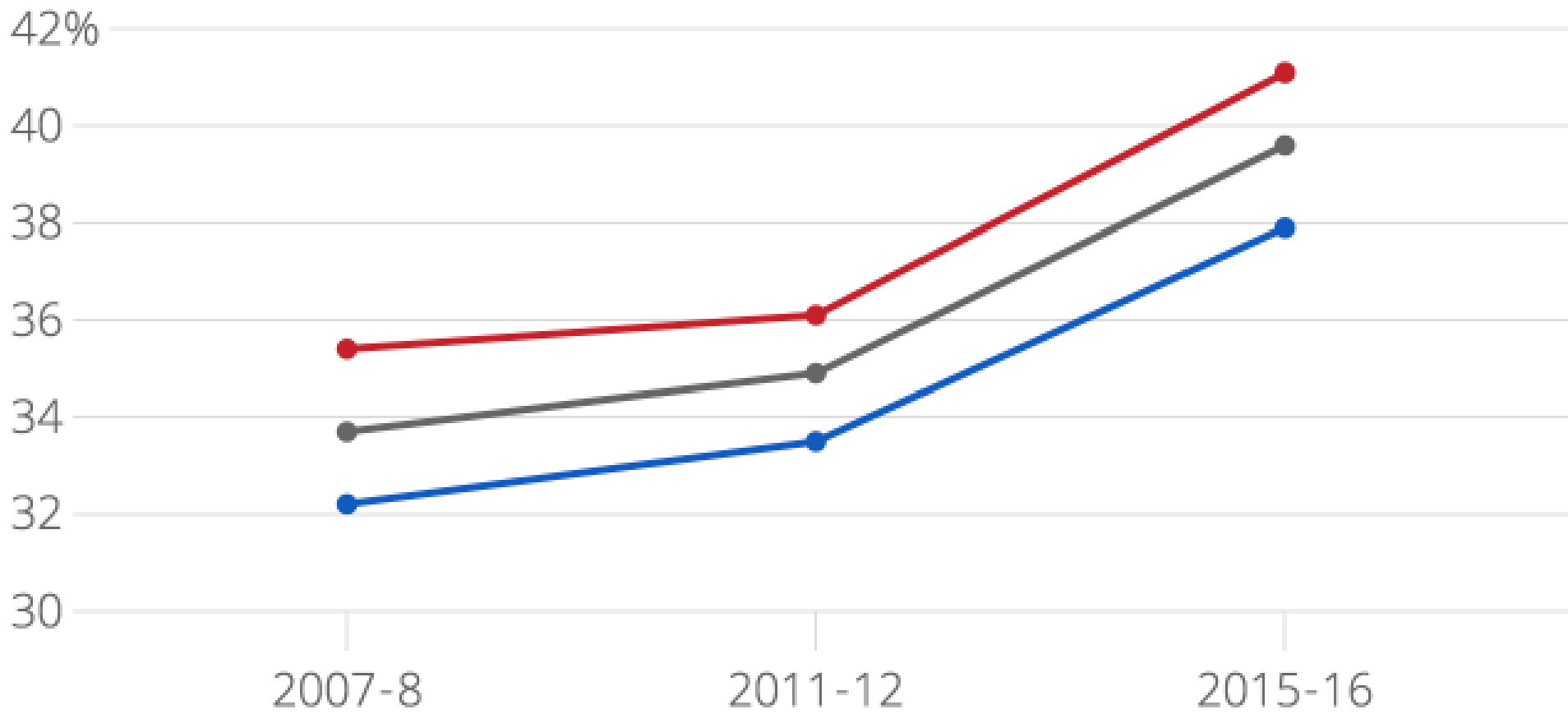


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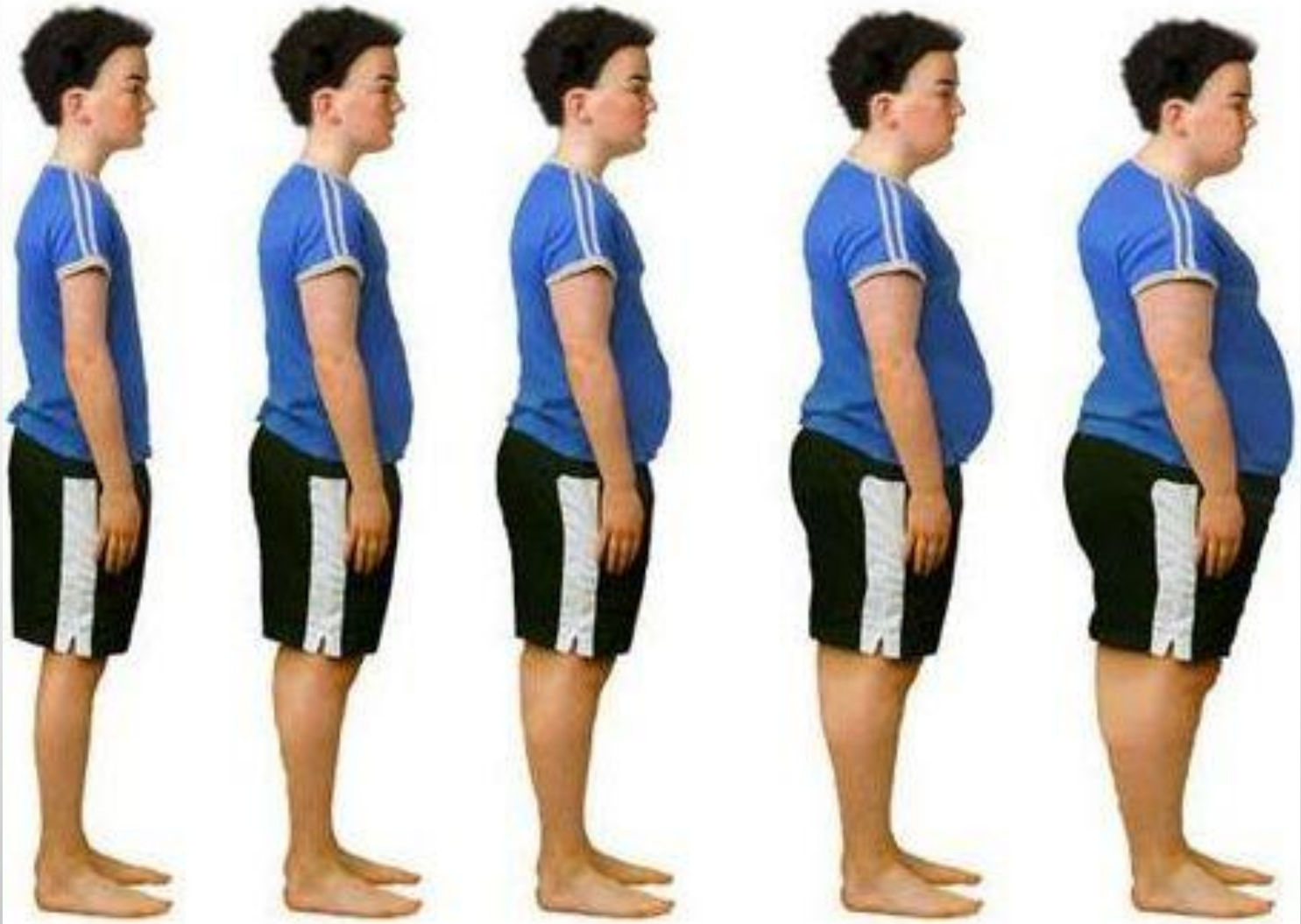
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## Obesity Rates Among Adults, 2007-2016

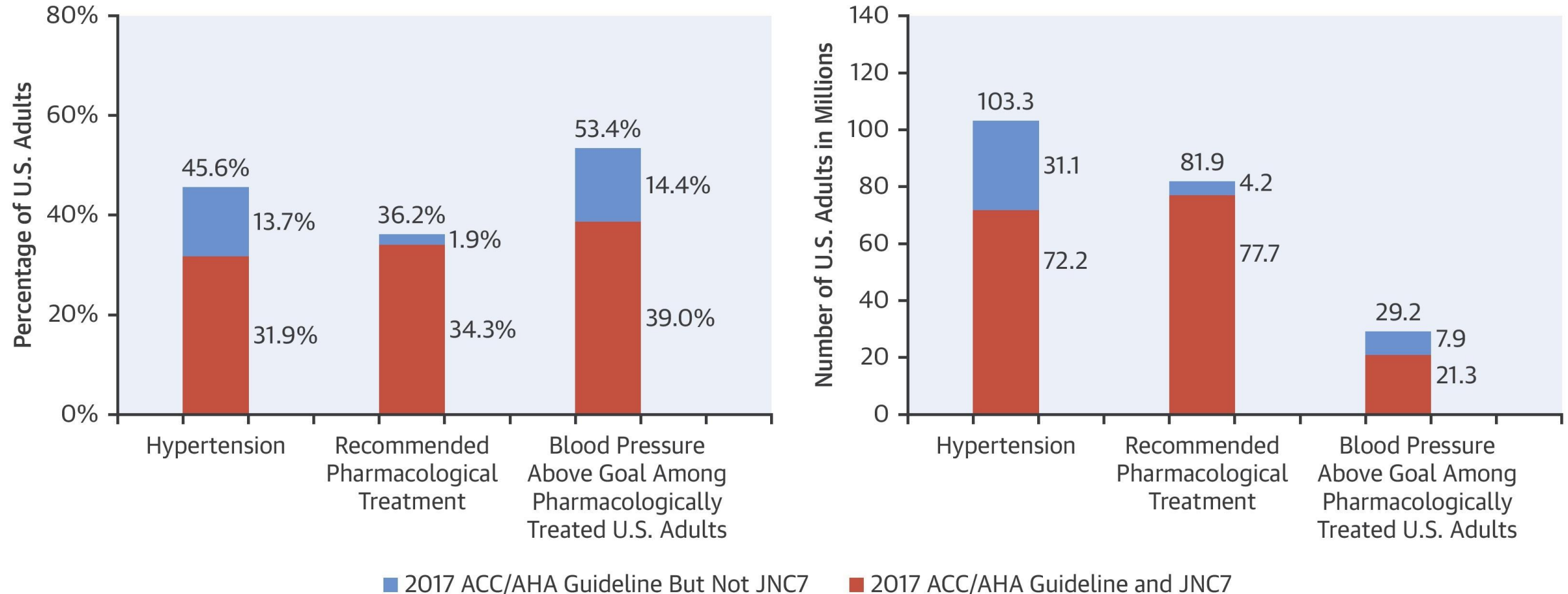
■ Adults ■ Women ■ Men



Data: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Gabrielle Levy for USN&WR



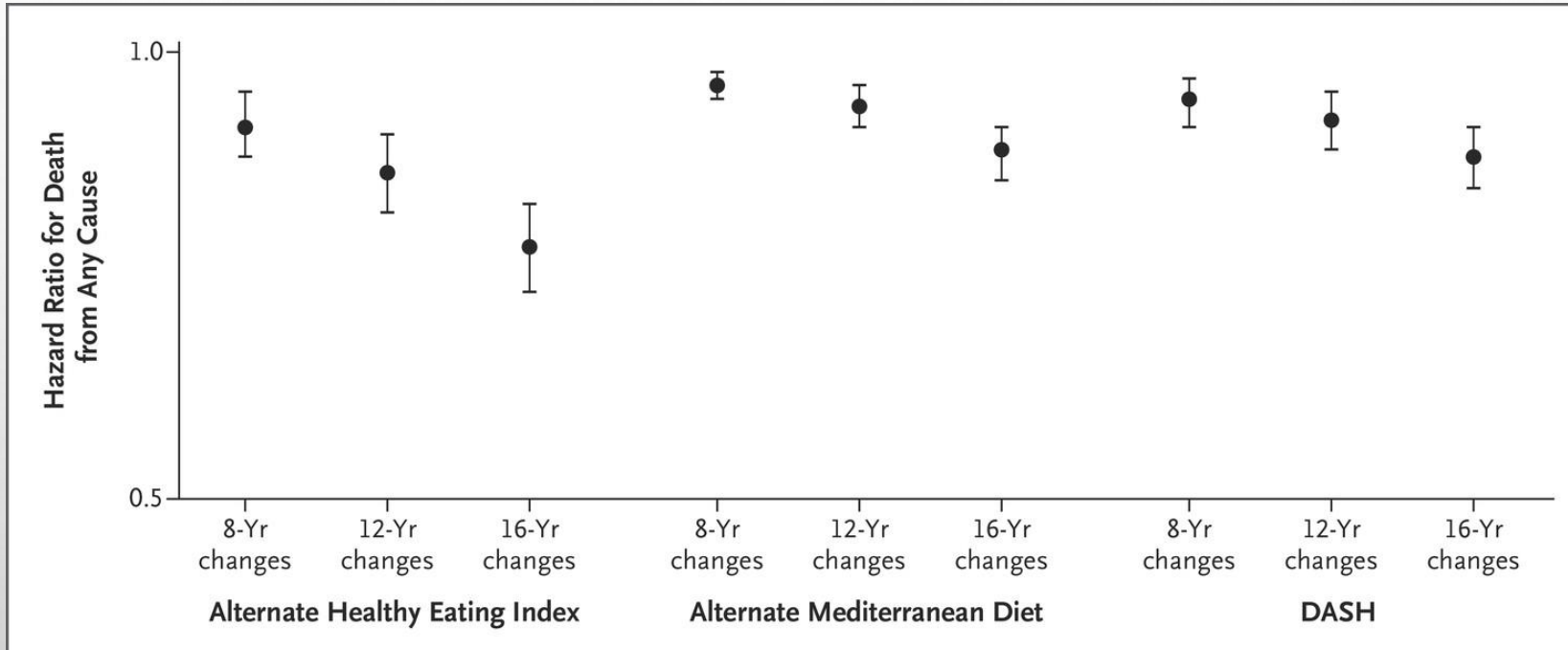
# CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Prevalence of Hypertension, Recommendation for Pharmacological Antihypertensive Treatment, and Blood Pressure Above Goal Among U.S. Adults According to the 2017 ACC/AHA and the JNC7 Guidelines



Muntner, P. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2018;71(2):109-18.



# Risk of Death from Any Cause per 20-Percentile Increase in Diet-Quality Scores.



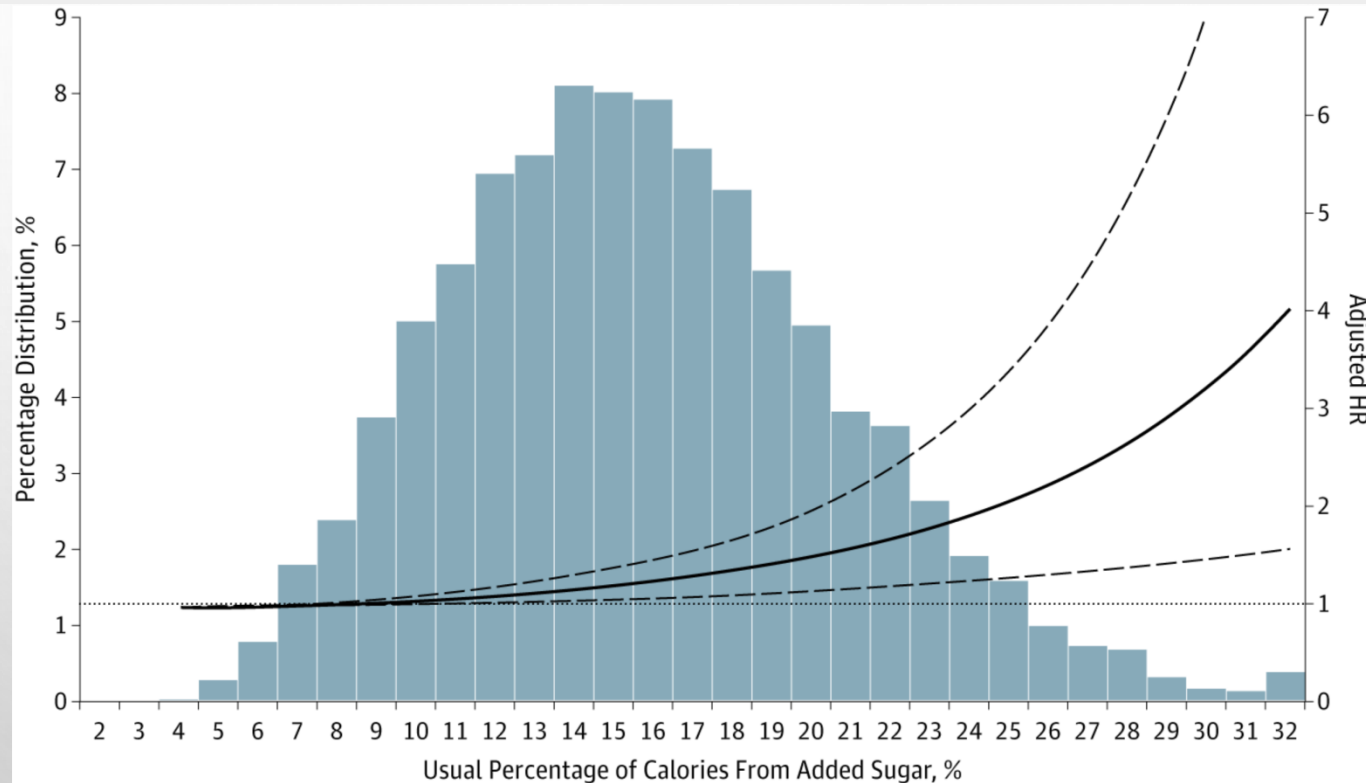
CONCLUSIONS: 20-percentile increase in diet-quality scores was associated with a reduction of 8 to 17% in the risk of death from any cause



**WHAT SPECIFICALLY IS WRONG WITH THE  
DIET?**

From: **Added Sugar Intake and Cardiovascular Diseases Mortality Among US Adults**

JAMA Intern Med. 2014;174(4):516-524. doi:10.1001/jamainternmed.2013.13563











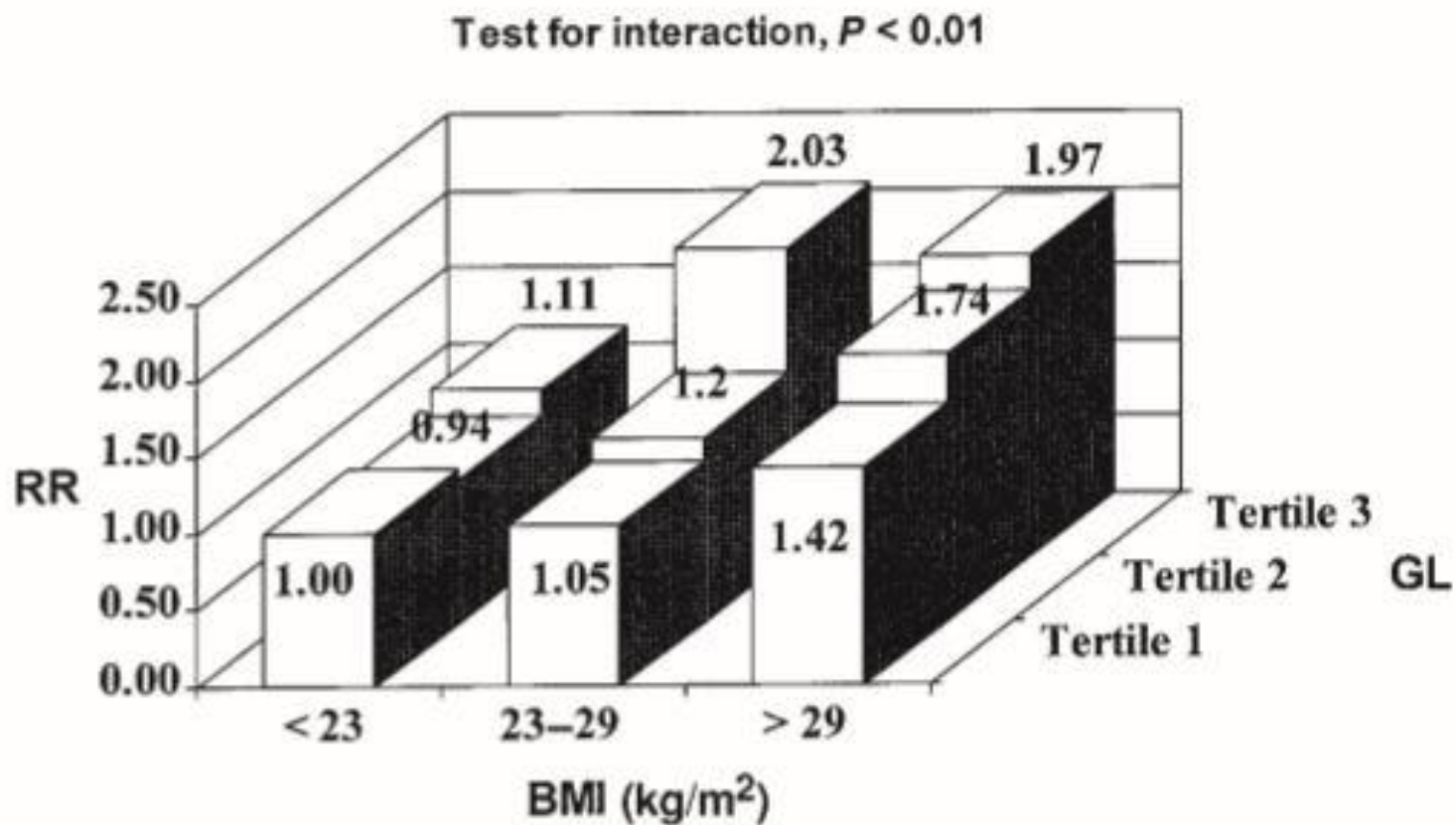
**Figure Legend:**

Adjusted Hazard Ratio (HR) of the Usual Percentage of Calories From Added Sugar for Cardiovascular Disease Mortality Among US Adults 20 Years or Older: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey Linked Mortality Files, 1988-2006. Histogram of the distribution of usual percentage of calories from added sugar in the population. Lines show the adjusted HRs from Cox models.

Midvalue of quintile 1 (7.4%) was the reference standard. The model was adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity, educational attainment, smoking status, alcohol consumption, physical activity level, family history of cardiovascular disease, antihypertensive medication use, Healthy Eating Index score, body mass index, systolic blood pressure, total serum cholesterol, and total calories. Solid line indicates point estimates; dashed lines indicate 95% CIs.

# ARE ALL CARBS ALIKE? CARBS VERSUS SUGARS

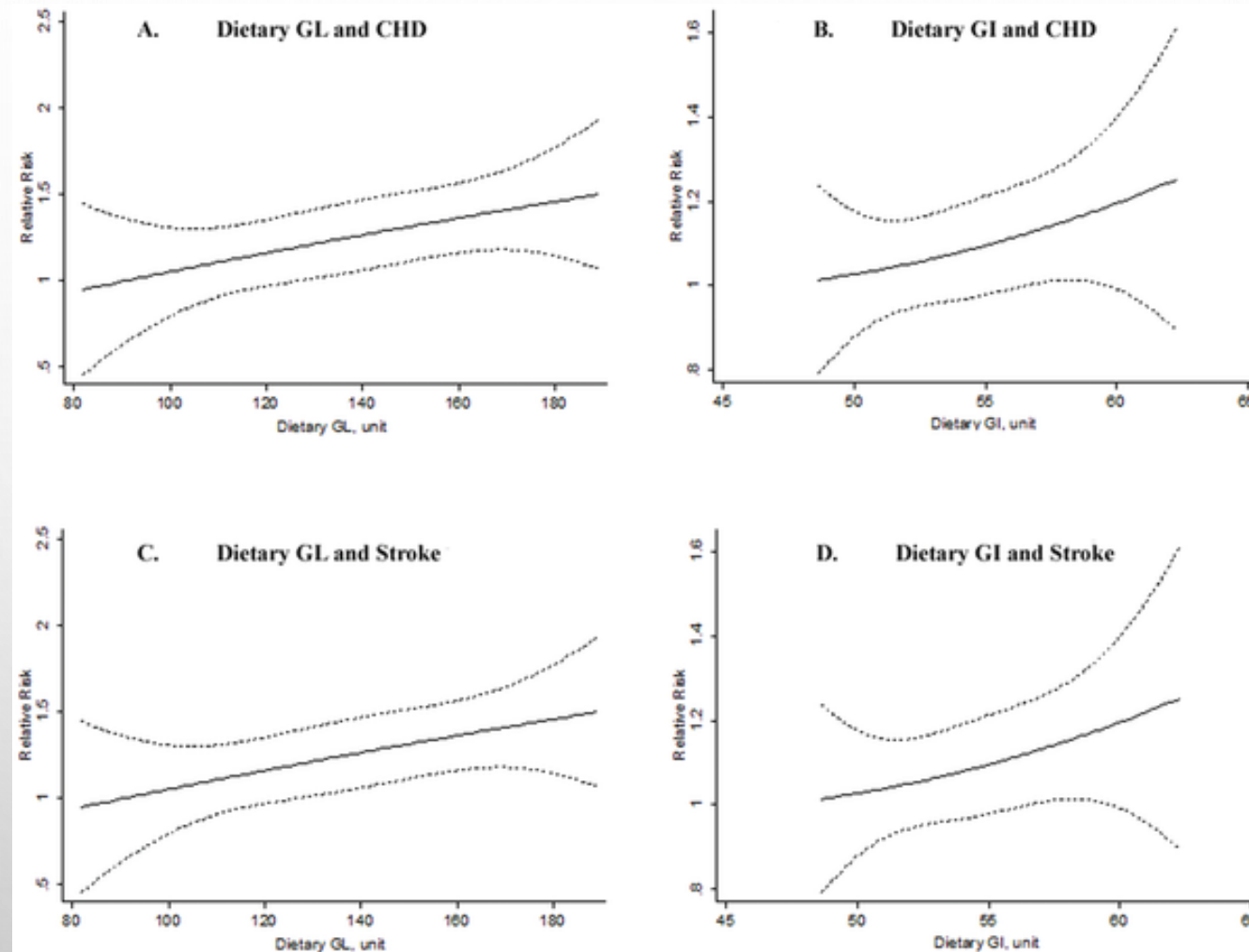
<b>GREAT CARBS</b> eat me anytime!	<b>GOOD CARBS</b> eat me sometimes!	<b>BAD CARBS</b> eat me rarely/never!
 <p><b>Leafy Greens</b> (kale, spinach, romaine lettuce)</p>	 <p><b>Starchy Veggies</b> (sweet potato, potatoes, squash...)</p>	 <p><b>Grains</b> (rice, breads, cereals...)</p>
 <p><b>Cruciferous Vegetables</b> (broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, collards, cauliflower..)</p>	 <p><b>Sweeter Fruits</b> (bananas, pineapple, papaya...)</p>	 <p><b>Sugary Drinks</b> (soda, juice, sports drinks...)</p>
 <p><b>Berries</b></p>	 <p><b>EUPRAXIA</b></p>	 <p><b>Sugary Snacks</b> (cookies, candies...)</p>



**FIGURE 1.** Multivariate relative risks (RRs) of coronary heart disease according to body mass index (BMI) and dietary glycemic load (GL). The GL is stratified by tertiles and the RRs are adjusted for the same covariates as those in Table 3. The 95% CIs for the 9 RRs are as follows: 1.00 (referent), 1.05 (0.76–1.45), 1.42 (0.96–2.08), 0.94 (0.63–1.40), 1.20 (0.86–1.68), 1.74 (1.18–2.55), 1.11 (0.74–1.66), 2.02 (1.45–2.83), and 1.97 (1.31–2.96).

Liu et al, A prospective study of dietary glycemic load, carbohydrate intake, and risk of coronary heart disease in US women, *Am J Clin Nutrition*, 2000

**FIGURE 5. DOSE-RESPONSE RELATIONSHIP PLOT BETWEEN GL, GI AND RISK OF CHD AND STROKE.**



Fan J, Song Y, Wang Y, Hui R, Zhang W (2012) Dietary Glycemic Index, Glycemic Load, and Risk of Coronary Heart Disease, Stroke, and Stroke Mortality: A Systematic Review with Meta-Analysis. PLOS ONE 7(12): e52182. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0052182>  
<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0052182>



**Nutrition Facts Per Serving (16 fl oz)**

<b>Calories</b> 240	<b>Calories from Fat</b> 40
	<b>% Daily Value*</b>
<b>Total Fat</b> 4.5g	<b>7%</b>
Saturated Fat 2g	<b>10%</b>
Trans Fat 0g	
<b>Cholesterol</b> 20mg	<b>7%</b>
<b>Sodium</b> 115mg	<b>5%</b>
<b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 45g	<b>15%</b>
Dietary Fiber 0g	<b>0%</b>
Sugars 42g	
<b>Protein</b> 8g	
<b>Caffeine</b> 95mg**	

**CHAI LATTE: BLACK TEA INFUSED WITH CINNAMON, CLOVE, AND OTHER WARMING SPICES IS COMBINED WITH STEAMED MILK AND TOPPED WITH FOAM FOR THE PERFECT BALANCE OF SWEET AND SPICY.**

ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION (AHA), THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ADDED **SUGARS** YOU **SHOULD EAT IN A DAY** ARE:

1 tsp=4 grams sugar





# TIME

## Eat Butter.

Scientists labeled fat the enemy. Why they were wrong

BY BRYAN WALSH





# Intake of individual saturated fatty acids and risk of coronary heart disease in US men and women: two prospective longitudinal cohort studies

BMJ 2016;355:i5796

Geng Zong,<sup>1</sup> Yanping Li,<sup>1</sup> Anne J Wanders,<sup>2</sup> Marjan Alsema,<sup>2</sup> Peter L Zock,<sup>2</sup> Walter C Willett,<sup>3</sup>

## CONCLUSIONS

**Higher dietary intakes of major SFAs are associated with an increased risk of coronary heart disease. Owing to similar associations and high correlations among individual SFAs, dietary recommendations for the prevention of coronary heart disease should continue to focus on replacing total saturated fat with more healthy sources of energy.**

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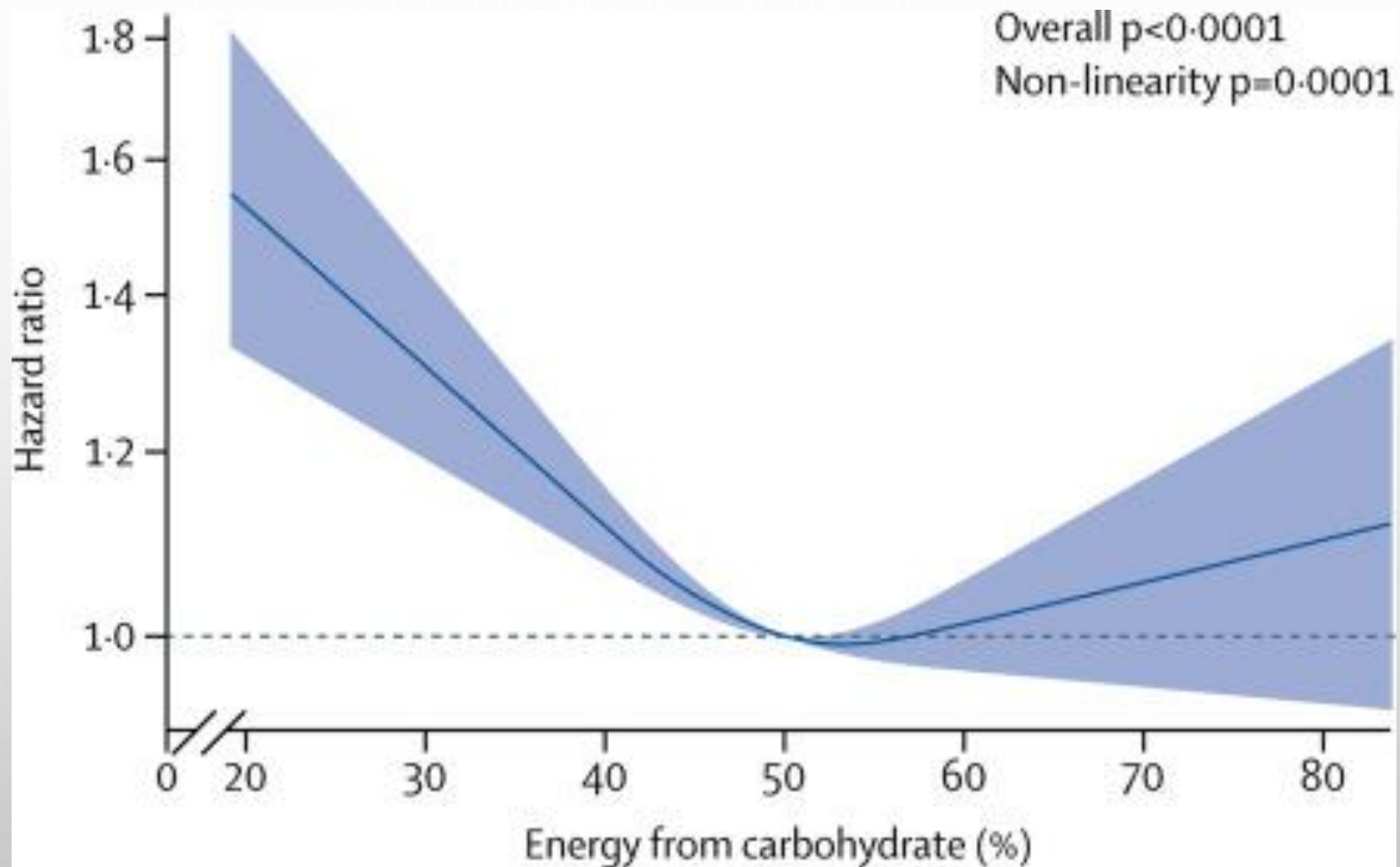
diseases at baseline.

### MAIN OUTCOME MEASURE

Incidence of coronary heart disease (n=7035) was self-reported, and related deaths were identified by searching National Death Index or through report of next of kin or postal authority. Cases were confirmed by medical records review.

0.94 (0.91 to 0.97; P<0.001) for whole grain carbohydrates, and 0.93 (0.89 to 0.97; P=0.001) for plant proteins. For individual SFAs, the lowest risk of coronary heart disease was observed when the most abundant SFA, 16:0, was replaced. Hazard ratios of coronary heart disease for replacing 1% energy from 16:0 were 0.88 (95% confidence interval 0.81 to 0.96-

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Seidelmann et al. Dietary carbohydrate intake and mortality: a prospective cohort study and meta-analysis, Lancet, August 16, 2018

# PROBLEM 3: TRANS FAT

- MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL OF THE FATS
- INCREASE LDL AND DECREASE HDL
- PRO-INFLAMMATORY AND IMPLICATED IN DIABETES, HYPERTENSION, STROKE, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE
- MAJOR DECLINE IN INTAKE BUT STILL 2% OF THE US CALORIC INTAKE



## FULL BAN



- IF SAYS 0 TRANS FATS, REMEMBER BUSINESSES DO NOT HAVE TO MENTION 0.5 GRAMS OR LESS
- LOOK FOR ANYTHING HYDROGENATED, PARTIALLY HYDROGENATED
- BY JUNE 18, 2018, HUMAN FOOD MUST NO LONGER CONTAIN PARTIALLY HYDROGENATED OILS FOR USES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY FDA.

# Associations of Dietary Cholesterol or Egg Consumption With Incident Cardiovascular Disease and Mortality

Victor W. Zhong, PhD; Linda Van Horn, PhD; Marilyn C. Cornelis, PhD; John T. Wilkins, MD, MS; Hongyan Ning, MD, MS; Mercedes R. Carnethon, PhD; Philip Greenland, MD; Robert J. Mentz, MD; Katherine L. Tucker, PhD; Lihui Zhao, PhD; Arnita F. Norwood, PhD; Donald M. Lloyd-Jones, MD, ScM; Norrina B. Allen, PhD


**IMPORTANCE** Cholesterol is a common nutrient in the human diet and eggs are a major source of dietary cholesterol. Whether dietary cholesterol or egg consumption is associated with cardiovascular disease (CVD) and mortality remains controversial.

**OBJECTIVE** To determine the associations of dietary cholesterol or egg consumption with incident CVD and all-cause mortality.


**DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS** Individual participant data were pooled from 6 prospective US cohorts using data collected between March 25, 1985, and August 31, 2016. Self-reported diet data were harmonized using a standardized protocol.

**EXPOSURES** Dietary cholesterol (mg/day) or egg consumption (number/day).

**MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES** Hazard ratio (HR) and absolute risk difference (ARD) over the entire follow-up for incident CVD (composite of fatal and nonfatal coronary heart disease, stroke, heart failure, and other CVD deaths) and all-cause mortality, adjusting for demographic, socioeconomic, and behavioral factors.

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- Each additional **300 mg of dietary cholesterol** consumed per day was significantly associated with higher risk of incident CVD (adjusted HR, 1.17 [95%CI, 1.09-1.26] and all-cause mortality (adjusted HR, 1.18 [95%CI, 1.10-1.26])
- Each additional **half an egg** consumed per day was significantly associated with higher risk of incident CVD and all-cause mortality.
- The associations between egg consumption and incident CVD were no longer significant after **adjusting for dietary cholesterol** consumption.

# ANIMAL FATS/FATS



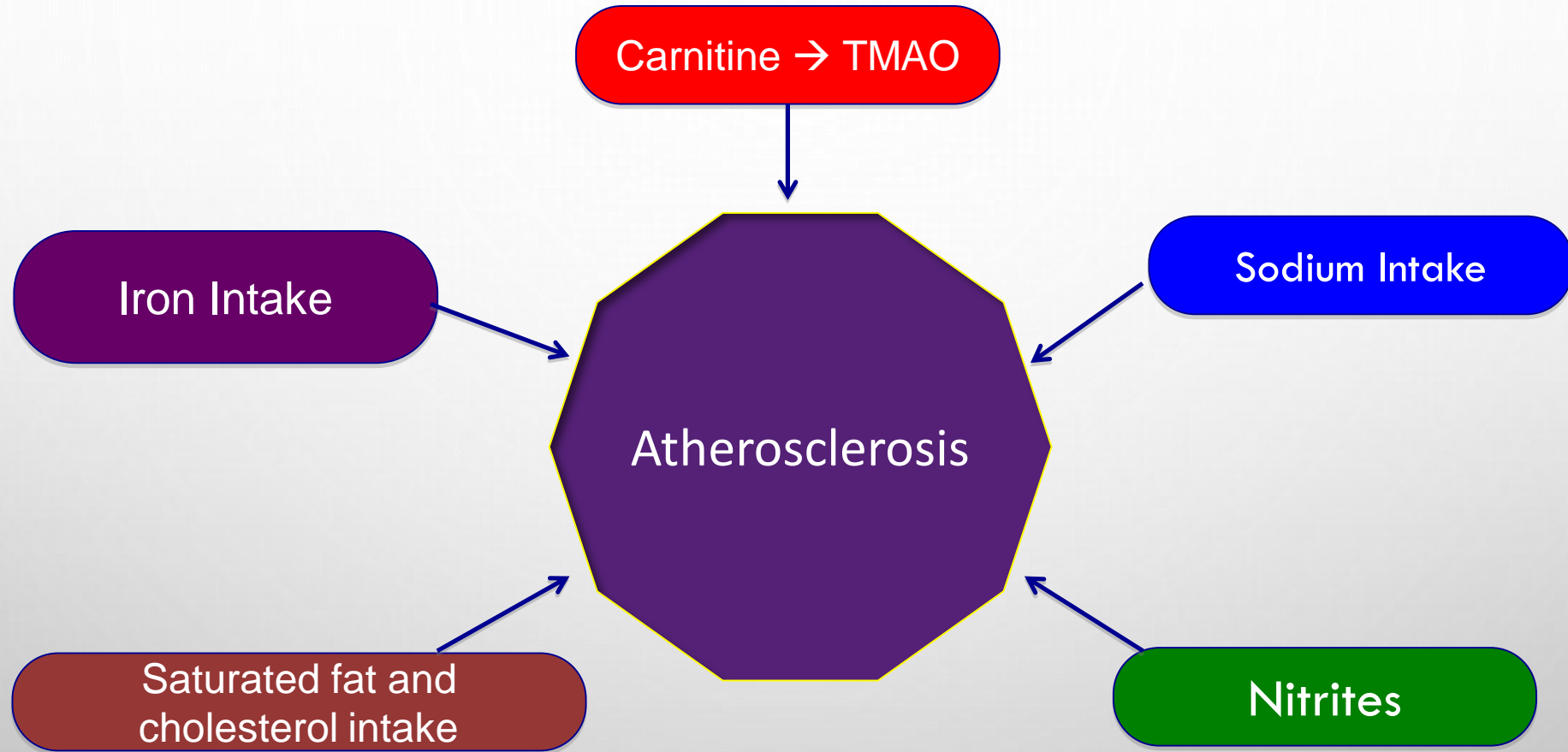
**Amount Per 4 oz (113.4 g)**

**Calories 307**

	<b>% Daily Value*</b>
<b>Total Fat</b> 22 g	33%
Saturated fat 9 g	45%
Polyunsaturated fat 1 g	
Monounsaturated fat 10 g	
<b>Cholesterol</b> 89 mg	29%
<b>Sodium</b> 66 mg	2%
<b>Potassium</b> 316 mg	9%
<b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 0 g	0%
Dietary fiber 0 g	0%
Sugar 0 g	
<b>Protein</b> 28 g	56%



# How can heavy meat consumption contribute to atherosclerosis?



ONLINE FIRST

# Red Meat Consumption and Mortality

## Results From 2 Prospective Cohort Studies

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**Conclusions:** Red meat consumption is associated with an increased risk of total, CVD, and cancer mortality. Substitution of other healthy protein sources for red meat is associated with a lower mortality risk.

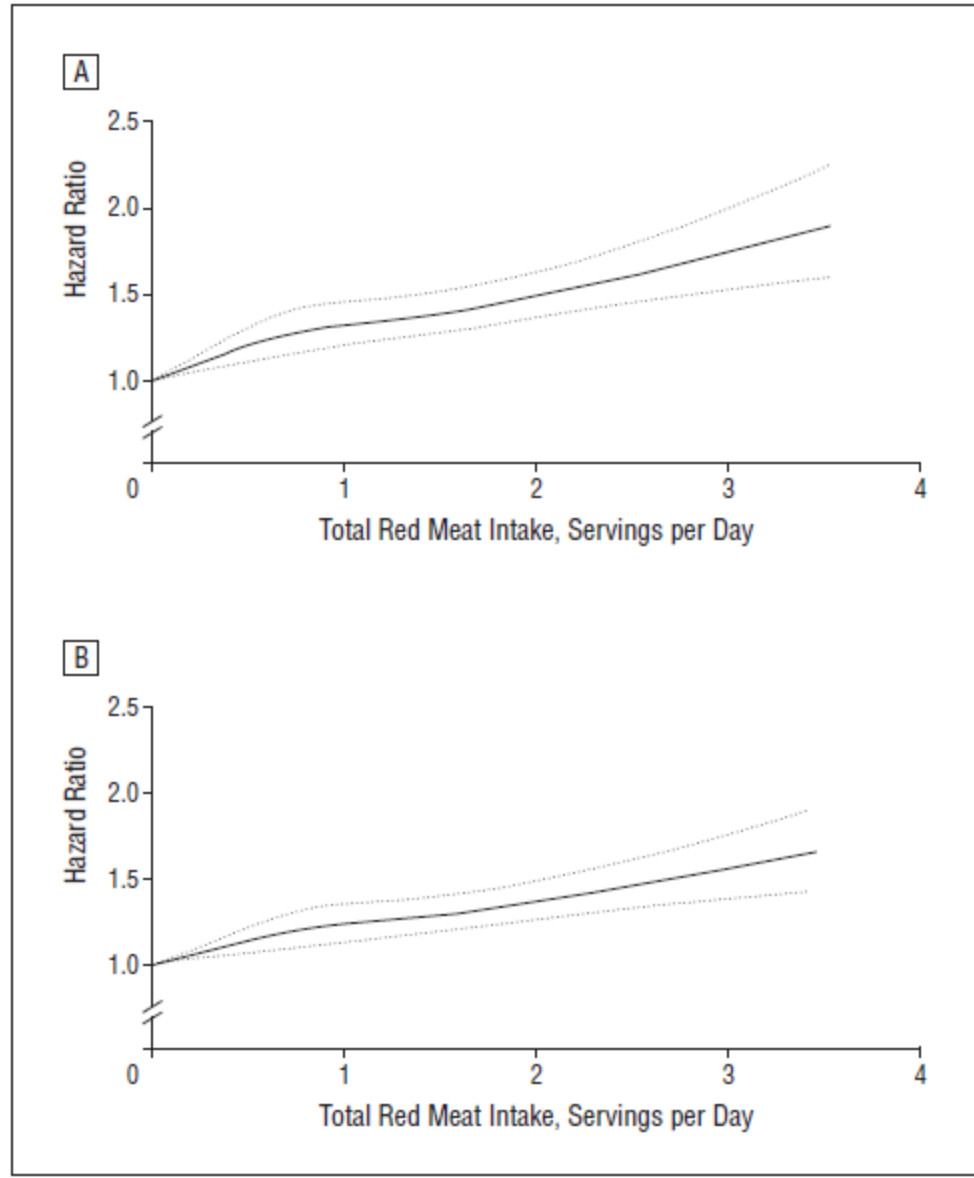
**Results:** We documented 23 926 deaths (including 5910 CVD and 9464 cancer deaths) during 2.96 million person-years of follow-up. After multivariate adjustment for major lifestyle and dietary risk factors, the pooled hazard ratio (HR) (95% CI) of total mortality for a 1-serving-per-day increase was 1.13 (1.07-1.20) for unprocessed red meat and 1.20 (1.15-1.24) for processed red meat. The corresponding HRs (95% CIs) were 1.18 (1.13-

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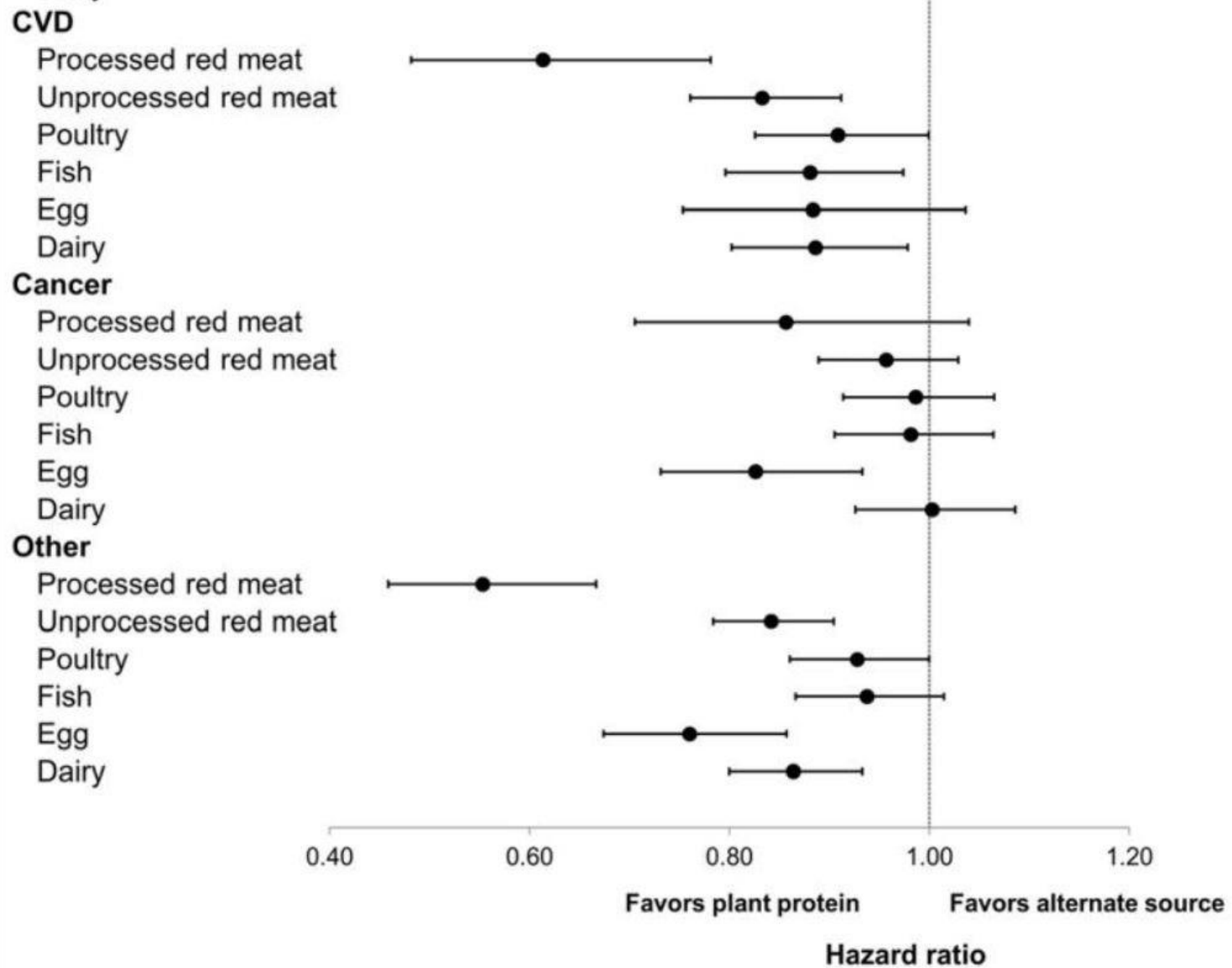
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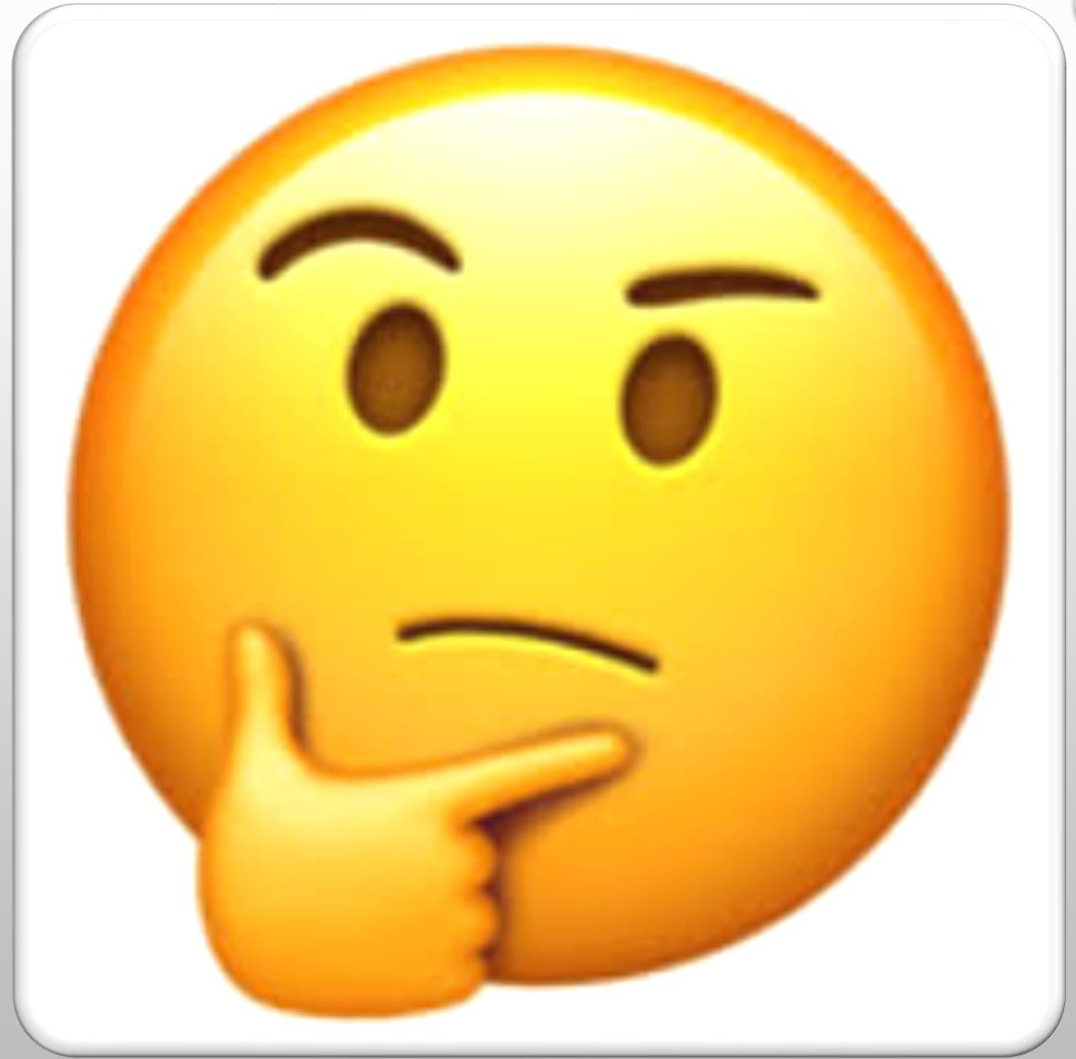


**Figure 1.** Dose-response relationship between red meat intake and risk of all-cause mortality in the Health Professionals Follow-up Study (A) and the Nurses' Health Study (B). The results were adjusted for age (continuous); body mass index (calculated as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared) category (23.0, 23.0-24.9, 25.0-29.9, 30.0-34.9, or 35); alcohol consumption (0, 0.1-4.9, 5.0-29.9, 30.0 g/d in men; 0, 0.1-4.9, 5.0-14.9, or 15.0 g/d in women); physical activity level (3.0, 3.0-8.9, 9.0-17.9, 18.0-26.9, or 27.0 hours of metabolic equivalent tasks per week); smoking status (never, past, or current [1-14, 15-24, or 25 cigarettes per day]); race (white or nonwhite); menopausal status and hormone use in women (premenopausal, postmenopausal never users, postmenopausal past users, or postmenopausal current users); family history of diabetes mellitus, myocardial infarction, or cancer; history of diabetes mellitus, hypertension, or hypercholesterolemia; and intakes of total energy, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables, all in quintiles. Broken lines represent 95% CI.



This prospective cohort study of US health care professionals included 131 342 participants from the Nurses' Health Study and Health Professionals Follow-up Study (Animal and plant protein intake was assessed by regularly updated validated food frequency questionnaires).

IF NOT THAT,  
THEN WHAT  
SHOULD WE  
EAT?

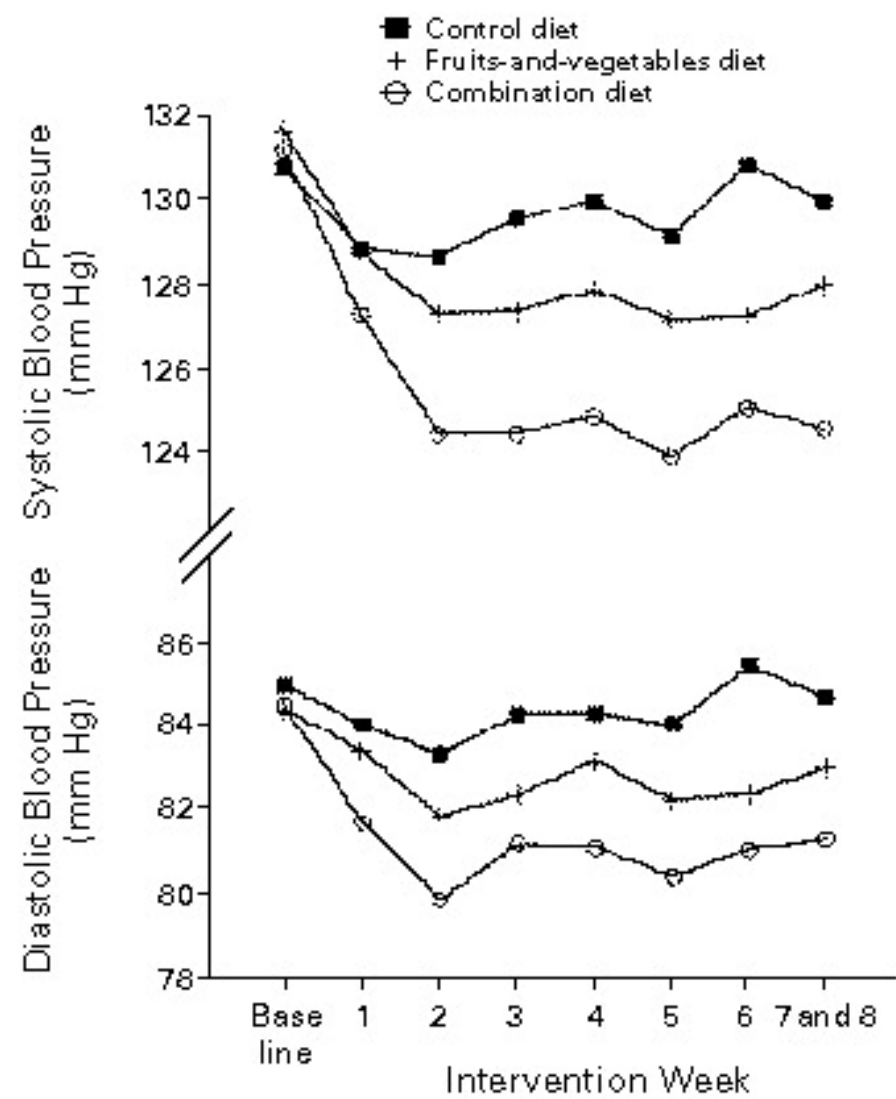


**TABLE 1**

Mean BMI (in kg/m<sup>2</sup>) and the prevalence of diabetes and hypertension in different types of vegetarians compared with nonvegetarians in California Seventh-day Adventists: preliminary analyses adjusted for age, sex, and race<sup>1</sup>

Diet group	BMI <sup>2</sup>	Diabetes <sup>3</sup>	Hypertension <sup>3</sup>
Nonvegetarian	28.26 (28.22, 28.30)	1.00	1.00
Semivegetarian	27.00 (26.96, 27.04)	0.72 (0.65, 0.79)	0.77 (0.72, 0.82)
Pescovegetarian	25.73 (25.69, 25.77)	0.49 (0.44, 0.55)	0.62 (0.59, 0.66)
Lactoovo-vegetarian	25.48 (25.44, 25.52)	0.39 (0.36, 0.42)	0.45 (0.44, 0.47)
Vegan	23.13 (23.09, 23.16)	0.22 (0.18, 0.28)	0.25 (0.22, 0.28)
<i>p</i> <sup>4</sup>	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001

<sup>1</sup> *n* = 89,224.



FDA requirement for new antihypertensive drugs (Center for Drug Evaluation and Research)

Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (*Manisty et al*)

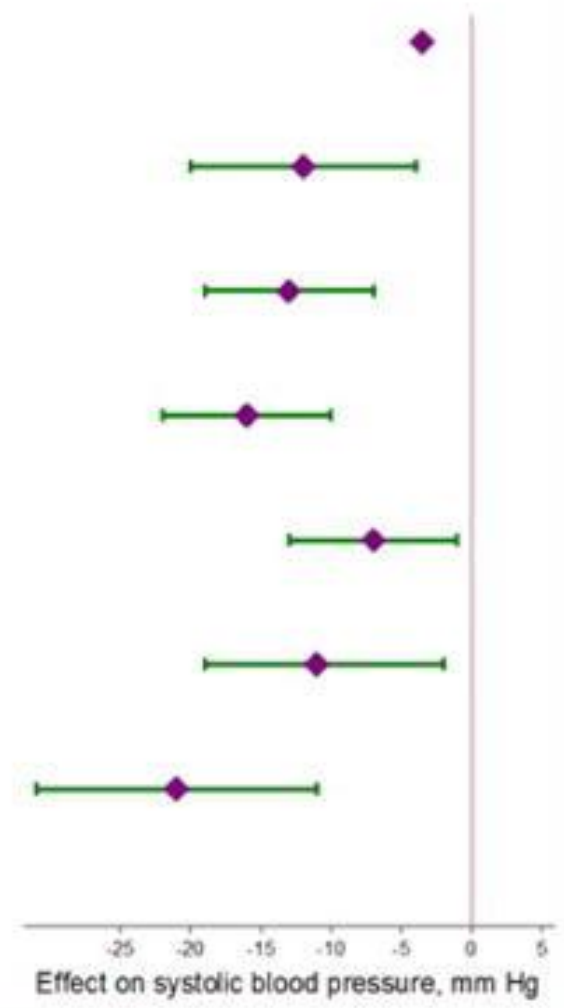
Beta blockers (*Manisty et al*)

Calcium channel blockers (*Manisty et al*)

Sodium reduction (on a control diet) in participants with a baseline SBP  $\geq 150$  mm Hg

DASH versus control (at high sodium) in participants with a baseline SBP  $\geq 150$  mm Hg

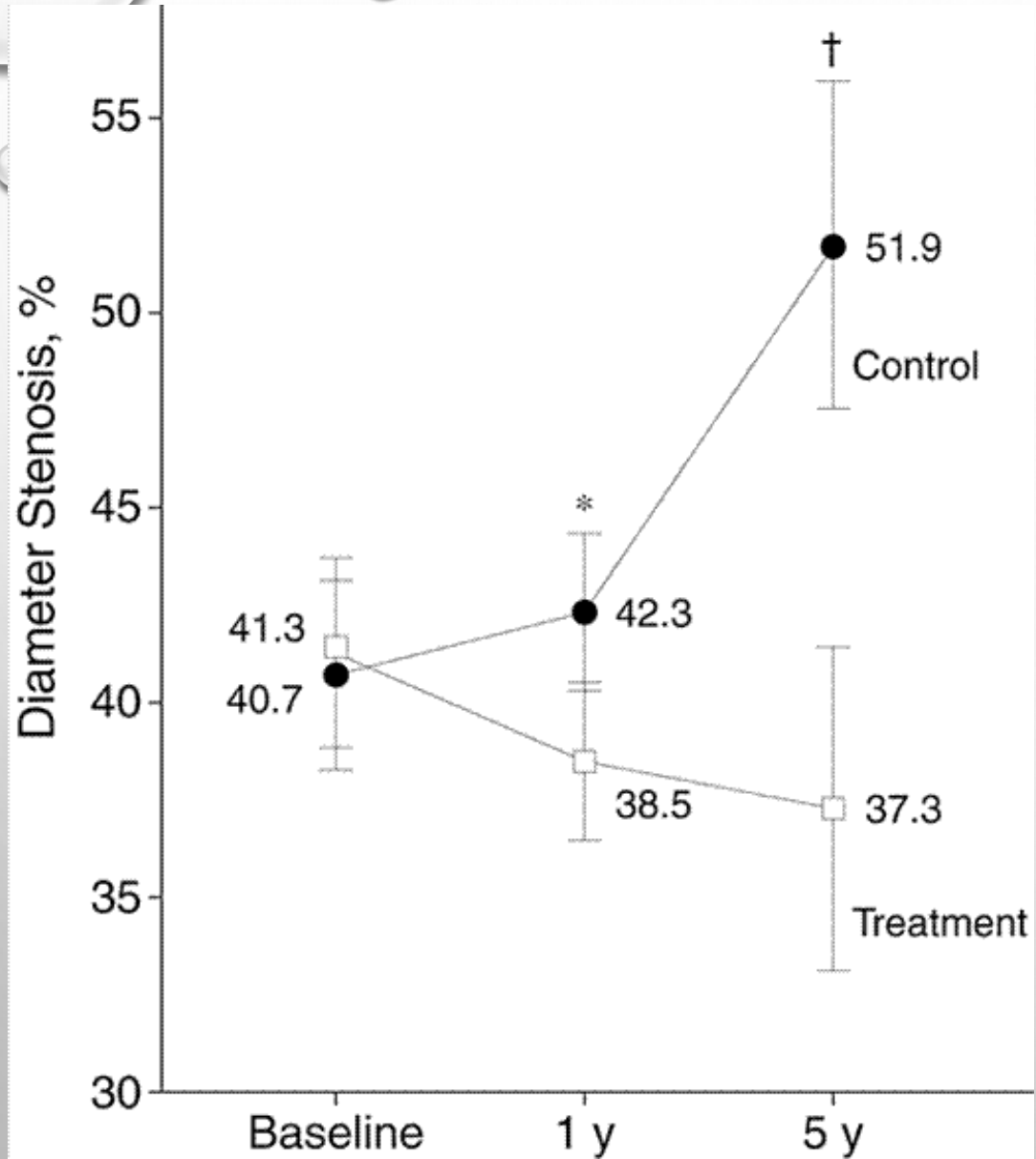
DASH-low sodium (vs control-high sodium) in participants with a baseline SBP  $\geq 150$  mm Hg





# LIFESTYLE HEART TRIAL

- 48 PATIENTS WITH MODERATE-SEVERE CAD WERE RANDOMIZED TO INTENSIVE LIFESTYLE CHANGES (10% FAT WHOLE FOODS VEGETARIAN DIET, AEROBIC EXERCISE, STRESS MANAGEMENT TRAINING, SMOKING CESSATION, GROUP PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT) FOR 5 YEARS VERSUS CONTROL
- 35 COMPLETED THE STUDY



LIFESTYLE GROUP HAD 3%  
REDUCTION IN ABSOLUTE  
DIAMETER STENOSIS AND  
CONTROL GROUP HAD 12%  
PROGRESSION

# PREDIMED STUDY

**OLDWAYS**  
HEALTH THROUGH HERITAGE

## Mediterranean Diet Pyramid

The pyramid is divided into five horizontal layers, from top to bottom:

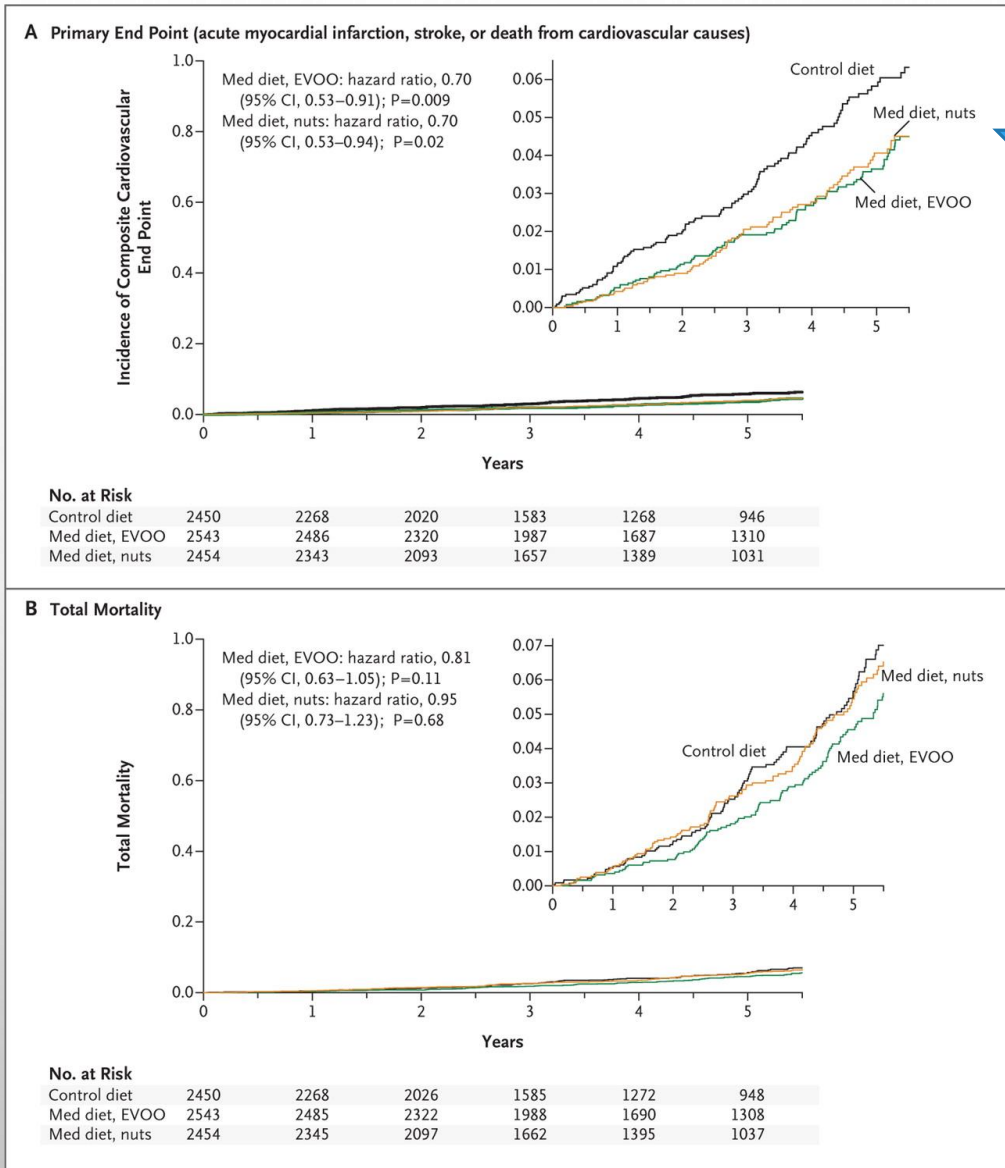
- Meats and Sweets** (Less often): Includes images of a steak, a hamburger, and a slice of cake.
- Poultry, Eggs, Cheese, and Yogurt** (Moderate portions, daily to weekly): Includes images of a whole chicken, eggs, a wedge of cheese, and a container of yogurt.
- Fish and Seafood** (Often, at least two times per week): Includes images of a salmon fillet, shrimp, and a clam.
- Fruits, Vegetables, Grains, Olive oil, Beans, Nuts, Legumes and Seeds, Herbs and Spices** (Eat every day or almost daily): Includes a large variety of fresh produce like grapes, tomatoes, avocados, and bread, along with a bottle of olive oil and a bowl of nuts.

Additional elements and instructions:

- Wine** (In moderation): Shown with a bottle and a glass of red wine.
- Drink Water**: Shown with a glass of water.
- Be Physically Active; Enjoy Meals with Others**: Illustrated at the base of the pyramid with icons of people walking, sitting at a table eating, and playing sports.

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# PREDIMED



**30% RRR**  
 End point driven by reduction  
 in strokes

Estruch et al., Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease with a Mediterranean Diet Supplemented with Extra-Virgin Olive Oil or Nuts, NEJM, 2013

# A provegetarian food pattern and reduction in total mortality in the Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea (PREDIMED) study<sup>1–4</sup>

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Vegetarian diets have been associated with reduced mortality. Because a pure vegetarian diet might not easily be embraced by many individuals, consuming preferentially plant-derived foods would be a more easily understood message. A provegetarian food pattern (FP) emphasizing preference for plant-derived foods might reduce all-cause mortality.

**Objective:** The objective was to identify the association between an a priori–defined provegetarian FP and all-cause mortality.

**Design:** We followed 7216 participants (57% women; mean age: 67 y) at high cardiovascular risk for a median of 4.8 y. A validated 137-item semiquantitative food-frequency questionnaire was administered at baseline and yearly thereafter. Fruit, vegetables, nuts, cereals, legumes, olive oil, and potatoes were positively weighted. Added animal fats, eggs, fish, dairy products, and meats or meat products were negatively weighted. Energy-adjusted quintiles were used to assign points to build the provegetarian FP (range: 12–60 points). Deaths were confirmed by review of medical records and the National Death Index.

**Results:** There were 323 deaths during the follow-up period (76 from cardiovascular causes, 130 from cancer, 117 for noncancer, noncardiovascular causes). Higher baseline conformity with the provegetarian FP was associated with lower mortality (multivariable-adjusted HR for  $\geq 40$  compared with  $< 30$  points: 0.59; 95% CI: 0.40, 0.88). Similar results were found with the use of updated information on diet (RR: 0.59; 95% CI: 0.39, 0.89).

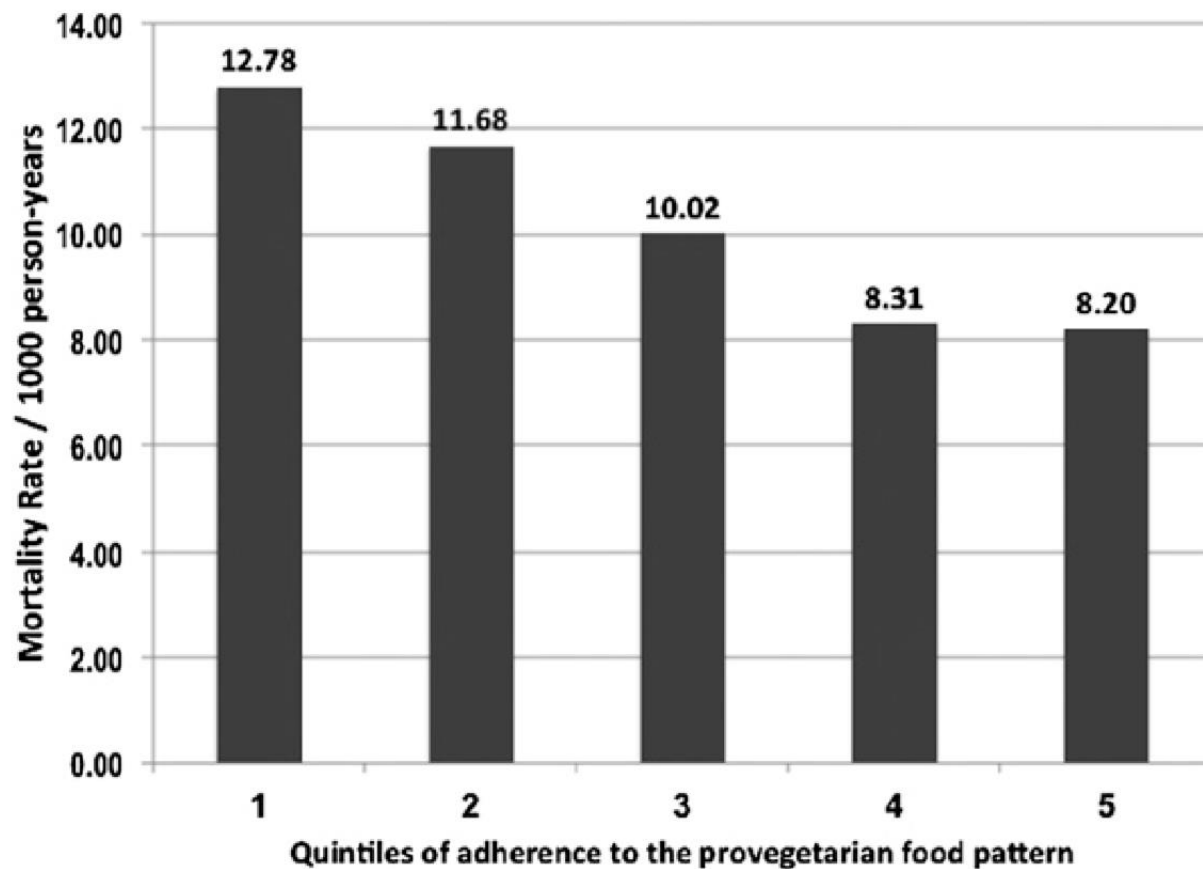
**Conclusions:** Among omnivorous subjects at high cardiovascular risk, better conformity with an FP that emphasized plant-derived foods was associated with a reduced risk of all-cause mortality. This trial was registered at [www.controlled-trials.com](http://www.controlled-trials.com) as ISRCTN35739639. *Am J Clin Nutr* 2014;100(suppl):320S–8S.

analysis of 5 prospective studies (10). Subsequently, a meta-analysis of 7 cohort studies confirmed a lower cardiovascular mortality in vegetarians, but inconsistent results for the association between vegetarian diets and death from any cause were found (11). More recently, a 5-y follow-up of the Adventist Health Study 2 cohort showed an overall association of vegetarian dietary patterns with lower mortality (12). Most available comparisons between vegetarians and nonvegetarians relied on a single measurement of diet at baseline, but dietary patterns may change over time and the length of exposure to vegetarianism may account for heterogeneity between results from different cohorts (10, 13, 14). In a pooled analysis of 5 cohort studies, vegetarian diets were inversely associated with CAD mortality, but when vegetarians were subdivided according to whether or not they had followed their current diet for  $\geq 5$  y, the cardiovascular benefits were confined only to those who had been vegetarian for  $> 5$  y (15).

Given that in most cultures the proportion of true vegetarians is low, it would be interesting to examine whether moderate or intermediate approaches to a predominantly plant-based FP relate

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**FIGURE 1.** Absolute risk of death across baseline quintiles of the pro-vegetarian food pattern: the Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea trial, 2003–2010. Quintile score limits were as follows for quintiles 1–5: <33, 33–35, 36–37, 38–40, >40, respectively.

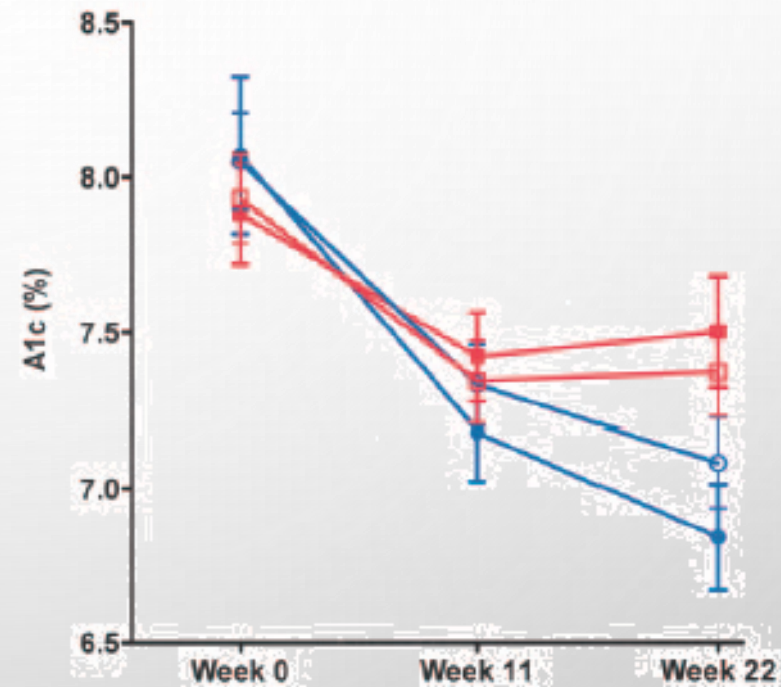
# A Low-Fat Vegan Diet Improves Glycemic Control and Cardiovascular Risk Factors in a Randomized Clinical Trial in Individuals With Type 2 Diabetes

- Body weight decreased 6.5 kg in the vegan group and 3.1 kg in the ADA group ( $p = 0.001$ )

- LDL cholesterol fell 21.2% vegans and 10.7% in the ADA group ( $p = 0.02$ ).

- Urinary albumin reductions were greater in the vegan group (15.9 mg/24h) than in the ADA group (10.9 mg/24 h) ( $p = 0.013$ )

- A1C fell 1.23 points in the vegan group compared with 0.38 points in the ADA group ( $P = 0.01$ ).



**FIGURE 1**  
**Restoration of myocardial perfusion<sup>2</sup>**

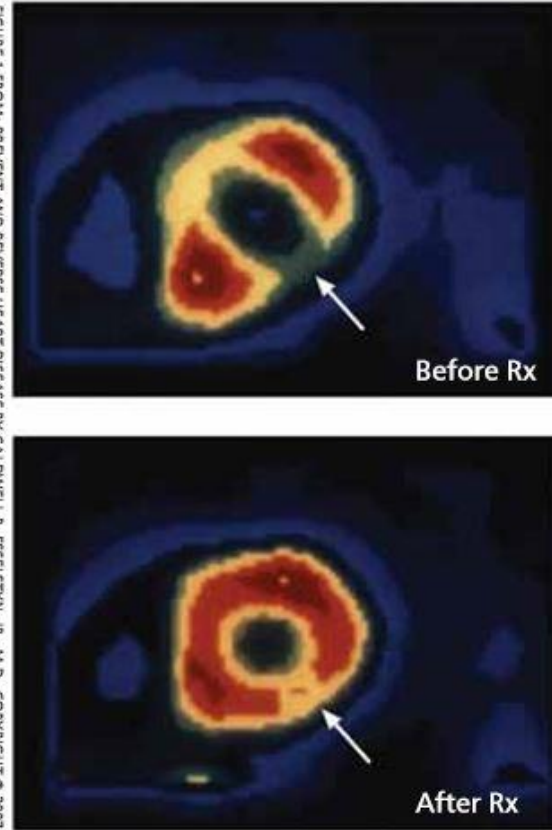
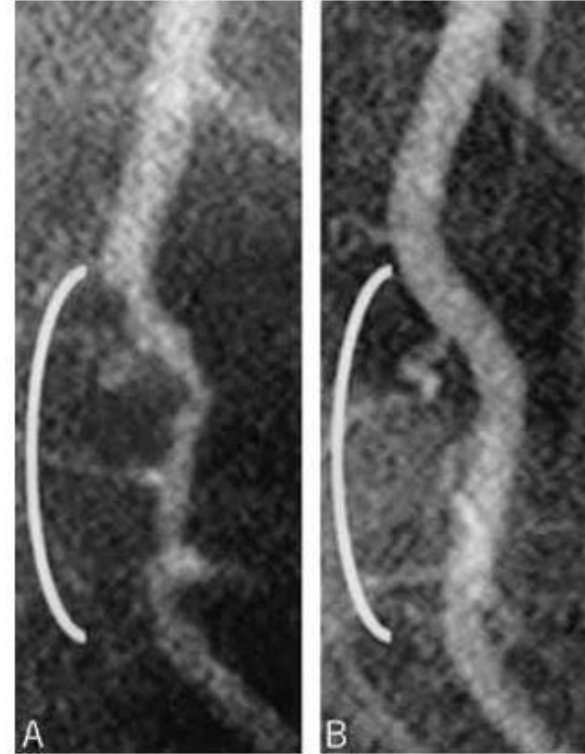


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Positron emission tomography performed on a patient with coronary artery disease shows an area of myocardium with insufficient blood flow (top). Following only 3 weeks of plant-based nutritional intervention, normal blood flow was restored (bottom).

**FIGURE 2**  
**Reversal of coronary artery disease<sup>4</sup>**



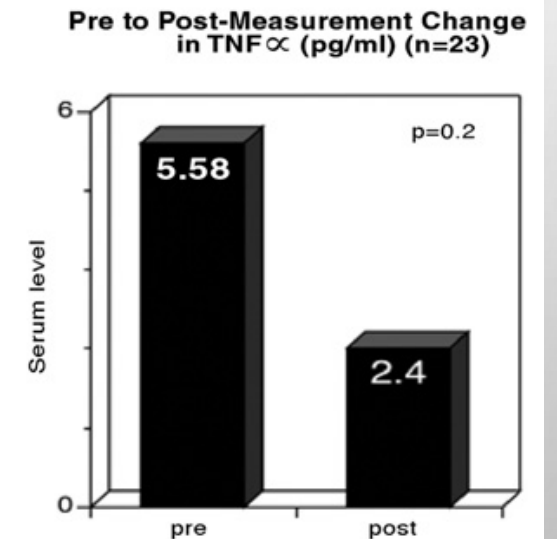
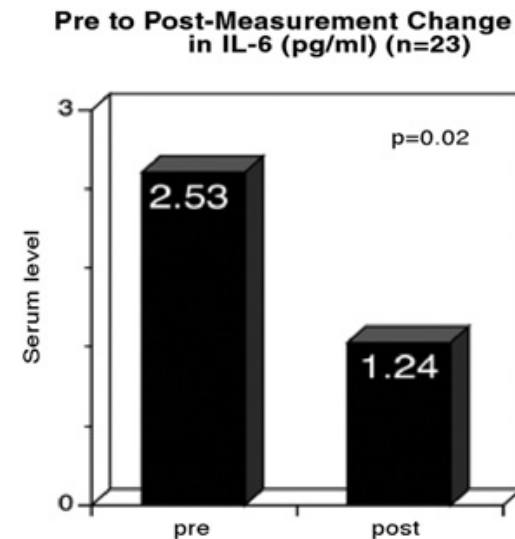
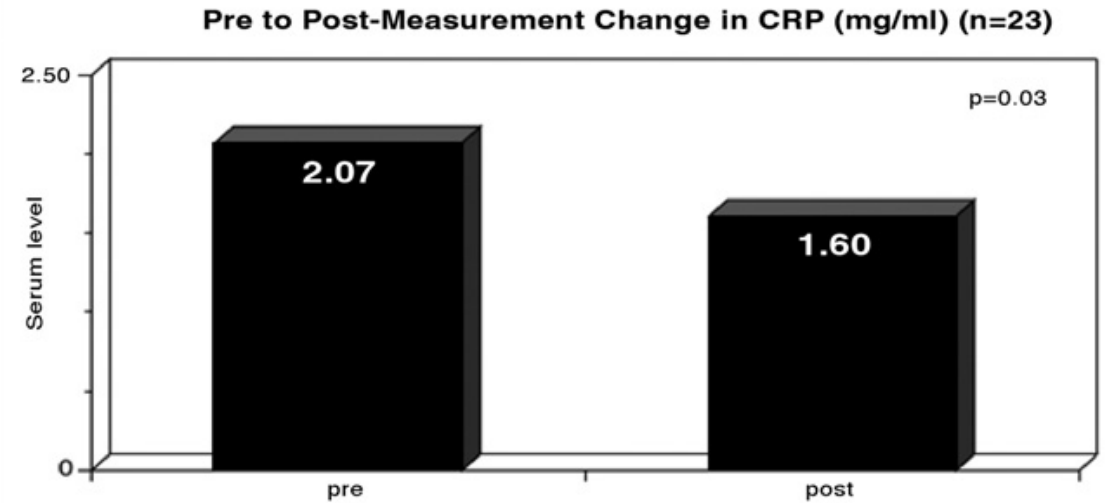
Coronary angiography reveals a diseased distal left anterior descending artery (A). Following 32 months of a plant-based nutritional intervention without cholesterol-lowering medication, the artery regained its normal configuration (B).



# ALL COMES BACK TO INFLAMMATION

VARIABLES OF INTEREST IN FASTING PLASMA OF VEGETARIANS AND OMNIVORES\*

	Vegetarians (n = 30)	Non-vegetarians (n = 30)
Ascorbic acid ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	90.5 (21.0) <sup>‡</sup>	61.8 (17.0)
$\alpha$ -Tocopherol ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) <sup>†</sup>	22.0 (5.9) <sup>§</sup>	27.0 (7.9)
Lipid-standardized $\alpha$ -tocopherol ( $\mu\text{Mol/mM TC+TAG}$ )	3.76 (0.57) <sup>§</sup>	4.23 (0.58)
Cholesterol (mM)	4.8 (1.1)	4.9 (1.3)
Triacylglycerol (mM) <sup>†</sup>	1.06 (0.45) <sup>‡</sup>	1.35 (0.57)
Uric acid ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	239 (87.7) <sup>§</sup>	306 (68.3)
FRAP value ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	1028 (180)	1040 (178)
C-reactive protein (mg/L) <sup>†</sup>	0.77 (1.29) <sup>§</sup>	1.30 (1.38)
MDA ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	0.56 (0.15)	0.61 (0.17)



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**Inflammatory markers only  
measured in intervention group**

# Nutrition and Diet

Recommendations for Nutrition and Diet		
COR	LOE	Recommendations
I	B-R	1. A diet emphasizing intake of vegetables, fruits, legumes, nuts, whole grains, and fish is recommended to decrease ASCVD risk factors.
IIa	B-NR	2. Replacement of saturated fat with dietary monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats can be beneficial to reduce ASCVD risk.
IIa	B-NR	3. A diet containing reduced amounts of cholesterol and sodium can be beneficial to decrease ASCVD risk.

# Healthful and Unhealthful Plant-Based Diets and the Risk of Coronary Heart Disease in U.S. Adults

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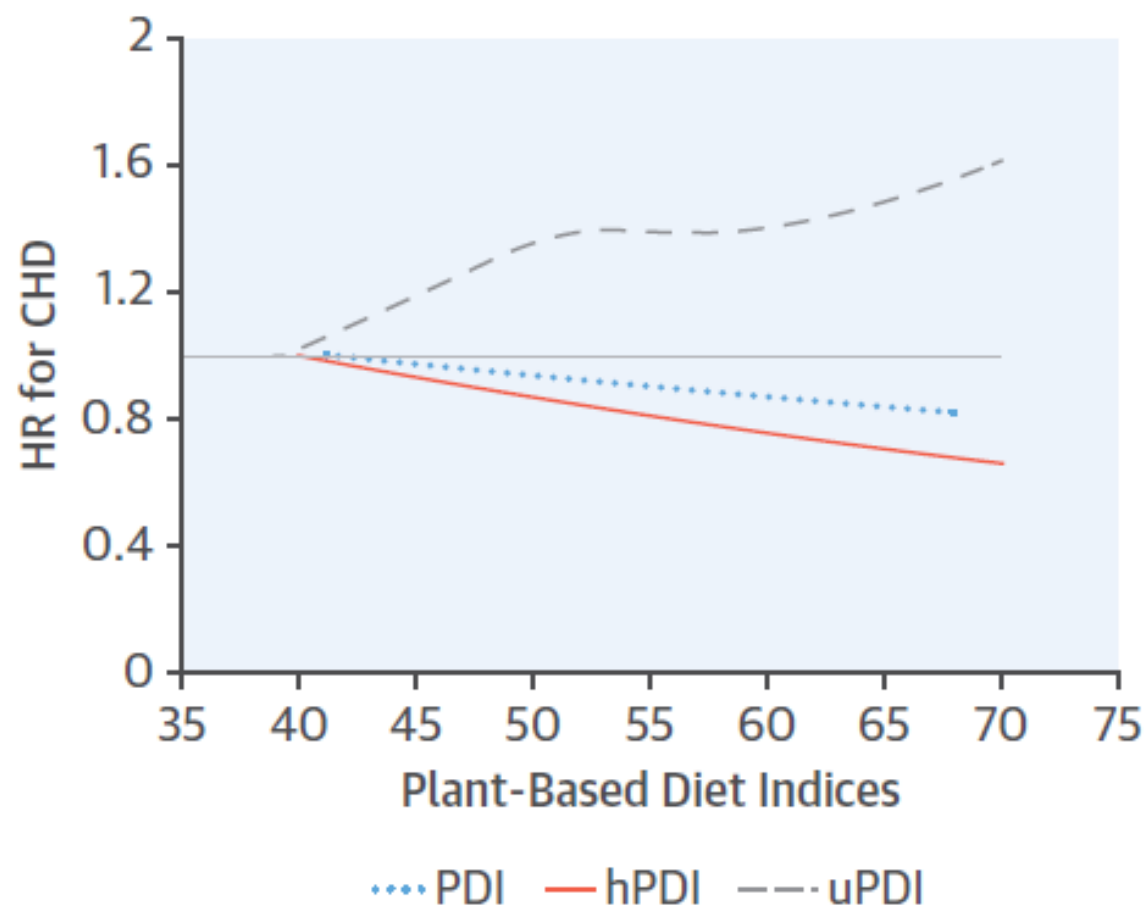
**BACKGROUND** Plant-based diets are recommended for coronary heart disease (CHD) prevention. However, not all plant foods are necessarily beneficial for health.

**OBJECTIVES** This study sought to examine associations between plant-based diet indices and CHD incidence.

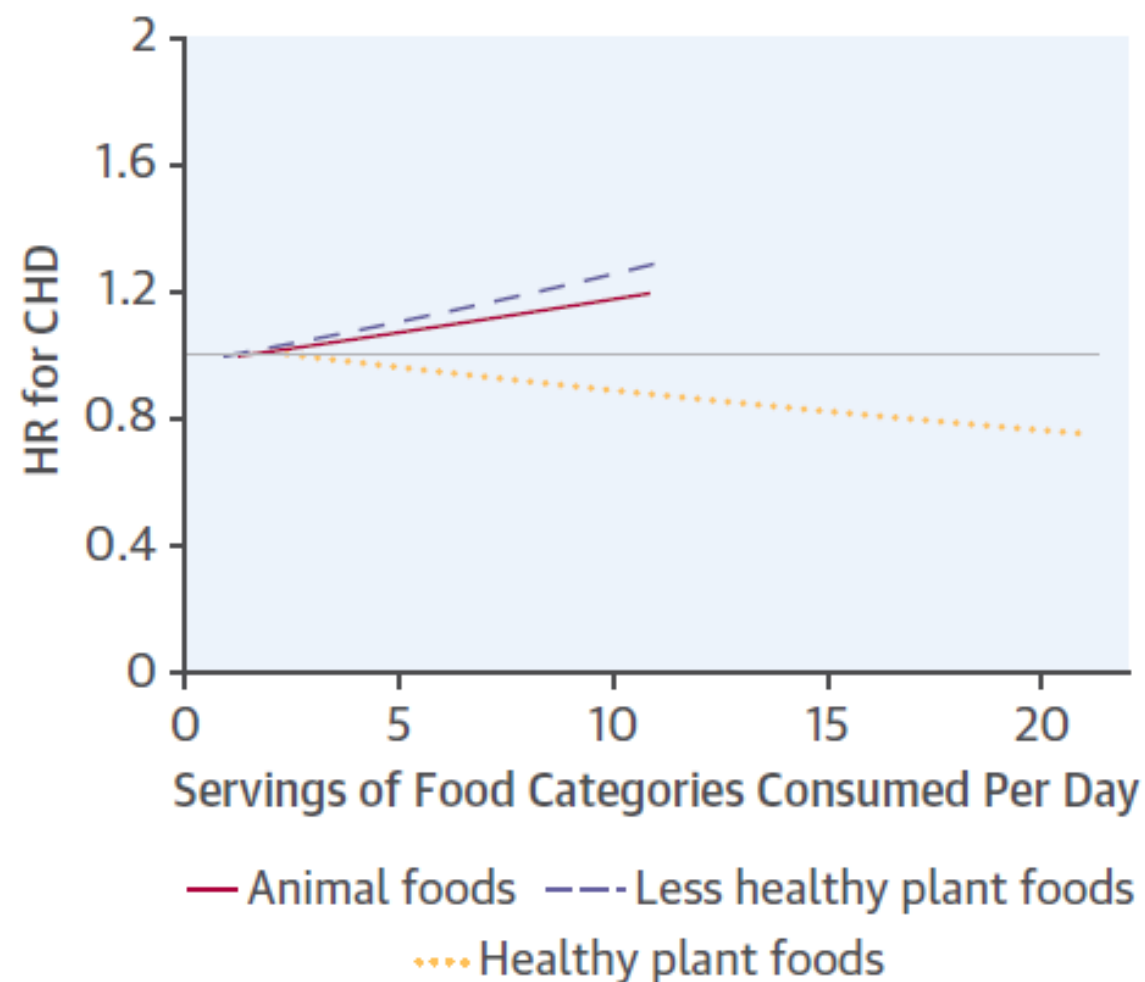
**METHODS** We included 73,710 women in NHS (Nurses' Health Study) (1984 to 2012), 92,329 women in NHS  
2012, and 43,269 men in Health Professionals Follow-up Study (1986 to 2012), free of chronic diseases at baseline.

**CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION** Dose-Response Relationship of Plant-Based Diet Indices and Animal, Healthy Plant, and Less Healthy Plant Foods With CHD Incidence

A



B



Healthy



Unhealthy

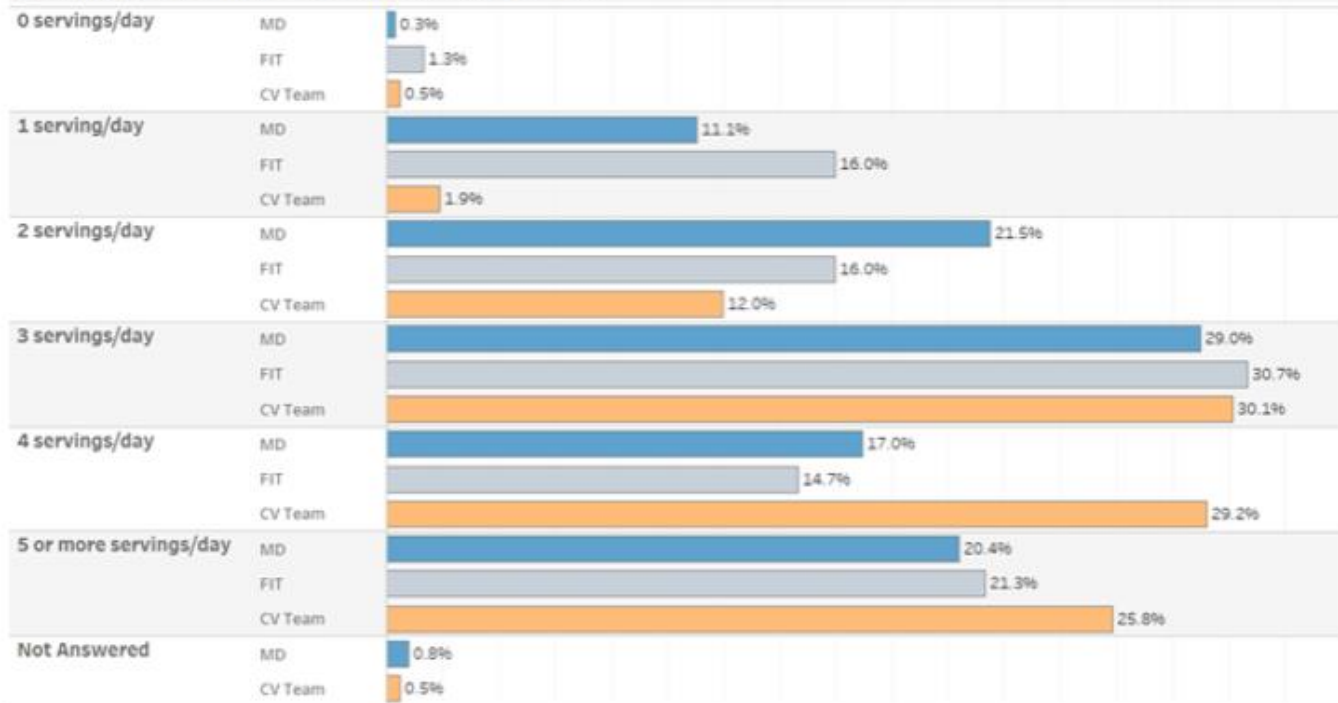




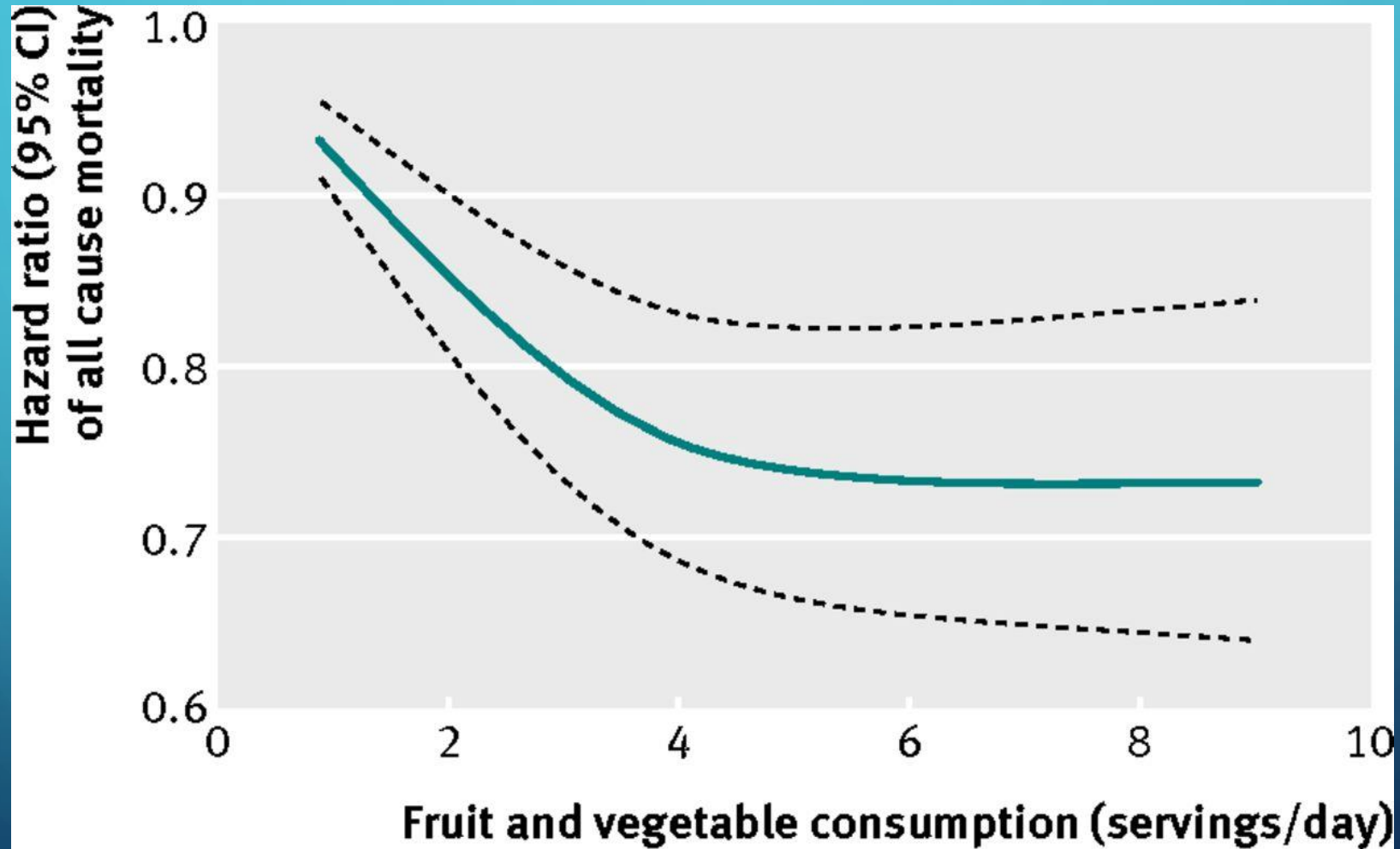
**HOW  
SHOULD WE  
ADVISE OUR  
PATIENTS?**

# Dietary Habits of Cardiovascular Professionals

Average Servings of Fruits and Vegetables per day



# FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: DASH DIET





# Whole Food Plant Based Diet Pyramid

## LEAFY GREENS

SPINACH, BROCCOLI  
KALE, LETTUCE  
(2-3 SERVINGS  
DAILY)

## GRAINS

WHOLE WHEAT BREAD  
OATS, BROWN RICE  
PASTA, WHOLE WHEAT  
TORTILLA, GRANOLA  
QUINOA, BARLEY  
(5 SERVINGS  
DAILY)

## FRUIT

PINEAPPLE, GRAPES  
BERRIES, TOMATO  
BANANA, APPLE  
PEARS, ORANGES  
GRAPEFRUIT  
(3-4 SERVINGS  
DAILY)

## FATS AND OILS

ALMONDS, PECANS  
WALNUTS, AVOCADO  
OLIVE OIL  
(IN MODERATION)

## LEGUMES

BLACK BEANS  
CHICKPEAS, EDAMAME  
FLAX SEEDS, CHIA  
SEEDS, SUNFLOWER  
SEEDS, LENTILS  
(2-3 SERVINGS  
DAILY)

## VEGETABLES

CAULIFLOWER, SWEET  
POTATO, MUSHROOMS  
SQUASH, BRUSSELS  
SPROUTS, ASPARAGUS  
CUCUMBERS, CORN  
CARROTS, CELERY  
BELL PEPPERS  
(UNLIMITED  
AMOUNT DAILY)

ΔThisIsMyYear

# GOALS

Eliminate red  
meat>>CHICKEN>>fish

Eliminate dairy-All  
dairy (whey, casein)

Eliminate simple sugars  
and simple carbs

Eliminate processed  
foods

- Preservatives
- Artificial sweeteners

Watch your omega 6:3  
ratio

- Eat nuts and seeds
- Job of omega 6
- Job of omega 3: full of DHA and EPA

Avoid trans fats

Add in lots and lots of  
fruits and vegetables

- 5-7 servings per day

Eat complex  
carbohydrates

Anti-inflammatory  
spices

1 serving= 1 cup uncooked, 1 cup cooked

# PLANT-BASED MENU

The healthiest diets are those that are high in lentils, fruits and vegetables, beans, and whole grains. Eating these foods puts you on a path to lowering your risk of heart disease. We hope you enjoy this plant-based menu: *for your health, for your future.*

## How many fruits and vegetables do I need to eat?

The American Heart Association recommends eight or more servings of fruits and/or vegetables per day. Eating more fruits and vegetables may help keep you at a healthy weight, live longer, and help lower your cholesterol and blood pressure.

## What is a serving size?

### FRUITS:

- 4-5 servings per day
- 1 medium fruit  
*(about the size of a baseball)*
- 1/4 cup dried fruit
- 1/2 cup fresh, frozen or canned fruit

### VEGETABLES:

- 4-5 servings per day
- 1 cup raw leafy vegetables  
*(about the size of a small fist)*
- 1/2 cup cut-up raw or cooked vegetables
- 1/2 cup vegetable juice

## Breakfast

- STEAMING OATMEAL**  
With raisins, almonds and brown sugar
- OVERNIGHT OATS**  
Oatmeal rolled oats, chia seeds and fruit
- CHEERIOS**  
With soy milk
- WHOLE WHEAT TOAST**  
With peanut butter or avocado spread
- FRESH FRUIT PLATE**  
With bran muffin



## Dinner

- VEGETABLE PASTA PRIMA VERA**  
A mix of sautéed fresh vegetables in a light sauce over penne pasta
- TOFU VEGETABLE STIR FRY**  
Seasoned grilled tofu with sautéed green & red peppers, onions and broccoli
- BLACK BEANS & YELLOW RICE**  
Seasoned black beans over fluffy yellow rice



## Beverages

- HOT TEA**
- ORANGE JUICE**
- APPLE JUICE**
- GRAPE JUICE**
- CRANBERRY JUICE**
- SOY MILK**



## Lunch

- BLACK BEAN BURGER**  
Hearty black bean patty over a warm bun with option of lettuce, tomato and onion
- HUMMUS TOMATO SANDWICH**  
Fresh hummus over whole grain sandwich thins topped with tomato and spinach
- FRESH VEGETABLE WRAP**  
Tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers, olives and lettuce wrapped in an avocado spread whole grain wrap



## Chef Specials

- SWEET POTATO & KALE OVER BARLEY**
- LENTIL BOLOGNESE OVER PASTA**
- CHICKPEA POTATO COCONUT CURRY**



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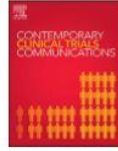
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### CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDY



### A Deficiency of Nutrition Education and Practice in Cardiology



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**BACKGROUND:** Nutrition is one of the foundations of cardiovascular guidelines for risk reduction and treatment. However, little is known about whether cardiologists, cardiology fellows-in-training, and cardiovascular team members have the nutrition education and knowledge necessary to implement these guidelines. The aim of this study was to describe the educational experiences, attitudes, and practices relating to nutrition among cardiovascular professionals.

### COMMENTARY



### How Pure is PURE? Dietary Lessons Learned and Not Learned From the PURE Trials



The Prospective Urban Rural Epidemiology (PURE) cohort studies add a new level of understanding of some key environmental components of health.<sup>1</sup> The population is diverse, and represents individuals from various socioeconomic levels with a long period of follow-up. The dietary macronutrient

and low glycemic index). In fact, many of the low-income countries that had high consumption of carbohydrates obtain them from carbohydrates from refined sources, such as white rice and white bread, which appear to correlate with the obesity epidemic<sup>4</sup> and the rapid increase of diabetes in low-income

### THE PRESENT AND FUTURE

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