## Obesity issue id beyond Personal Health肥胖症：一個超出個人健康的議題

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## Outline of Presentation

- Obesity- significant risk factor for global burden of diseases
- Epidemics of obesity why???
- Why effective intervention for prevention of obesity needs to be beyond personal health?
- Evidence of effectiveness of school/community based interventions


# Global distribution of burden of disease attributable to 19 leading selected risk factors 

(by country income level, 2004)


| 1990 |  | 2010 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mean rank ( $95 \%$ UI) | Disorder | Disorder | Mean rank (95\% UI) | \% change (95\% UI) |
| 1.0 (1 to 2) | 1 Ischaemic heart disease | 1 Ischaemic heart disease | 1.0 (1 to 1) | 35 (29 to 39) |
| 2.0 (1 to 2) | 2 Stroke | 2 Stroke | 2.0 (2 to 2 ) | 26 (14 to 32) |
| $3 \cdot 0$ (3 to 4) | 3 Lower respiratory infections | 3 COPD | $3 \cdot 4$ (3 to 4) | $-7(-12$ to 0$)$ |
| 4.0 (3 to 4) | 4 COPD | 4 Lower respiratory infections | $3 \cdot 6$ (3 to 4) | $-18(-24$ to -11$)$ |
| 5.0 (5 to 5) | 5 Diarrhoea | 5 Lung cancer | $5 \cdot 8$ ( 5 to 10) | 48 (24 to 61) |
| 6.1(6 to 7) | 6 Tuberculosis | 6 HIV/AIDS | 6.4 ( 5 to 8) | 396 (323 to 465) |
| 7.3 (7 to 9) | 7 Preterm birth complications | 7 Diarrhoea | 6.7 ( 5 to 9) | -42 (-49 to -35) |
| $8 \cdot 6$ (7 to 12) | 8 Lung cancer | 8 Road injury | $8 \cdot 4$ ( 5 to 11 ) | 47 (18 to 86) |
| 9.4 (7 to 13) | 9 Malaria | 9 Diabetes | 9.0 (7 to 11) | 93 (68 to 102) |
| 10.4 (8 to 14$)$ | 10 Road injury | 10 Tuberculosis | $10 \cdot 1$ (8 to 13) | $-18(-35$ to -3$)$ |
| 10.8 (8 to 14 ) | 11 Protein-energy malnutrition | 11 Malaria | $10 \cdot 3$ (6 to 13) | 21 (-9 to 56) |
| $12 \cdot 8(11$ to 16$)$ | 12 Cirrhosis | 12 Cirrhosis | 11.8 (10 to 14) | 33 (25 to 41) |
| 13.2 ( 9 to 18) | 13 Stomach cancer | 13 Self-harm | 14.1 (11 to 20) | 32 (8 to 49) |
| 15.6 (12 to 20 ) | 14 Self-harm | 14 Hypertensive heart disease | 14.2 (12 to 18) | 48 (39 to 56) |
| $15 \cdot 8$ (13 to 19$)$ | 15 Diabetes | 15 Preterm birth complications | 14.4 (12 to 18 ) | -28 (-39 to -17$)$ |
| 16.1 (12 to 20) | 16 Congenital anomalies | 16 Liver cancer | 16.9 (14 to 20) | 63 (49 to 78) |
| 16.9 (13 to 20) | 17 Neonatal encephalopathy* | 17 Stomach cancer | 17.0 (13 to 22) | $-2(-10$ to 5$)$ |
| 18.3 (14 to 22) | 18 Hypertensive heart disease | 18 Chronic kidney disease | 17.4 (15 to 21) | 82 (65 to 95) |
| 21.1 ( 6 to 44) | 19 Measles | 19 Colorectal cancer | 18.5 ( 15 to 21) | 46 (36 to 63) |
| 21-1 ( 12 to 36 ) | 20 Neonatal sepsis | 20 Other cardiovascular and circulatory | 19.7 (18 to 21) | 46 (40 to 55) |
| 21.3 (19 to 26 ) | 21 Colorectal cancer | 21 Protein-energy malnutrition | $21 \cdot 5$ (19 to 25) | $-32(-42$ to -21$)$ |
| 21.6 (18 to 26 ) | 22 Meningitis | 22 Falls | 23.3 (21 to 29) | 56 (20 to 84) |
| 23.2 (21 to 26) | 23 Other cardiovascular and circulatory | 23 Congenital anomalies | 24.4 (21 to 29) | -22 (-40 to -3) |
| 23.7 (20 to 28$)$ | 24 Liver cancer | 24 Neonatal encephalopathy* | 24.4 (21 to 30) | $-20(-33$ to -2$)$ |
| 23.8 (20 to 27) | 25 Rheumatic heart disease | 25 Neonatal sepsis | $25 \cdot 1$ (15 to 35) | $-3(-25$ to 27$)$ |
|  | 27 Chronic kidney disease | 29 Meningitis |  |  |
|  | 30 Falls | 33 Rheumatic heart disease |  |  |
|  | 35 HIV/AIDS | 62 Measles |  |  |

$\square$ Communicable, maternal, neonatal, and nutritional disorders $\square$ Non-communicable diseases
$\square$ Injuries

- Ascending order in rank
--- Descending order in rank


## Lozano R. et al.

 a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2010. Lancet 2012; 380:2095-128

Lancet 2012; 380:2095-128

# Obesity: Is it a disease or risk factor? 

It is can be both.
This makes it more difficult to capture routine data reflecting the size of the problem and also for effective interventions

## Routine clinical data only reveal health issues at the tip of Iceberg

Availability of information
Quality and completeness


## Youth health needs in Hong Kong

Lee A, et al. Public Health 2004; 118(2): 88-95;
Lee A, et al. Journal of Primary Care and Health Promotion 2005; Special issue; 1-47)

- The youth health surveys in 1999, 2001 and 2003 both revealed that substantial high proportion of our young people DID NOT have a healthy eating habit, not performing exercise regularly and also emotionally disturbed.
- The 2001 survey found correlation of youth health compromising behaviors with emotional disturbance and life satisfaction.


## 분

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## Key findings of the survey

Dietary behaviour ( 7 days preceding the survey)Ate desserts or snacks (such as cakes, jelly, chocolates,cookies and ice-cream etc) four times or above$33.9 \%(8,401)$
Ate fried food four times or above ..... $32.5 \%(7,961)$
No consumption of fruit ..... 8.0\% $(1,964)$
No consumption of vegetable ..... 3.2\% (779)
Perceived overweight and attempted weight control
Thought they're overweight$7.8 \%(1,941)$
Were attempting weight loss ..... 22.5\% $(5,585)$
Take laxatives or vomited to lose weight or to control weight gain ..... 1.4\% (336)
Took diet pills to lose weight or to control weight gain ..... 1.2\% (296)
Dieted to lose weight or to control weight gain ..... 35.0\% $(8,630)$
Exercised to lose weight or to control weight gain ..... 54.2\% (13,410)
Physical activities
Participated in vigorous physical activities ..... 27.0\% (6,716)
Participated in moderate physical activities ..... 8.1\% $(2,011)$
Participated in strengthening exercise ..... $17.4 \%(4,303)$

- $20 \%$ of students did not have breakfast with higher proportion amongst older age group.
- Older age group was found to have statistical significant associations with most health risk behaviours including unhealthy dietary behaviour, lack of physical activities
- The consumption of fruits and vegetables were less likely among school children whose parents were from lower educational background.
- School children with parents from a higher educational background tended to use diet and exercise whilst students with parents from a lower educational background tended to use diet pills to loose weight.
- A higher proportion of children from parents with a higher educational background reported participating in all level of physical exercise.


## Risky behaviors by grade,

 body weight, dietary habits \& physical activity(Lee A, et al. Journal of Primary Care and Health Promotion 2005; Special Issue.)


# Preliminary prevalence (\%) of health promotive dietary behaviors in Youth Risk Behaviour Survey (2003) among secondary school students in selected cities 

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| Item | Beijing | Jinan | Taipei | Macao | Hong Kong | Los Angeles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fruit ( $\geq 2 /$ day) | 18.0 | 11.4 | 13.7 | 15.9 | 11.2 | 16.2 |
| Vegetable ( $\geq 2 /$ day) | 36.6 | 30.6 | 28.0 | 36.8 | 26.8 | Green salad + potato +carrot + other vegetable |
| Dairy product or soy milk ( $\geq 1 /$ day) | 52.8 | 42.7 | 35.0 | 21.1 | 25.7 | 33.8 |
| Had breakfast | 68.2 | 73.7 for everyday vs. 4.6 never had | 9.4 skipped on the day of survey | 15.9 skipped on the day of survey | 21.4 skipped on the day of survey | N/A |

Original article

# Comparison of Overweight, Weight Perception, and Weight-Related Practices Among High School Students in Three Large Chinese Cities and Two Large U.S. Cities 

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A B S TRACT
Purpose: The study compared differences in overweight prevalence, weight perception, and weight-related practices among high school students in five large Chinese and U.S. cities, and informed interventions for childhood obesity in China and the U.S.
Methods: The data used was collected in 2003 from a representative sample of high school students in Hong Kong, Macau, Taipei, New York and Los Angeles.
Results: The prevalence of overweight high school students in New York City and Los Angeles was about twice as high as in Hong Kong, Macau, and Taipei; however, the proportion of Chinese students perceiving themselves to be overweight was $15 \%$ higher than their U.S. counterparts. Independent of actual weight status, perceived overweight was significantly associated with weight control practices ( $p<.05$ ). U.S. students showed higher levels of moderate and vigorous physical activity, but more hours of watching television than their Chinese counterparts.
Conclusion: The continuing pandemic of overweight among youth fosters weight dissatisfaction, which may increase unhealthy weight control practices. Interventions should be designed to prevent overweight without precipitating unhealthy weight control practices by emphasizing an increase in physical activity and a reduction in time watching television.
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## Epidemics of Childhood Obesity

- Obesity prevalence amongst children is rising virtually in all countries with acceleration since 1990 (Wang \& Lobstein, Int $J$ Pediatr Obes 2006; 1: 11-25).
- With fasting growing economy, there is also a worrying trend that the Chinese population elsewhere especially mainland China, is fast catching up with the West in terms of the prevalence of overweight and obesity ( Wu, BMJ, 2006; 333: 362-3).
- The relation between GDP and mean BMI is positive and linear up to GDP of about US $\$ 5,000$ level of prosperity then relationship becomes flat at higher level of GDP. The level of prosperity does not have to be high for obesity to manifest in low income countries (Wang et al. Lancet 2011; 378: 815825)
- It will not be surprising to see the epidemics of obesity in Western Pacific countries


## Health Promotion in Mainland China

$9 \%$ per annum growth since the late 1970s $\rightarrow$ lift several hundred million people out of absolute poverty accounting for over $75 \%$ of poverty reduction in the developing world over the last 20 years.

## Trend of Capital GDP in <br> China from 1952 to 2005




PK Whelton et al. Prevalence, awareness, treatment and control of hypertension in North America, North Africa and Asia. Journal of Human Hypertension (2004) 18, 545-551 National health statistics2009, Ministry of health, China

## China

- Prevalence of children aged 7-18 (2000)
- overweight - 4.5\%
- obesity - $2.1 \%$
- Overweight: 28 times between 1985 and 2000
- particularly marked in boys

Reference
Yangfeng Wu, Overweight and obesity in China BMJ 2006;333;362-363

## Trends in Taiwan

(Chen et al, Eur J of Clin Nutr, 2006; 60(12);1367-1375.).

- The overall prevalence of obesity (including overweight) in boys was 19.8\% in 1999 and $26.8 \%$ in 2001.
- It was lower in girls with $15.2 \%$ in 1999 and 16.5\% in 2001.

Obesity rate of Hong Kong primary school students 1993/94: 8.9\%(female) and 11.3\%(male) 2005/06:
16.8\%(female) and 22.5\%(male)

1 out of every 5 primary school children is obese
(Department of Health Nov 2007)


## Singapore

Singapore Childhood Obesity Prevalence


- The prevalence rates have been controlled in recent years



# Global epidemics of childhood obesity is hitting a 'less industrialized' corner in Asia: a case study in Macao 

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#### Abstract

Childhood obesity prevalence amongst children is rising virtually in all countries with rapid acceleration in major cities in China. A cross-sectional study was conducted amongst 2,015 primary and secondary students in Macao to investigate the nutritional status and analyzed for the relationship of overweight and other cardio-metabolic risk factors. Subjects were randomly selected in proportion to the gender and age of the population. A total of $26.4 \%$ of boys and $13.9 \%$ of girls were overweight or obese with the highest prevalence around $40 \%$ among boys aged $9-12$ and girls aged 10 and 11 . Some $18.1 \%$ of boys and $20.4 \%$ of girls were found to have borderline LDL levels; a further $9.3 \%$ and $10.4 \%$ were found to have high-risk, respectively. For those students with overweight and obesity, a significant higher proportion of them had cardio-metabolic risk factors. Based on this evidence, there is a concern that obesity and its associated co-morbidity could reach epidemic proportions in the 'less industrialized' cities of China.


Key words: Children, adolescents, obesity, anthropometry, cardio-metabolic risks, China Macao

## Assessment of dietary patterns and nutritional status in Macao school children

(Lee A, et al. Centre for Health Education and Health Promotion, School of Public Health and Primary Care, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Oct 2009)

- Overall, around $30 \%$ of students consumed more than 2 servings of vegetables daily (upper school students $=25.8 \%$, junior secondary school students $=26.7 \%$, senior secondary school students $=32.4 \%$ ).
- Only $40 \%$ of primary school students and $15 \%$ of secondary school students were able to meet the recommendation of daily fruits intake.
- Less than $20 \%$ of students could follow the principles of a balanced diet and with cereals being consumed as the major portion, followed by vegetables and finally meats in the least amount.
- Only $70 \%$ of the primary school students and half of the secondary school students ate breakfast every day. $14.5 \%$ of primary school students and $24.3 \%$ of secondary school students reported that they skipped breakfast for more than three days in the week prior to the survey.


## Weighted school lunch survey

- 3 samples of school lunch were collected and weighed for the amount of grains and cereals, vegetables and meat available.
- All collected school lunch will undergo the physical inspection for the presence of "encouraged", "limited" or "strongly discouraged" food items as defined by the nutritional guidelines.
$76.0 \%$ and $56.3 \%$ of the lunch samples collected from primary and secondary school sections, respectively, were NOT providing enough vegetables in accordance to the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau's recommendation



## Background

Over 20\% of young children are obese in Hong Kong?
What is the dietary pattern of young children? How do parents feed their children?

Available online at www.sciencedirect.com

## Public Health

Short Communication
Compensation consumption of high-energy-density food among pre-school children leading to suboptimal intake of recommended food groups: Case study in Hong Kong
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## Geographic distribution

HK Island (Shau Kei Wan, Chai wan)
Kowloon (Hung Hom, To Kwa Wan, Ho Man Tin, Shamshuipo , Kwun
Number of kindergartens

Tong, Yau Tong)
New Territory West (Tuen Mun, Tin Shui Wai) 7
New Territory East (Taipo, Shatin)3
New Territory South (Tsing Yi, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Chung) ..... 5
Sai Kung, Tseung Kwan O ..... 4

- 6,186 questionnaires to 27 kindergartens
- Survey period:

6-17 Dec 2010

- Received 4,533 questionnaires back
- Response rate: 73.6\%
- Age range: 2-7 yrs

| Geographic distribution | Number of kindergartens |
| :--- | :---: |
| HK Island (Shau Kei Wan, Chai wan) | 2 |
| Kowloon (Hung Hom, To Kwa Wan, Ho Man Tin, Shamshuipo, Kwun <br> Tong, Yau Tong) | 6 |
| New Territory West (Tuen Mun, Tin Shui Wai) | 7 |
| New Territory East (Taipo, Shatin) | 3 |
| New Territory South (Tsing Yi, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Chung) | 5 |
| Sai Kung, Tseung Kwan O | 4 |

## Dietary intake of a 7-day period preceding the surveillance




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# Dietary intake of a 7-day period preceding the surveillance 

| Snack | None <br> (0 time) | (1-2 times within 7 days) | Occasional to frequent <br> (3 times or more within |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7 days) |  |  |  |



# Dietary intake of a 7-day period preceding the surveillance 

|  | Type of Food | None <br> (0 time) | Rare <br> (1-2 times within 7 days) | Occasional to frequent <br> (3 times or more within <br> 7 days) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Deep-fried food | $27.8 \%$ | $58.8 \%$ | $11.4 \%$ |  |
| 2.Processed or preserved <br> meat | $14.6 \%$ | $57.4 \%$ | $26.2 \%$ |  |
| 3.Poultry with skin | $16.2 \%$ | $52.3 \%$ | $29.8 \%$ |  |
| 4.Other higher fat meats <br> (eg, pork ribs, beef <br> brisket, etc.) | $29.8 \%$ |  |  |  |

(Remarks: Remaining \% are "Not sure" or "Missing data")


Poultry without skin with-less fat

## Obesity Epidemic

Lobstein T, Baur L, Jackson-Leach R. In Waters E, Swinburn B, Seidell J, Uauy R. Preventing Childhood Obesity. Wiley Blackwell,2010

- In more economically developed countries, children in lower SES tends to have higher prevalence of obesity/overweight.
- Countries not economically developed or undergoing economic development, prevalence is higher in higher SES,
- In Brazil, in 2007 14\% children overweight ( $20 \%$ in higher SES, $6 \%$ in lower SES) and $4 \%$ in 1974.
- In Chile, 27\% in 2000 and 13\% in 1987.
- Association between SES and adiposity in children is becoming predominately inverse based on a systematic review of cross sectional study during 1990-2005. (Shrewbury V, Wardle J.I Socio-economic status and adiposity in childhood: a systematic review of cross sectional study 1990-2005. Obesity 2008; 16(2): 275-284.)


## The adversity of urbanisation on obesity

- In the poorest settings, urban populations are experiencing adverse, 'obesogenic' shifts on dietary composition, which are taking place at much faster speed than the potential benefits.
- While there are very large increases in animal source foods (ASFs), added sugar, caloric sweeteners, edible oil over as short period of time, the supply level of fruit and vegetables changes very little (Mendez M and Popkin B (2004). Journal of Agricultural and Development Economics, 1(2): 220-241.
- The transition would be due to enhanced access to non-traditional foods as result of low prices, changing production and processing practice, and the rise of supermarkets and hypermarkets (Dixon J et al. The Health Equity Dimension of Urban Food System. Thematic paper for KNUS 2006 and abridged version J Urban Health 2007, 84(3)। 118-129.)


## The adversity of urbanisation on obesity

- There is also a shift in consumption of wide game beef or small house/land-holder-reared poultry and pork to industrially-reared beef, pork and chickens in less than 50 years in post-industrial nations but will only take about 25 yeas in newly industrialised nations (Dixon et al, 2006).
- The residential density, neighbourhood safety from crime, traffic, injury, and increasing reliance on motor cars are factors shifting towards physical inactivity in both developed and developing countries (Kjellstrom T \& Hinde S. Car Culture, transport policy and public health. In: Kawachi I, Wamala S, eds.. Globalisation and Public Health. New York, Oxford University Press)


## Can you control your weight solely by personal means?

If we examine the ecology of health, tackling obesity and many other chronic health problems needs to go beyond personal health.

Outcomes 成果
－Infra－
structure for health
improvement，
health actions
in community
基礎結構改善健康
狀況，社區中的衛
生行動
－－Attitudes， health literacy， social norm， policies in
place 態度，健康素養，社會規範•到位的政策
Risk factors， （behaviours， environment， services）風險因素（行為，環境，服務）
－Disease
pattern，well－ being，quality of life 疾病模式，生活品質


Figure 1 Ecolpgical model of predictors or chiidhood overweight. *=Child risk tactors (shown in upper case fettering) reter to child behaviours associated with the development of overweight. Characteristics of the child (shown in itatic lettering) interact with child risk ractors and contextual taciors to influence the development or overweight (i.e. moderator variables). This review is organized around child nisk tactors and the influence of child family, and community characieristics is discussed for each chiid risk factor.

The WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health （CSDH，2008）recognised the importance of the urban setting as a social determinant of health．Its Knowledge Network on Urban Settings（KNUS，2008）recommended a broad spectrum of interventions，including：

- building social cohesion，社會的結合
- improving environments for health，改善環境健康
- accessible primary health care for all，基層醫療
- healthy settings as vehicles，日常生活的場所促進健康
－proactive and coordinated urban planning，and good
urban governance．主動和協調城市規劃，和良好的城市治理
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Lee．．．．．．．．．．．，Our cities，our health，our future：Acting on social determinants for health equity in
urban settings．Report of the Knowledge Network on Urban Settings，WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health．WHO Centre for Health Development，Kobe，Japan－ 2007. http：／／www．who．int／social＿determinants／resources／knus＿report＿16jul07．pdf


## Energy imbalance

- Change of energy intake of 10 Kcal per day would lead to an eventual body weight of change about 1 pound (10Kcal per day per pound) with half of the weight change within first year and $95 \%$ in about 3 years. Hall e tal. Lancet 2011: 378: 826-837) (250 ml of soft drink -102 Kcal; 79 minutes of housework would burn off around 250 Kcal)
- Between 1990 and 2007-08, the average bodyweight had risen by $9-18 \mathrm{~kg}$ in USA and UK corresponding to 200-400 Kcal per day difference in energy intake or expenditure sustained for 3 years.


## Challenge of Prevention of Obesity

- Nowhere has the obesity epidemics reserved by public health means unlike smoking and cardiovascular diseases epidemics (Swinburn et al. Lancet 2011; 378: 804-14).
- The reasons for failure are changes in global food supply systems and concomitant environmental change requiring less energy expenditure (King D. Lancet 2011; 378: 743-44).
- Collaborative societal changes in many aspects of our environment with global political leadership across public policy boarder than health policy and better monitoring.
- Mainstream social and economic development in the $21^{\text {st }}$ century is not focusing on social equity

Significant reversal of risk factors and reduction of mortality from NCD (Norum kr. some aspects of Norvegian nutrition and food policy. In: Shetty P, MMcPherson K, eds. Nutrition and Chronic Disease: Lessons From Contrasting Worlds. London: John Wiley \& Son 1997; 72-86.

- Public and professional education and information
- Setting consumer and producer price and income subsidies, ensuring low prices for healthy food
- Avoidance of low price for sugar, butter and margarine
- Marketing of regulation to promote provision of healthy foods by retail stores, street vendors and institutions
- Regulation of food processing and labelling


## Images of Foodscapes

Mikkelsen BE. Images of foodscapes: Introduction to foodscape studies and their application in the study of healthy eating out-of-home environments. Perspectives in Public Health 2011; 131(5): 209-216

-     - scape is studying how people, spaces and food interact and how this interaction influences our food behaviour.
- Signs, text and pictures would influence eating behaviours
- When people are exposed to images of appetizing food, their brains automatically and reflexively secrete dopamine, activating at least 5 separate reward centers in the brain leading to food craving.(Beaver ID, e al. Individual differences in reward drive predict neural response to images of food. $J$ Neurosci 2006: 26(19): 5160-66)
- This physiological pathway in response to food images involve similar neural pathways associated with drug addictions. (Volkow ND, Wise RA. How can drug addiction help us to understand obesity? Nat Neurosci 2005; 26(19): 5160-66.)
- Paper by Potenza has discussed how multiple factors would influence decisions to use drugs or engage in addictive behaviours.


# Approaches to promote Healthy Eating and Physical Activities in Adolescents 

Uauy R, Caleyachetty R, Swinburn B. In Waters E, Swinburn B, Seidell J, Uauy R.Eds. Preventing Childhood Obesity. Wiley Blackwell, 2010

- Modifying the environment to enhance physical activities in school and communities
- Creating more opportunities for family interaction, e.g., family meals
- Limiting aggressive marketing practices of energy-dense micro-nutrient-poor foods
- Providing necessary information and skills to make better food choices
- Parental education for disadvantaged communities: overweight $\neq$ good health
- School driven initiatives together with policy changes would be effective to promote healthy eating and physical activity in adolescents (Lee A., Ho M., Keung V. Healthy Setting as an ecological model for prevention of childhood obesity. Research in Sports Medicine: An International Journal 2010; 18 (1): 49-61.)


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Lee A．，Ho M．，Keung V．Healthy Setting as an ecological model for prevention of childhood obesity． Research in Sports Medicine：An International Journal 2010； 18 （1）： 49－61．

## Characteristics

An integrated approach, entailing a comprehensive needs assessment, improved school eating policies and eating environment, involvement of family and community, along with a comprehensive nutrition education programme and the active involvement of students.


## Key findings

- Significant improvement was observed in knowledge, attitudes and eating behaviours of students. Lee A., Ho M., Keung V. Research in Sports Medicine: An International Journal 2010; 18 (1): 49-61.
- Maternal knowledge, attitudes and knowledge has significant impact on consumption of fruit and vegetables by primary students Yung T ., Lee A(PI)., Ho M., Keung V., Lee J. Maternal influences on fruit and vegetable consumption of school children: Case study in Hong Kong. Maternal and Child Nutrition 2010; 6(2): 190-195 DOI: 10.1111/j.1740-8709.2009.00198.x


## Action to Combat Childhood Obesity

School-based Fitness Programme

## Summary findings

- A significantly more students from the intervention group expressed that they like doing exercise
- More parents reported that their children were eager to do exercise or doing housework everyday, AND more sport activities.
- A significant difference in the change of mean BMI between intervention and control group was observed. Both the BMI and body fat percentage of the intervention group students stabilized during the intervention period while that of the control group increased significantly.
- The post-test results taken at 4 months after the completion of intervention programme showed a statistically significant drop of mean body fat among the intervention group.


## Adolescent Neuro-development and dietary habit

 Linda Spear, 2011.- Sensitivity to basic awards such as sweat substances was higher for aged 11 to 15 than late adolescence and early adulthood. (Desor JA \& Beauchamp GK. Longitudinal changes in sweat preferences in humans. Physiology \& Behavior. 1987; 52(3): 216-224).
- However adolescents often appear less 'harm avoidant' than adults responding to aversive stimuli, threats and penalties. This would lead to overindulging in overeating of high energy density food and overdrinking of beverage and alcohol, sedentary life style and even drugs and tobacco as they would feel the immediate pleasure with enhanced sensitivity but less responsive to the adverse consequence such as obesity, decline in physical fitness, impaired coordination.

Adolescent Neuro-development and dietary habit Linda Spear, 2011.

- Taking into account of the plasticity of brain development during adolescence, future research should focus on modulating their enhanced sensitivity to rewards and attenuation in aversive sensitivity.
- Adolescent brain is sensitive to environmental manipulations and programs should aim to reduce stress levels within typical contexts of adolescence by increasing their capacity to cope with stressors and reducing the exhibition of 'hot' cognition suggested by Spear's papers.


## 'Early Life Origins of Chronic Diseases' Wang et al, 2011

- Integrating multi-factoral variables, i.e., environment, genetic and epigenetics with particular focus on epigenetics as it remains as important missing piece of puzzle in explaining the early life origins of chronic diseases including obesity.
- Many current interventions on unhealthy eating and weight control have been on lifestyle modification later on in life neglecting the difficulty of neuro-endocrine programming to return to originally set point.
- During adolescence, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, stress, smoking, drug abuse, exposure to environmental toxins, sleep disturbance, genetics were found as importing contributing epidemiological risk factors.
- Understanding of health promoting setting especially HPS as ecological model for improvement of healthy eating,
- focusing on epigenetics and possibilities of restoring 'normal epigenome,
- and modulating the neuro-development taking into account of the plasticity of brain in enhancement of sensitivity to rewards and attenuation in aversive sensitivity through modification of environment and lifestyle would lead to new angles for research in addressing the following issues leading to policies and programs development:


# - Reversing the obesogenic environment by tackling the 

 determinant factors: distal vs proximal- The influence of national wealth, government policies, cultural norms, the built environment, genetic, epigenetic mechanism, biological bases for food preferences
- Understanding of the health promotion theory to develop an ecological model at school and community level for prevention of overconsumption and addiction to food
- Modulation of peri-natal and early postnatal environment to avoid adverse developmental programming of neuro-endocrine systems leading to obesity later on in life
- Non-dieting approach enhancing neuro-development to healthy eating
- Application of dynamic simulation models in predicting individual weight change resulting from energy balance intervention, estimation of the magnitude of the maintenance energy gap determining the increase energy intake needed to maintain higher average body weights as result of obesity epidemics
- Which strategy is more likely to be success in low and middle income countries: Policies and regulation in controlling the food system and food industry OR empowerment of individuals, families and communities to improve health literacy in making rational choices?

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Blum, R. McNeely, C. \& Rinehart, P. (2002). Improving the odds: The untapped power of schools to improve the health of

- Recent teens Center for Adolescent Health and Development, University of Minnesota
- Recent evidence sugggests that the way the school is led ${ }^{\bullet}$ and managed, the experiences students have to participate and take responsibility for shaping policies, how teachers relate to and treat students and how school engages local community and parents, build many protective factors for health and reduces health risk behavior Stewart-Brown, 2006. Blum et al.2002, Patton et al 2006).


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## Integrated Framework for Health Promoting School

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－Missing out richness of school health activities by evaluating a narrow set of pre－determined outcomes determined outcomes．狹隘的預先訂定的成果失去很多健康狀態資料。
－Outcome should include resources for living and have many components that have different degrees of importance to people as they go through life．
－There is the need，in addition to assessing standard outcomes for school health promotion interventions，to look at what constitutes successful outcomes and increased input from students， teachers and parents．在評估學校健康促進干預，看看什麼是成功的結果，從學生 －教師和家長投人在確定他們的結局
－A more holistic appreciation and understanding of all the effects of school based health promotion．更全面的讚賞和理解
St Leger L．，Kobe LJ．，Lee A．，McCall D．，Young I．School Health：－Achievements，Challenges and Priorities．In McQueen D．， Jones C．Global Perspective on Health Promotion Effectiveness．Springer，New York，USA．， 2007.

## Home

- Avoid using unhealthy food e.g. sweets, soft drink as rewards on positive behaviours and withdrawing as punishment
- Create a joyful and rewarding environment to be physical active, eating healthy food products, outdoor activities
- Rewards for buying healthy food products and restriction of 'pocket money' to buy unhealthy food
- Bonus systems for eating healthy, physical active
- Withdraw rewards on excess time on TV/internet and sedentary lifestyle, and over-consumption of 'junk' food
- Attentive to hunger/satiety cues with appropriate feeding time and food quantity


## School

- Rewards on healthy eating and participation in exercise with $\log$ diary to maintain record
- Creating opportunities for students to gain pleasure from healthy eating and outdoor activities e.g. visit to Orchard for fresh fruits tasting, camping
- Research linking unhealthy eating, physical in activity and obesity to impairing learning
- School positive culture for healthy eating with teachers and perfects as role models
- Health literacy as important learning outcomes

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