# DIET AND EXERCISE TO PREVENT CHILDHOOD OVERWEIGHT/OBESITY





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## **Obesity: growing round the globe**





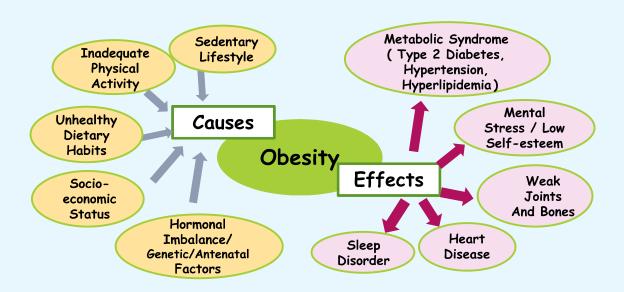


Obesity is a condition of excess of fat deposition in the body which leads to poor health.

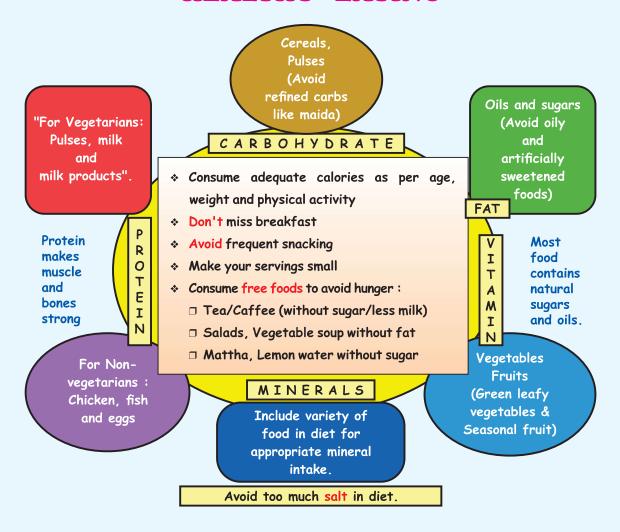
One in five school children in India is overweight.

#### LIFE STYLE THEN AND NOW

Then	Now
Home made food	Restaurants, cafeterias
Outdoor games, skipping,	Computers, T.V.
kabaddi, kho-kho, ice and	Video games
water, pitthu, I spy etc.	Mobile phones
Walking, cycling	Motorbikes, Cars
Manually doing chores	Electrical appliances /
(washing clothes, grinding	technology (washing machine /
spices etc,)	mixer grinder etc.)
More tired - Good sleep	Less tired - No sleep



#### **HEALTHY EATING**





- Eat at specified meal times.
- Before snacking, ask yourself "am I really hungry?"
- Plan and stock healthy foods at home, not ready-to-eat foods.
- All family members should eat the same kind of food.
- \* Do not reward the child with food: instead reward them with outdoor activity or play / sport equipment.
- \* Request family members and friends not to bring food as a treat (like chocolates, chips, samosas, sweets, bakery products, etc).
- Use modern methods of cooking like: steaming, roasting, dry frying, baking, grilling etc. instead of deep frying.



## CHOOSE HEALTHY SNACKS! YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT!!











UNHEALTHY SNACKS	HEALTHY ALTERNATIVES		
Samosa	Atta bread toast		
Pakoras	Boiled sweet corn		
Namkeen / dalmoth	Bhuna chana		
Chips / kurkure	Bhelpuri		
Fried eggs	Poached/half boiled eggs		
Chowmein	Home made noodles with		
	vegetables		
Full cream milk	Skimmed milk		
Fried vegetables	Baked/steamed vegetables		
Fried spring rolls	Steamed momos		
Sharbat	Buttermilk		
Pizza/cheese sandwich	Grilled vegetable sandwich		
Chocolate and pastry	Any fruit		
Any cold drink	Plain soda with namkeen shikanji		
Ice cream / Sweets	Chilled fruit salad		

## PLAY AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



- Engage for 30-45 min per day in some physical activity like playing, skipping, jogging, hockey, football, badminton, football, volleyball, swimming, dancing, aerobics, kabaddi, kho-kho, ice and water etc.
- \* "Try not to sit all the time; instead walk, run, play, skip, dance and work in and around the house".

### CALORIES: EASY TO EAT, DIFFICULT TO BURN!!

Snacks	Calorie	=	Activity	Calorie
Burger 1 piece	330 kcal	=	Badminton 2 hours	330 kcal
Chowmein ½ plate	350 kcal	=	Football 1 ½ hour Basketball 2 hour	350 kcal
Cold drink 200ml	123 kcal	=	Jumping rope for 15 min	110 kcal
Chips/kurkure 1	280 kcal	=	Climbing stair for	268 kcal
bowl			30 min	
Veg. Pakoras 5 pc	200 kcal	=	Aerobic dancing for 1 hour	200 kcal
Chocolate cake 1 pc	235 kcal	=	Lawn tennis (singles) 2 hour	229 kcal
Gulab jamun	250 kcal	=	Bicycling for 1 hour	250 kcal



- ✓ Do not eat in front of the T.V.
- ✓ Spend not more than one hour for internet and T.V.
- ✓ Limit too many tuition classes, meetings/workshops to avoid sedentary lifestyle.
- ✓ Do make time for at least one hour of physical activity even if you are busy in work / studies.
- ✓ The whole family should be disciplined and focused on adopting a healthy lifestyle.
- ✓ Parents: you must be role models and practice what you preach; never be judgmental.



Motivation is what gets you started; Habit is what keeps you going.. Never give up! Motivate yourself, start from today - your family's health is in your hands.

Begin a healthy lifestyle today and be proud tomorrow!!

