Body Composition



Typical Body Composition

Body composition = body's relative amount of fat mass AND fat-free mass (bone, water, connective and organ tissues, teeth)

Essential fat = crucial for normal body functioning.

3–5 % of total body weight in males 8–12% of total body weight in females

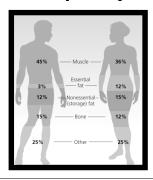
Nonessential fat = adipose tissue

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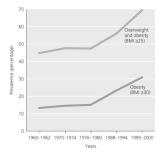
The most important consideration in evaluating body weight and composition is the proportion of total body weight that is fat (percent body fat).

Height and weight charts are no longer used.

Typical Body Composition



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Overweight = total body weight above a recommended range for good health.

Obesity = severely overweight and fat – characterized by excessive accumulation of body fat.

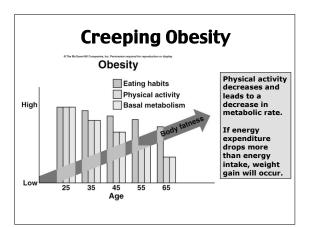
Creeping Obesity

The primary factors associated with increase in body fat with age is a progressive decrease in the metabolism. Basal metabolic rate is highly dependent on the amount of Lean Body Mass an individual has. With age a BMR. Exercise is one way of maintaining LBM and keeping BMR elevated.

Creeping Obesity

Physical Activity is also know to decrease with age. This decrease is another reason for creeping obesity.

To maintain body weight it is necessary for people to either maintain a habit of regular exercise or to progressively decrease their caloric intake as the get older.



Health Risks Associated with Being Fat

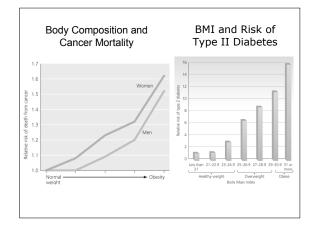
- · Coronary heart disease
- · Hypertension
- Hypercholesterolemia
- Cancer
- Diabetes



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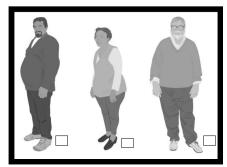
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Body Fat Distribution and Chronic Disease

Abdominal body fat poses greater health risks than fat stored in other areas because this fat is more adaptable and has greater access to the circulation.

Males store more fat centrally and have increased health risks associated with body fatness.

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Excess body fat decreases the ability to perform physical activities.

Unrealistic expectations about body composition can hurt self-image.

Skin problems

Sleeping problems.

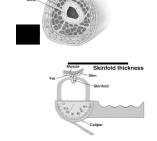
Problems Associated with Very Low Levels of Body Fat

- Reproductive, circulatory, and immune system disorders
- Too little body fat =
 - -Less than 10-12% for women
 - -Less than 5% for men

Body Composition Assessment



Skinfold Measurements





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Skinfold measurement: Measurement are used in equations that link the thickness of skinfolds to percent body fat calculations made from more precise experients.

This technique is called skinfold because a fold of skin is picked up and measured. Underneath the skin the body stores subcutaneous fat so when the skin is lifted the fat layer can be measured.

Skinfold Measurements

Body fat is stored in people in different places and the measurement of fat in one place is not always an accurate measurement of total body fat. Also, the thickness must be converted into a meaningful measure.

Underwater Weighing



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Underwater weighting: An individual is submerged and weighted under water. Percentage of fat and fat-free weight are calculated from body density.

Bod Pod



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The Bod Pod: The amount of air displaced by a person in a small chamber is measured by computerized sensors.

DEXA



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DEXA: Based on imaging of body tissues. Cross sectional area measures calculated at different levels of the body.

This is the MOST accurate way for estimating body composition.

