







Let's Define Obesity

Obesity is a disease of excess fat:

- Caused by many factors
- Risk for diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and other diseases
- Progressive
- Can be life threatening
- Costly
- Lost wagesMedical bills

National Institute of Health, 2010

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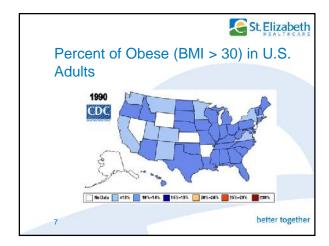


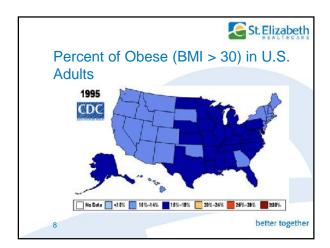
Obesity Statistics

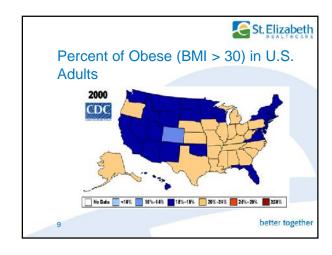
- 68% of Americans are overweight or obese
- 34% of those are considered obese
- Since 1980, the prevalence of morbid obesity has quadrupled
- Kentucky ranks 6th in the country for highest adult obesity rates, with 31.5% of population qualifying as obese

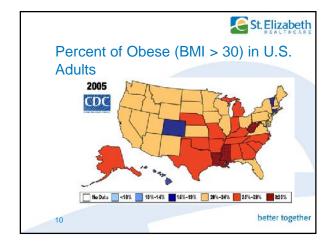
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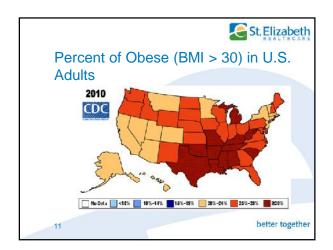
St. Elizabeth Percent of Obese (BMI > 30) in U.S. Adults 1987 No Data 410% 16%-14% 15%-19% 20%-24% 25%-25% 25% better together



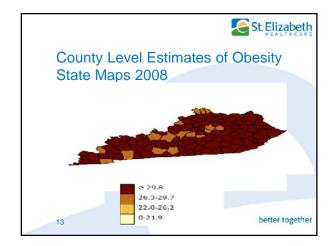


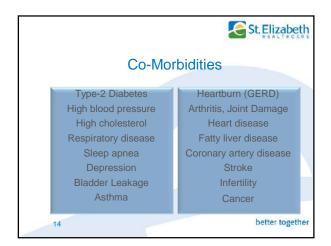


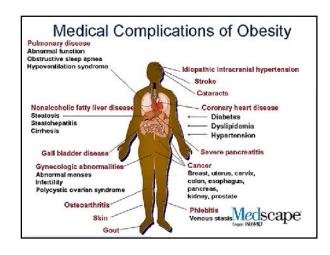


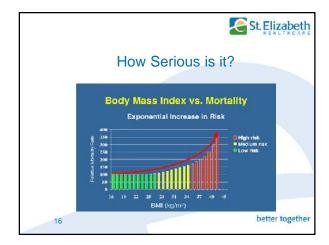


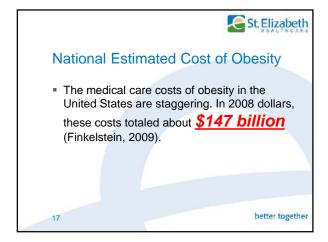
















The Brain

 CNS changes in obesity are less well known, although studies suggest a link between certain degenerative brain disease and obesity

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The Obesity/Brain Association

- Studies concerning degenerative brain diseases support the idea that obesity has a negative impact on brain function
- Increased body wt. is known to be a risk factor for cognitive decline and AD
- The association between obesity and dementia is independent of other comorbid conditions.

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The Obesity/Brain Association

- Central obesity may also be associated with a high risk of other neurologic disorders such as Parkinson's disease
- Studies are supporting the idea that obesity has a negative impact on brain function.
- Obesity may disrupt cognition, with deficit in learning, memory, and executive function

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Brain Structural Changes with Obesity

- Both age and obesity were associated with decrease in brain volume
- Seems to be seen mainly in the frontal lobe
- Enlarged orbitofrontal white matter
- Decrease in focal grey matter volume
- Due to frontal lobe white matter being more prone to the affects of aging other than other lobes could reflect accelerated aging in the

obese person. better togeth



Brain Disorders Associated with an Increase of IR/Diabetes and/or Obesity

- Psychiatric Disorder
 - Schizophrenia
 - · Bipolar Disorder
 - Major Depressive Disorder
- Neurodegenerative Disease
 - Alzheimer's Dementia
 - Vascular Dementia
 - Parkinson's Disease
 - Huntington's Disease

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Other Brain Changes

- Normal and pathological conditions such as nutrients, oxygen, inflammatory factors, stress and hormones, have immediate impact on the brain.
- Obesity is considered a state of chronic low grade inflammation. chronic obesity is associated with abnormal insulin, cytokine, adipokine(leptin and resistin) function.

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Other Brain Changes

- Recent studies have suggested that obesity could change the area of the brain that helps control appetite and body weight(hypothalamus):
 - Changes could start as early as a day of eating a high fat meal
 - May explain why so hard to keep the weight off
 - Results from inflammation of the hypothalamus after just 1 day of high fat meal
 - After a week body mounts a defense by call cells that repair and protect
 - The inflammation subside
 - · Then returns after about a month and then continues

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Other Brain Changes

- Studies cont.:
 - Upon trying to correlate these findings to humans it was found that obese individuals had more of the repair activity in the hypothalamus then lean individuals.

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Now and the Future of Obesity and the Brain

- Individuals may have a greater extent of brain atrophy due to obesity or due to factors that promote obesity and that atrophy may predispose them to future cognitive impairment and dementia.
- Implications include
 - Amplified morbidity/mortality in the elderly
 - Higher health care cost
 - Emotional and other non-financial burden of caretakers and healthcare providers

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Now and the Future of Obesity and the Brain

 In some studies it has shown some partial reversibility in the structural abnormalities with dieting.

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Conclusion

- It is important to continue to strive to get a better understanding the mechanism by which nutrition and in particularly obesity can affect neuroplasticity and cognitive function.
- There is compelling evidence that obesity modulates brain responses and may accelerate brain aging and age related neurodegeneration

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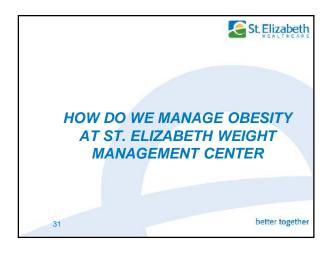
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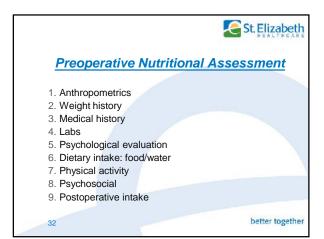


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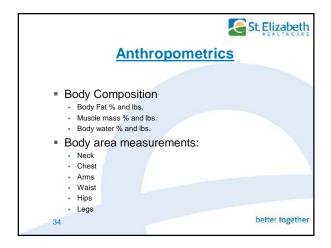
- Even though it is not known how obesity disrupts the brain homeostasis during aging, many studies both human and rat have strongly linked diet induced metabolic disturbances
- Further studies need to be initiated to better understand the relationship between obesity and the way it impacts brain functioning.

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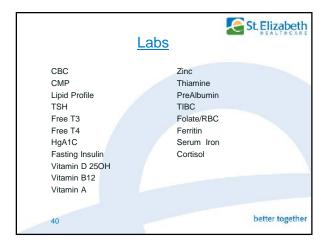












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Other Testing

- EKG as per MD/Insurance requirement
- Cardiac clearance as per MD/Insurance
- Pulmonary clearance as per MD/Insurance
- Sleep Study as per MD
- EGD/UGI/H.pylori as per Insurance

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Psychological Evaluation

- Functional/educational/psychosocial History
 - · Are you able to read and write?
 - · Highest level of education
 - How do you learn best?
 - Limitations to learning
 - · Learning disabilities
 - Speak and understand English?
 - Any vision loss?
 - Any hearing loss?
 - · Any speech limitations?
 - Any physical limitations?
 - · Able to perform the activities of daily living?

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Psychological Evaluation

- Individual evaluation with Clinical Psychologist
- Full psychosocial history
- DSM IV Diagnosis
- R/O eating disorders/substance abuse
- Evaluate patients readiness for change

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Dietary Intake: Food/Drink

- Assess skipped meals
- Time of day and types of food typically eat
 - Breakfast /Lunch/Dinner/Snack
- Patient Food and Activity Log
 - Minimal 3 days
- Beverage Intake: (number servings per day)
 - water Soda

 - JuiceIced tea
 - Milk
 - Coffee
- Alcohol

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Physical Activity

- Activity Level:
 - Inactive no regular physical activity with sit down job
 - Light no organized physical activity during leisure time
 - Moderate occasionally in activities such as weekend golf, tennis, jogging, swimming, cycling
 - Heavy consistent lifting, stair climbing, heavy construction, etc., or regular participation in jogging, swimming, cycling, or active sports at least three times per week
 - **Vigorous** participation in extensive physical exercise for at least 60 minutes per session 4 x per week
- Activity Log

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DECISION BETWEEN MEDICAL VS SURGICAL INTERVENTION

 Both pathways are available through the same center.

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INDIVIDUALIZED PROGRAM

- Initial patient work up drives individualized program
- Metabolic indicators impact type of dietary modification
- Past history and current weight drive exercise prescription
- Social and psychological patient report determines counseling and/or psych referral needs.

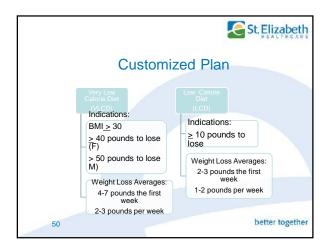
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FOLLOW UP

- Frequently scheduled office visits during weight loss phase.
- Regularly scheduled laboratory testing at key intervals to determine metabolic changes.
- Individualized plans developed for maintaining weight loss.
- Individualized recovery plans developed if any weight gain occurs.







Are You a Candidate for Weight Loss Surgery? BMI of 40 BMI of 35-39 with significant co-morbidities Dietary attempts not working

