

'Forbidden cloister echoes  
Whisper to an unknown shrine  
Where sits a fitted demi-God,  
A hoard of apples in his desk,  
Who calls the hooded masses  
To crawl before a burnished throne  
And cleave the air with nonsense  
To benefit a future brood  
Whose infant squalor reeks of sense  
But only speaks of life as food'



# Diet and Obesity:



Professor Keith Kendrick



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Manna from the Gods or  
the food of destruction ?



Obesity



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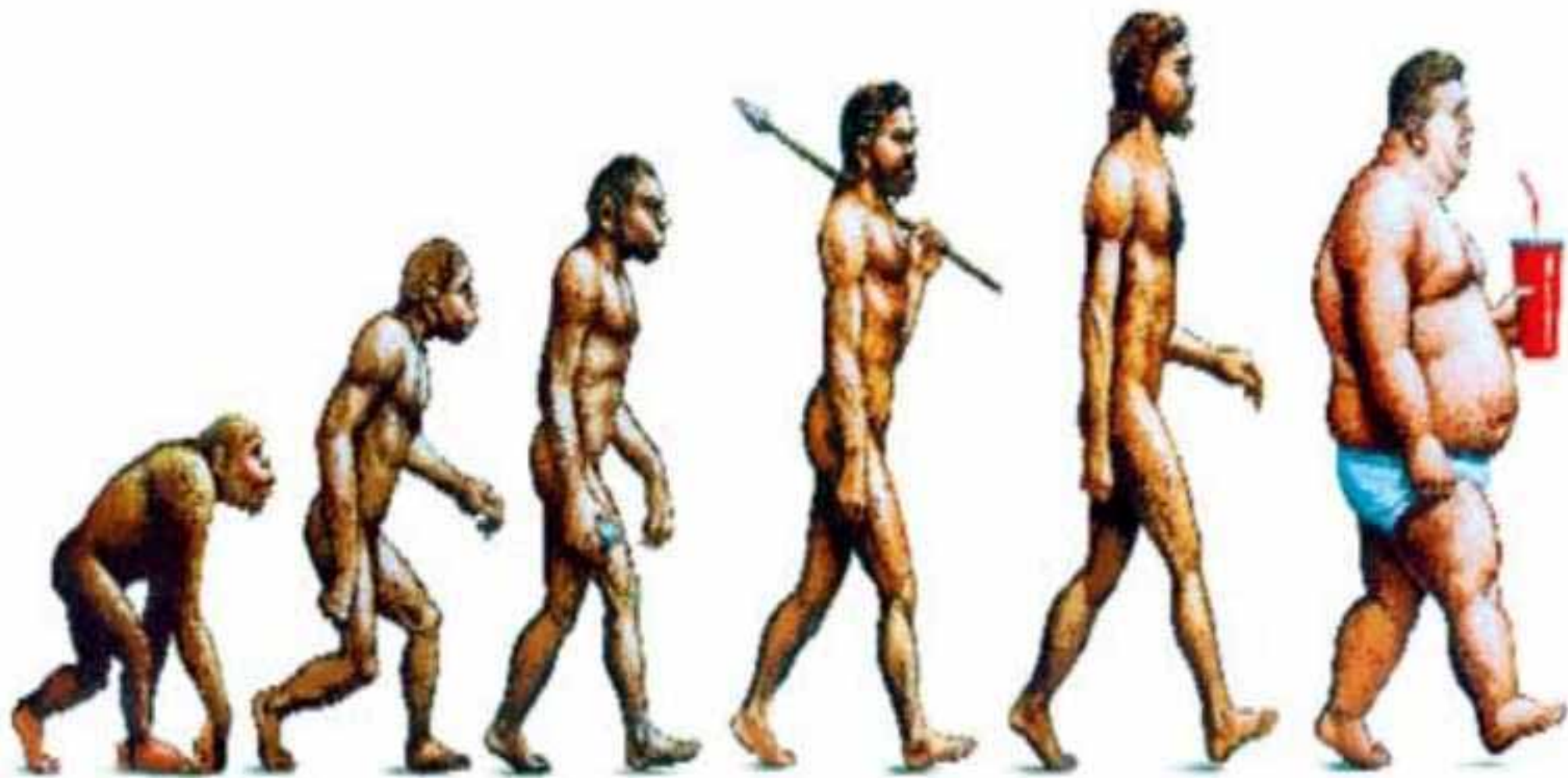
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17.6 million children under 5 are affected





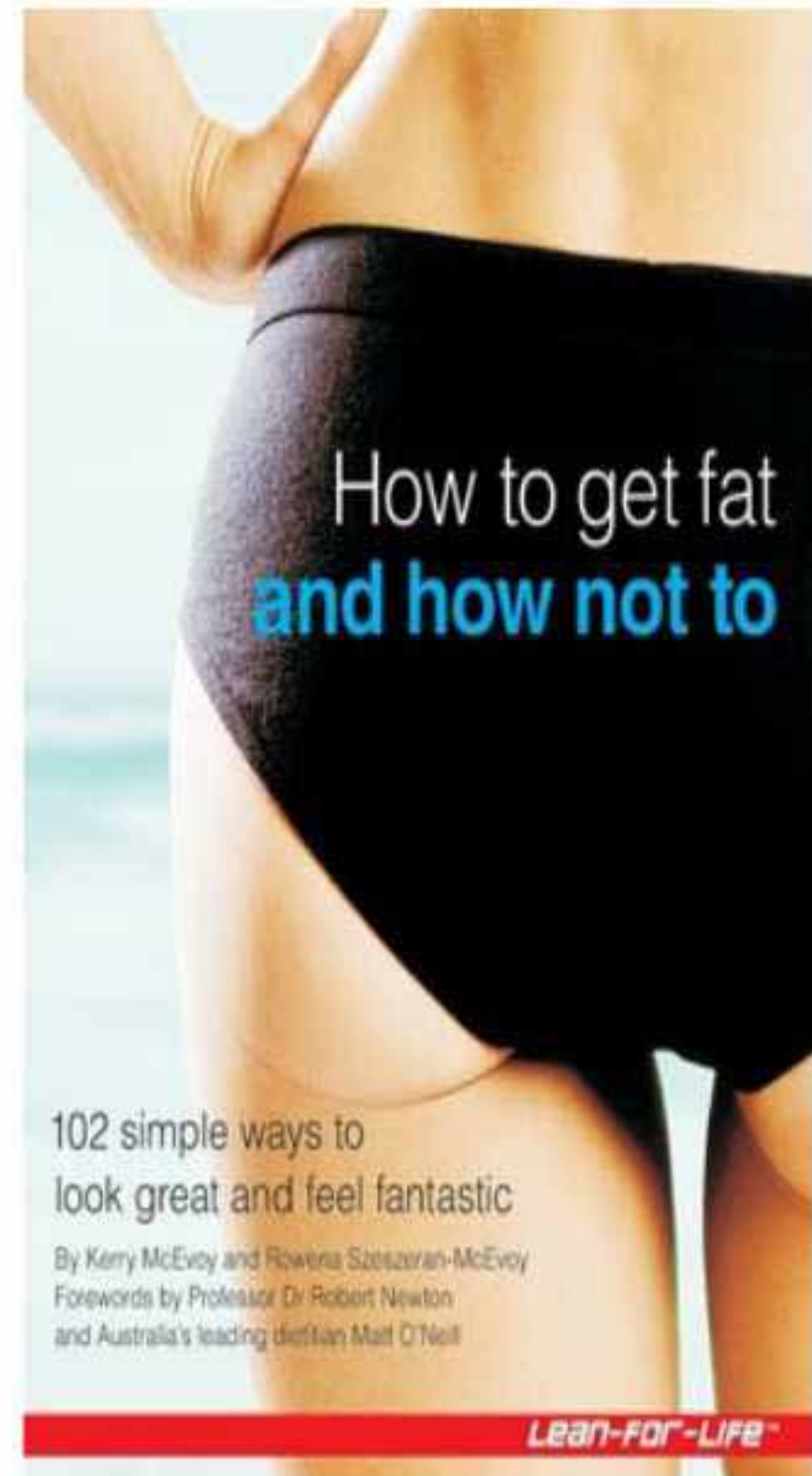
# Are we destined to evolve into bloated fat-laden bodies ?



The shape of things to come - The Economist 2003

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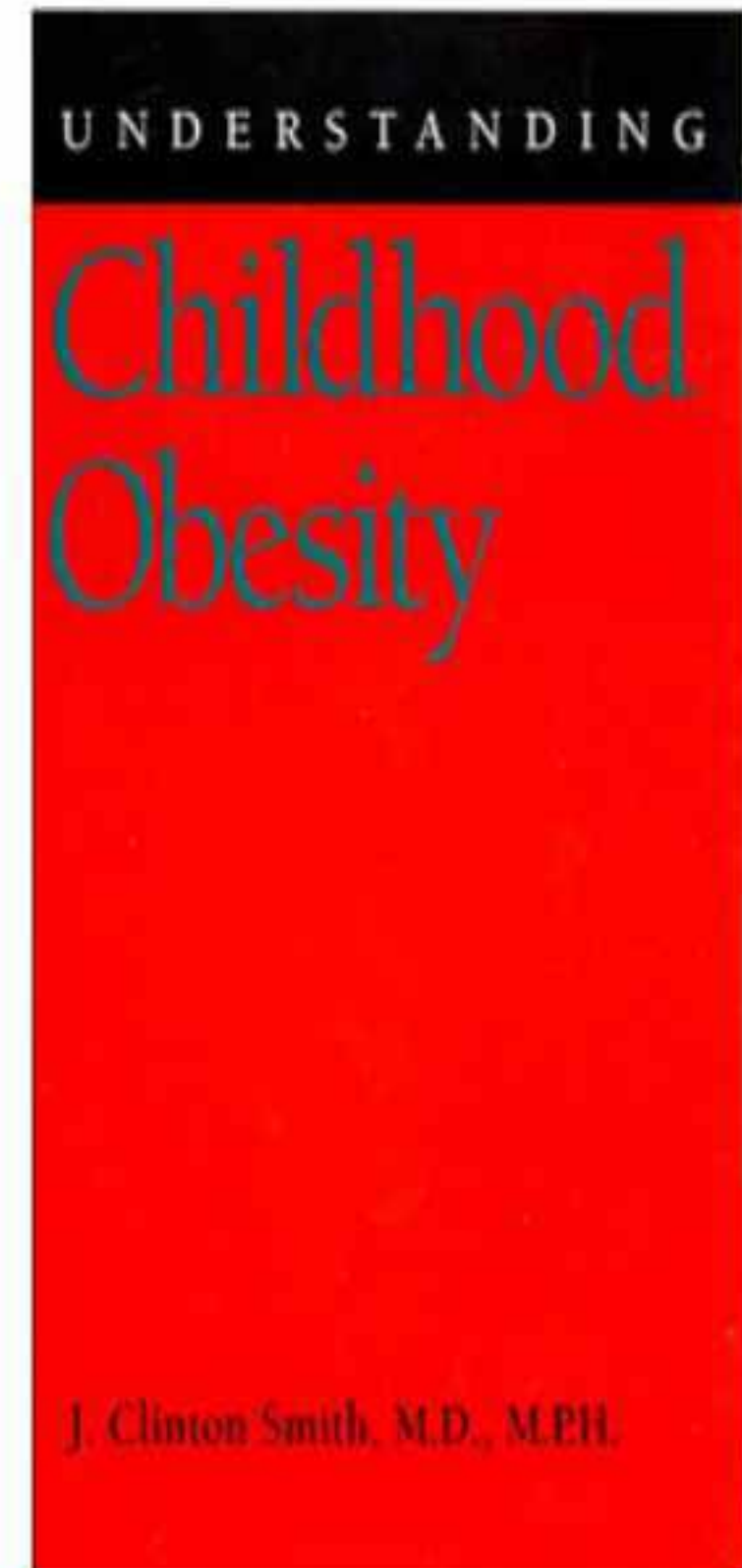


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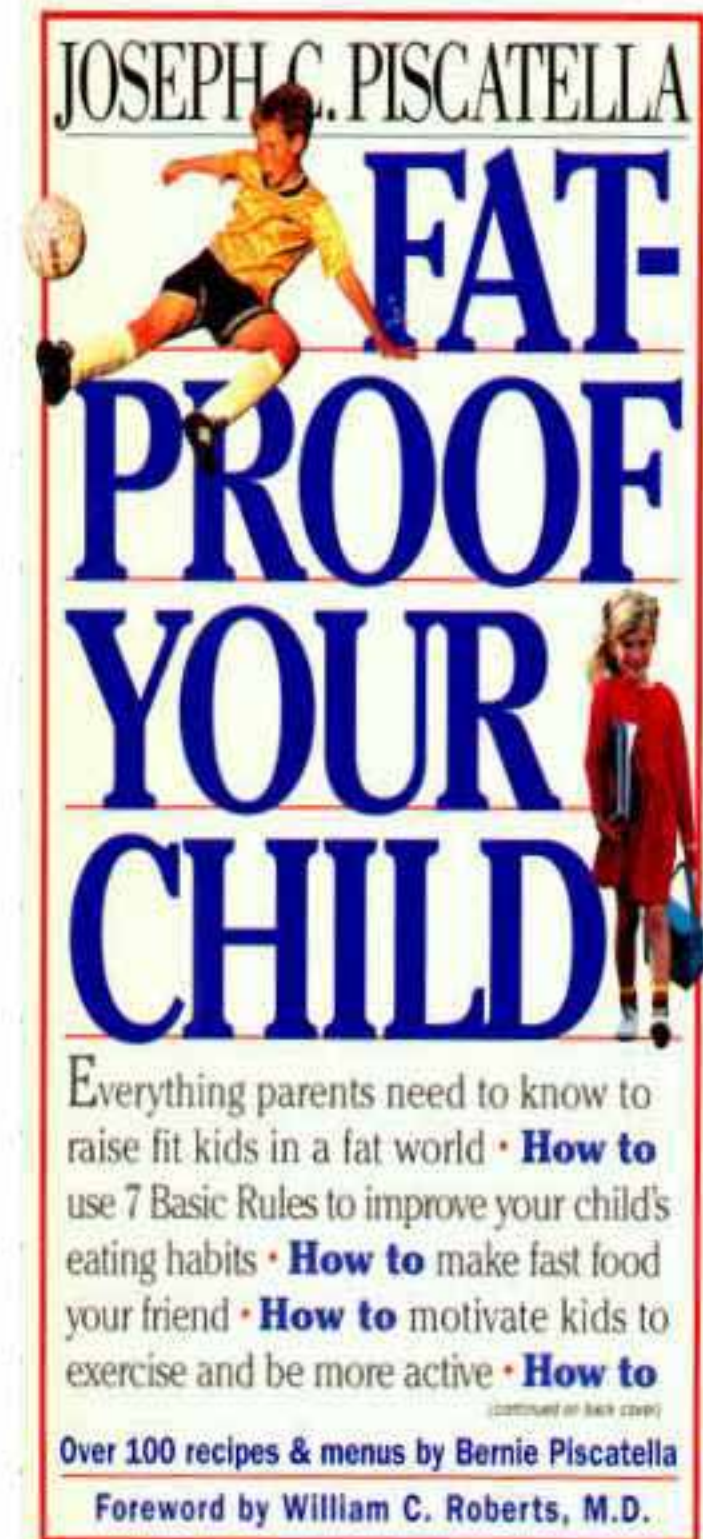
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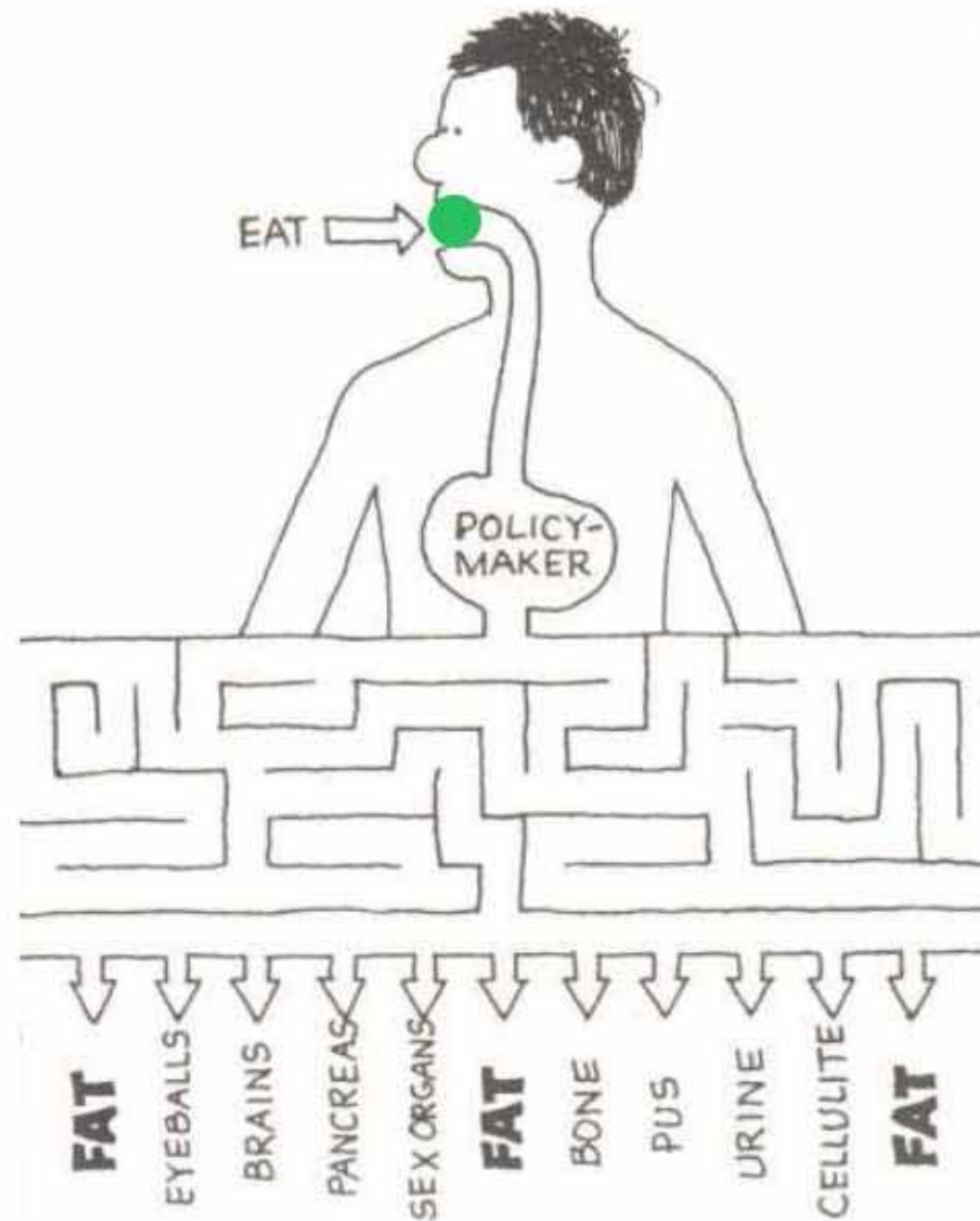
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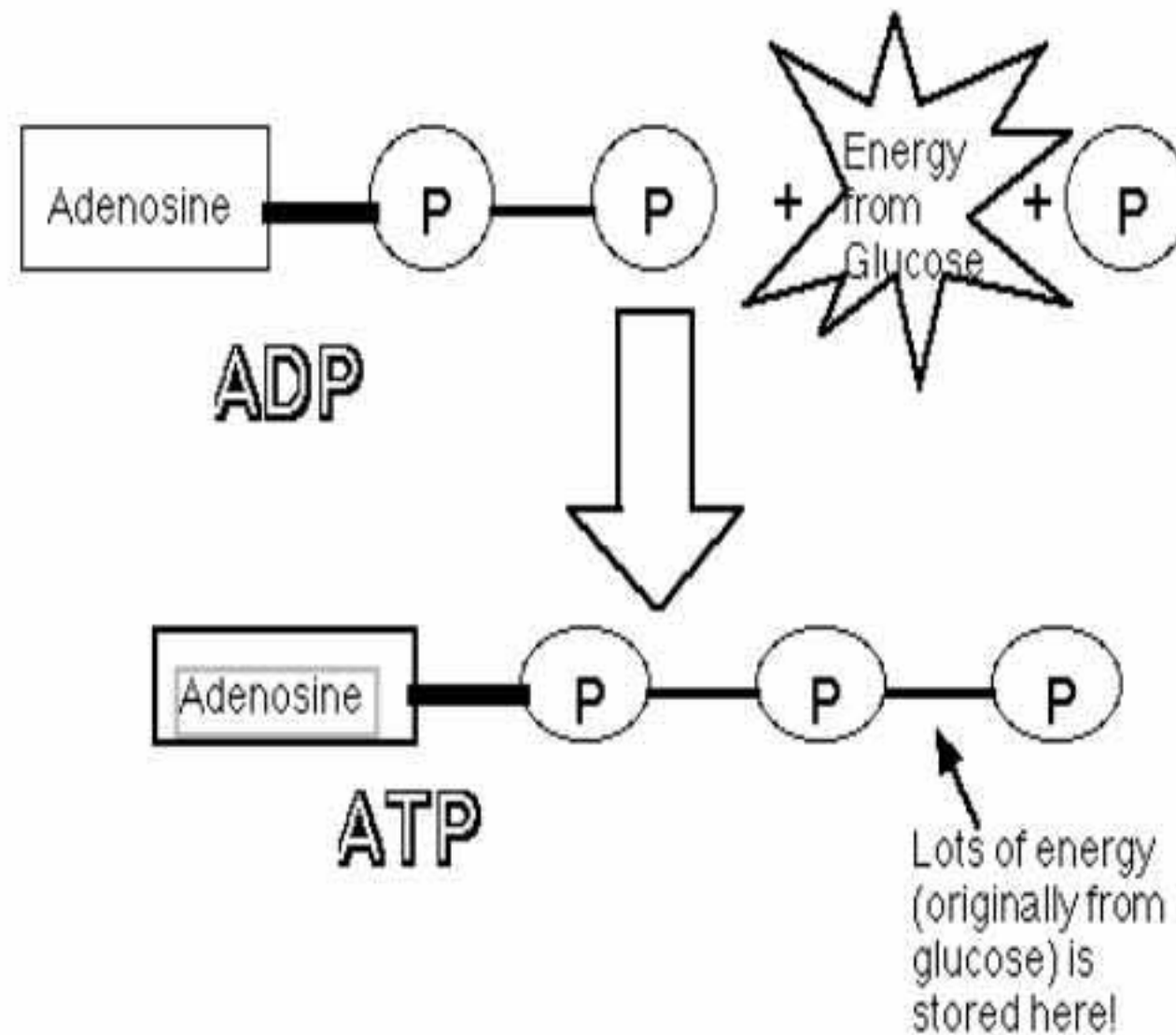
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Nutrition Facts	
Serving Size 1 Tbsp. (15ml)	
Servings Per Container 34	
Amount Per Serving	
Calories 120	Calories from Fat 120
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 14g	21%
Saturated Fat 2g	9%
Polyunsaturated Fat 2g	
Monounsaturated Fat 10g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 0mg	0%
Total Carbohydrate 0g	0%
Protein 0g	
Not a significant source of dietary fiber, sugars, vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium and iron.	
* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.	

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- absorbed as, or broken down into, glucose and stored or burned in all cell types





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- broken down into amino acids and to build cells





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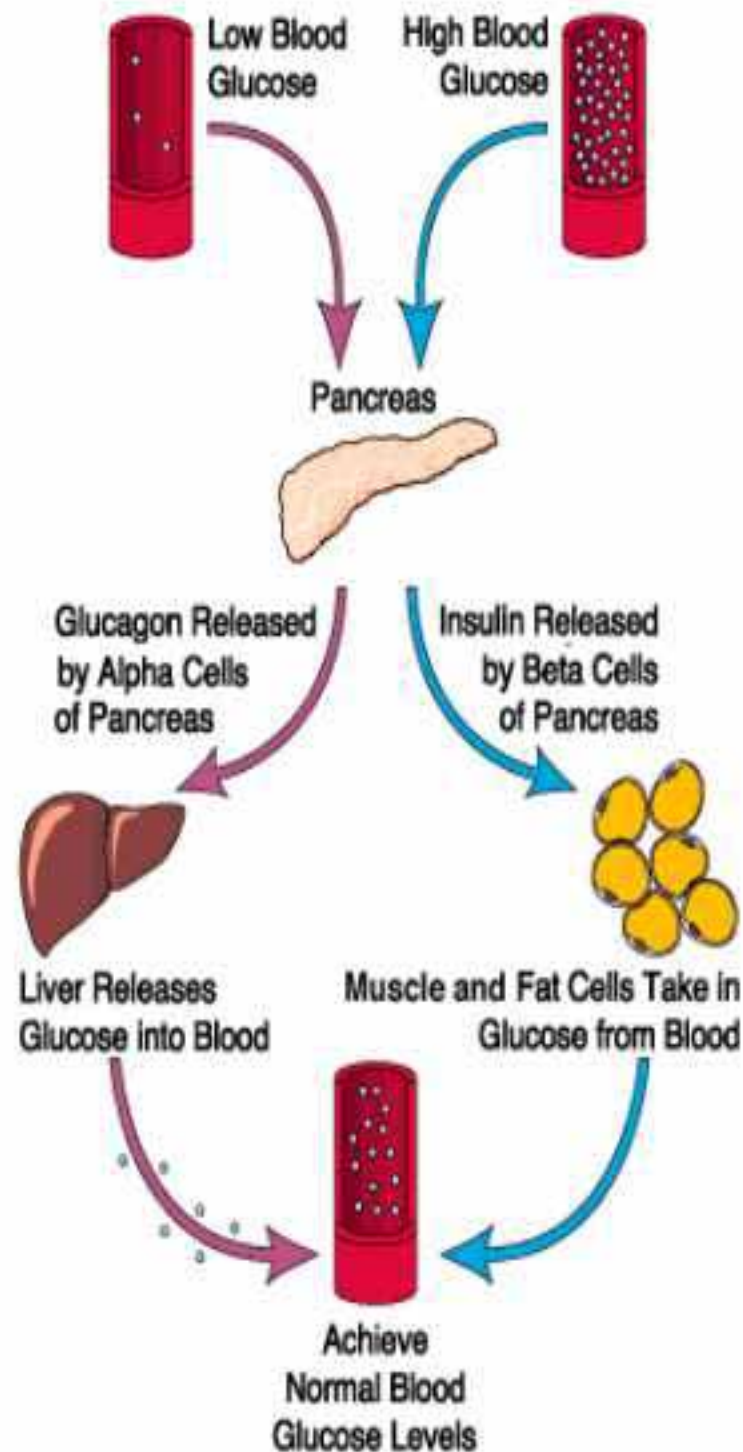
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## Careful regulation of blood glucose levels by insulin



Insulin promotes storage of excess glucose in fat cells

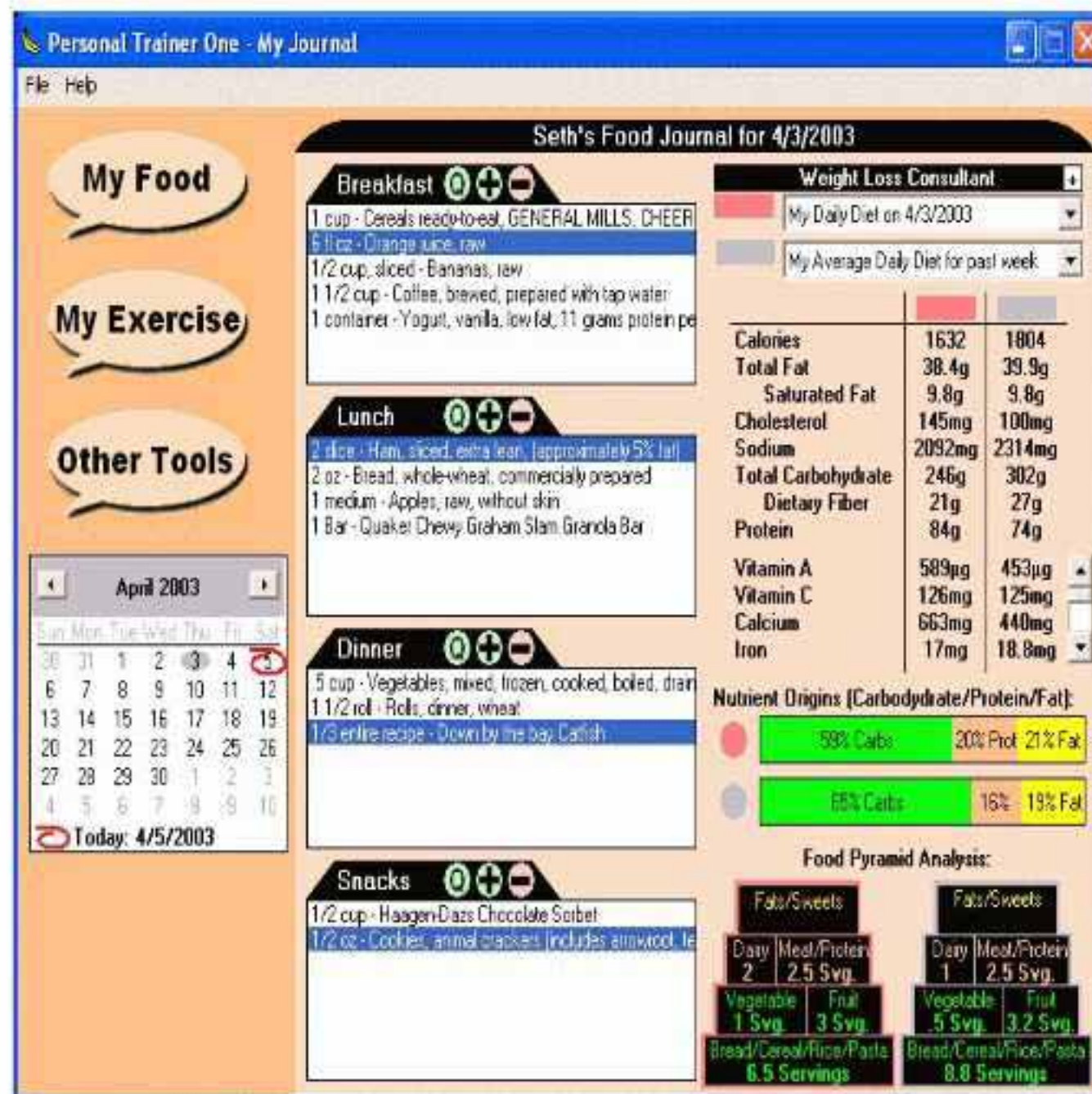
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Generally between 2000 and 3000  
(average: men = 2550; women = 1940)





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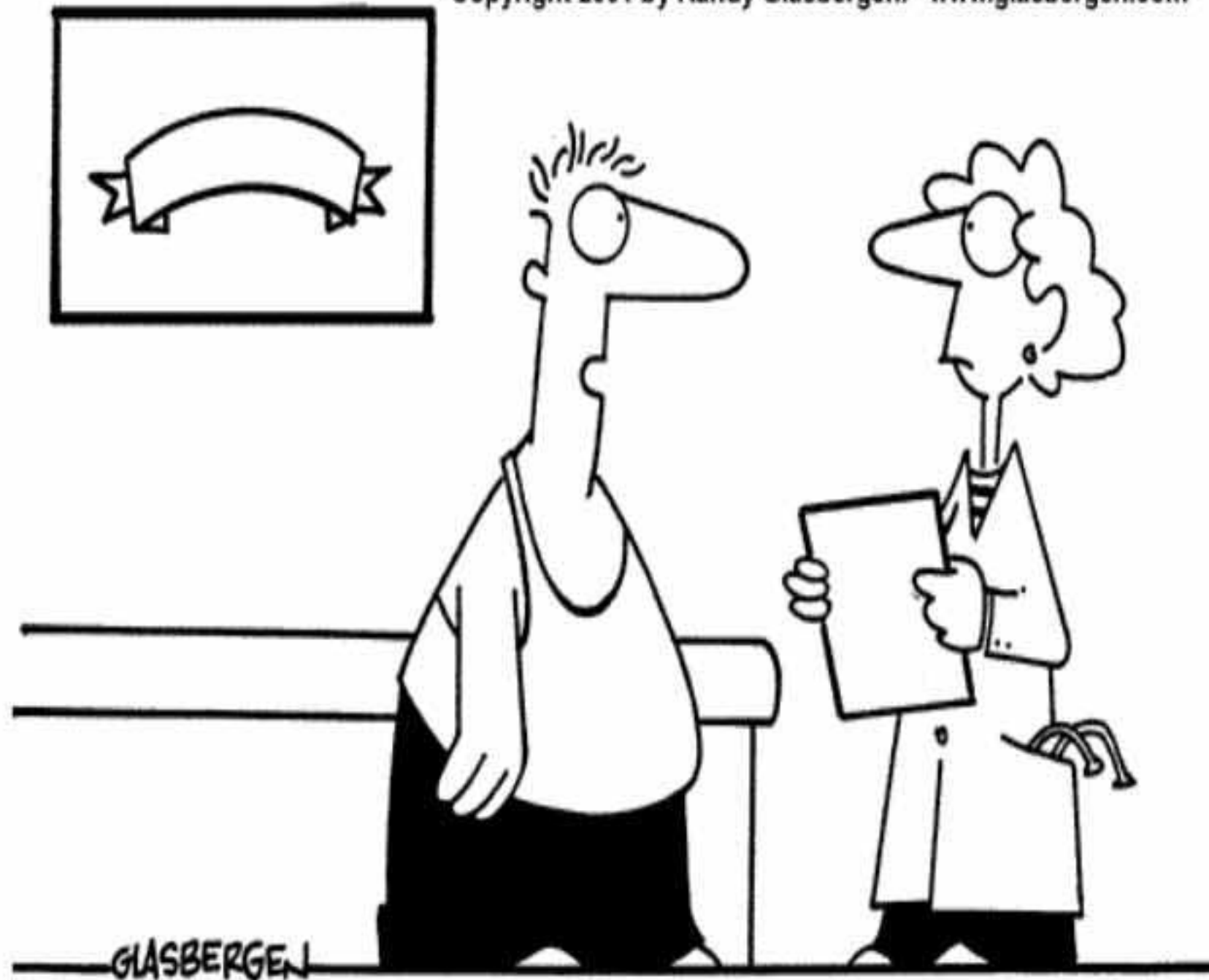


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	<u>Nutritional content:</u>		<u>Minutes required to burn off by activity:</u>		
	<i>Calories</i>	<i>Fat grams</i>	<i>walking slowly</i>	<i>walking mod. quickly</i>	<i>strenuous activity</i>
<b>Snack Food</b>					
Mars Bar (65g)	294	11.4	98	59	39
Popcorn (100g)	405	7.7	135	81	54
<b>Entrees</b>					
Big Mac (215g)	492	23	164	98	66
Cheeseburger	379	18.9	126	76	51
Kentucky Fried Chicken (67g)	195	12	65	39	26
Pizza (¼ pizza/135g)	263	4.9	88	53	35
Potato Wedges (135g)	279	13	93	56	37
<b>Beverages</b>					
Can of coke (330ml)	139	0	46	28	19
Pint of beer	182	0	61	36	24
Gin, 40% alcohol (25ml)	55	0	18	11	7
Wine (1 glass/120ml)	87	0	29	17	12

# Does it matter how you get your calories ?

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**“I must be eating right. I’m narrow at the top and wide at the bottom, just like the food pyramid.”**



# Does it matter how you get your calories ?

Carbohydrates (50%) - the preferred fuel for the body  
- bread, rice, cereals, pasta, potatoes

Sugars, starches and fibres

Simple (10%)

glucose, fructose, dextrose, sucrose

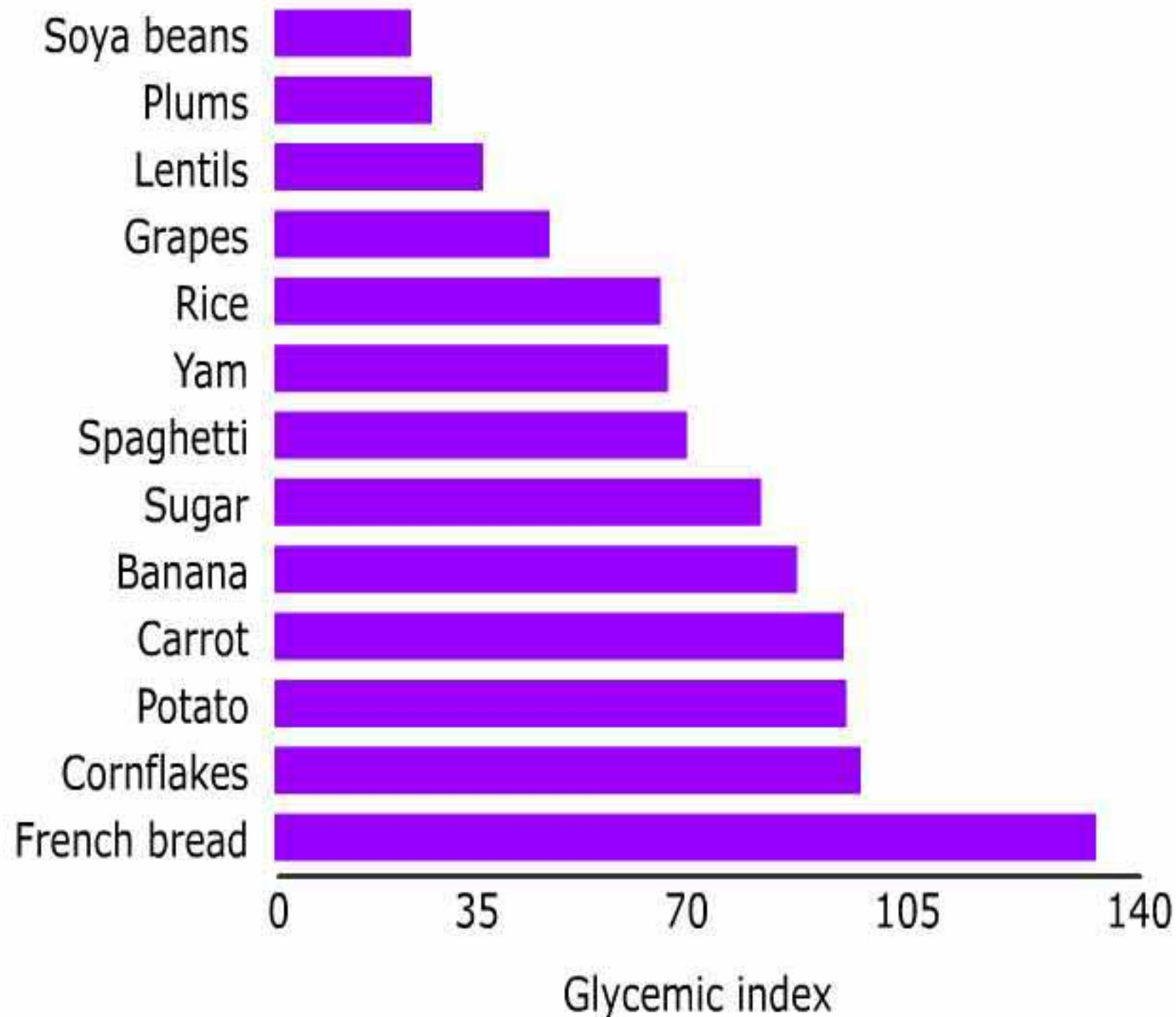
Complex (40%)

rice, wholegrains etc



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Glycemic index (GI) – low-high GI and high-low GI foods





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Proteins (15%)

- meat, fish, eggs or soya

Cell maintenance and energy

Balance of essential and non-essential amino acids





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Fats (35%) – good balance of saturated and unsaturated fats required



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Saturated (10%) bad fats - solid  
- meat, milk, butter, lard or cheese

Provide energy only

Raise cholesterol

Stored easily in fat cells

Difficult to get rid of





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Mono-unsaturated (12%) good fats - liquid  
– olive oil, nuts, avocados

Provide energy and cell maintenance

Decrease LDL cholesterol

Increase HDL cholesterol

Easily mobilised by exercise





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Poly-unsaturated (6%) OK but not perfect fats! - liquid  
– seeds, vegetable and fish oils

Provide energy and cell maintenance (omega 3 fatty acids)

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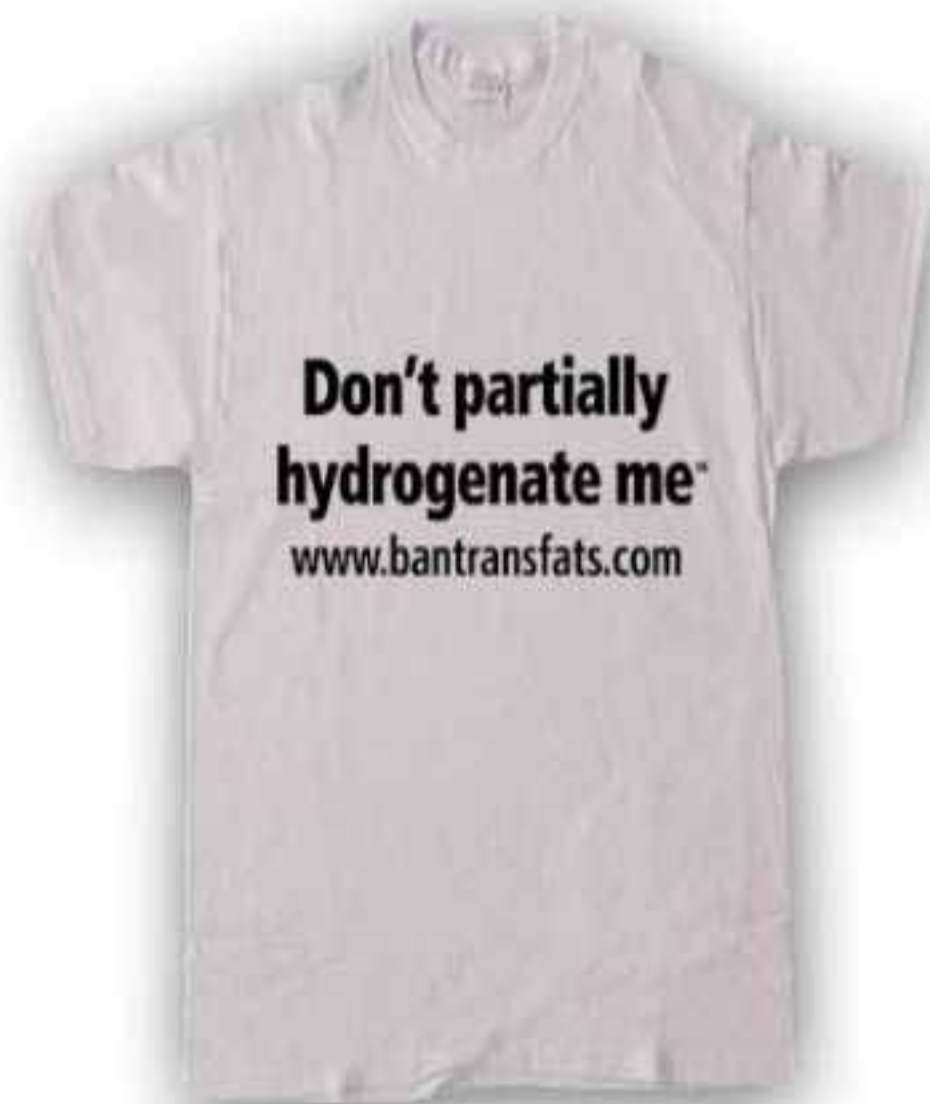
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Trans-fats (<2%) more bad ones !

- industrially produced for food preservation

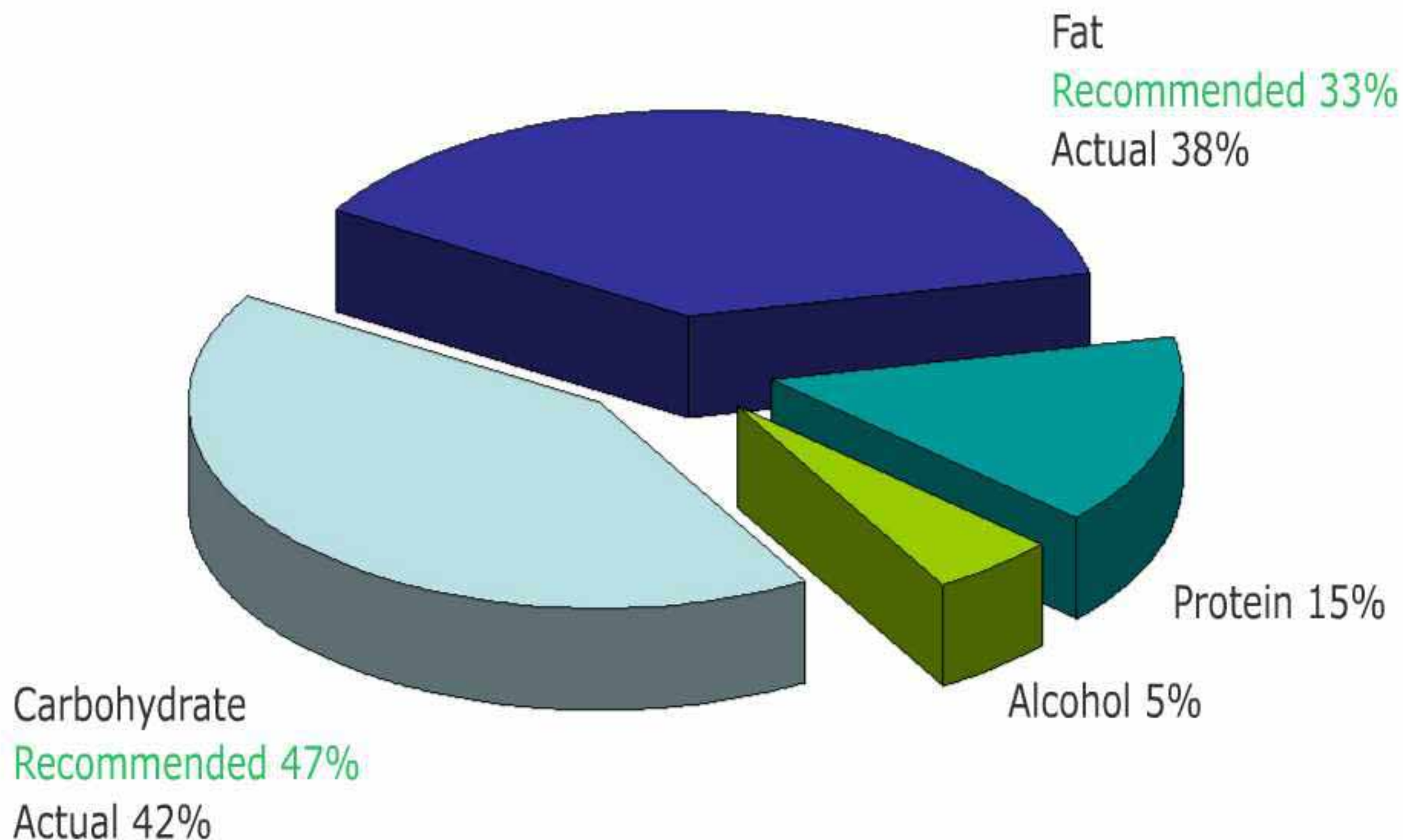


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DEFRA & National Statistics (2001) National Food Survey

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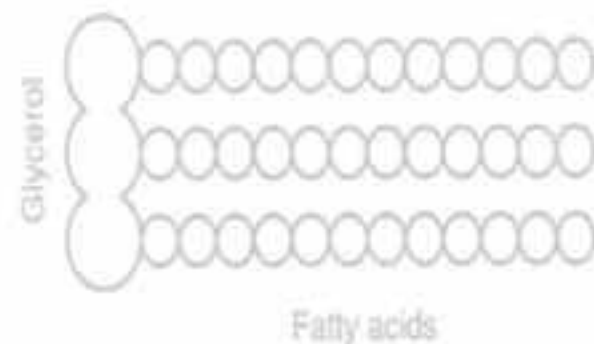
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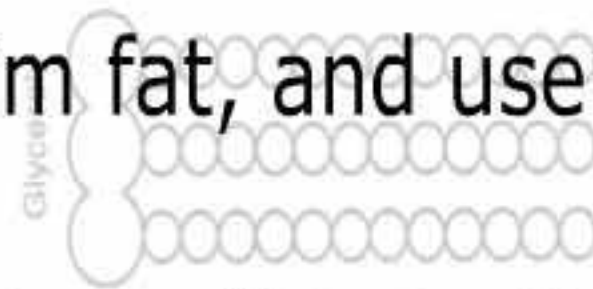
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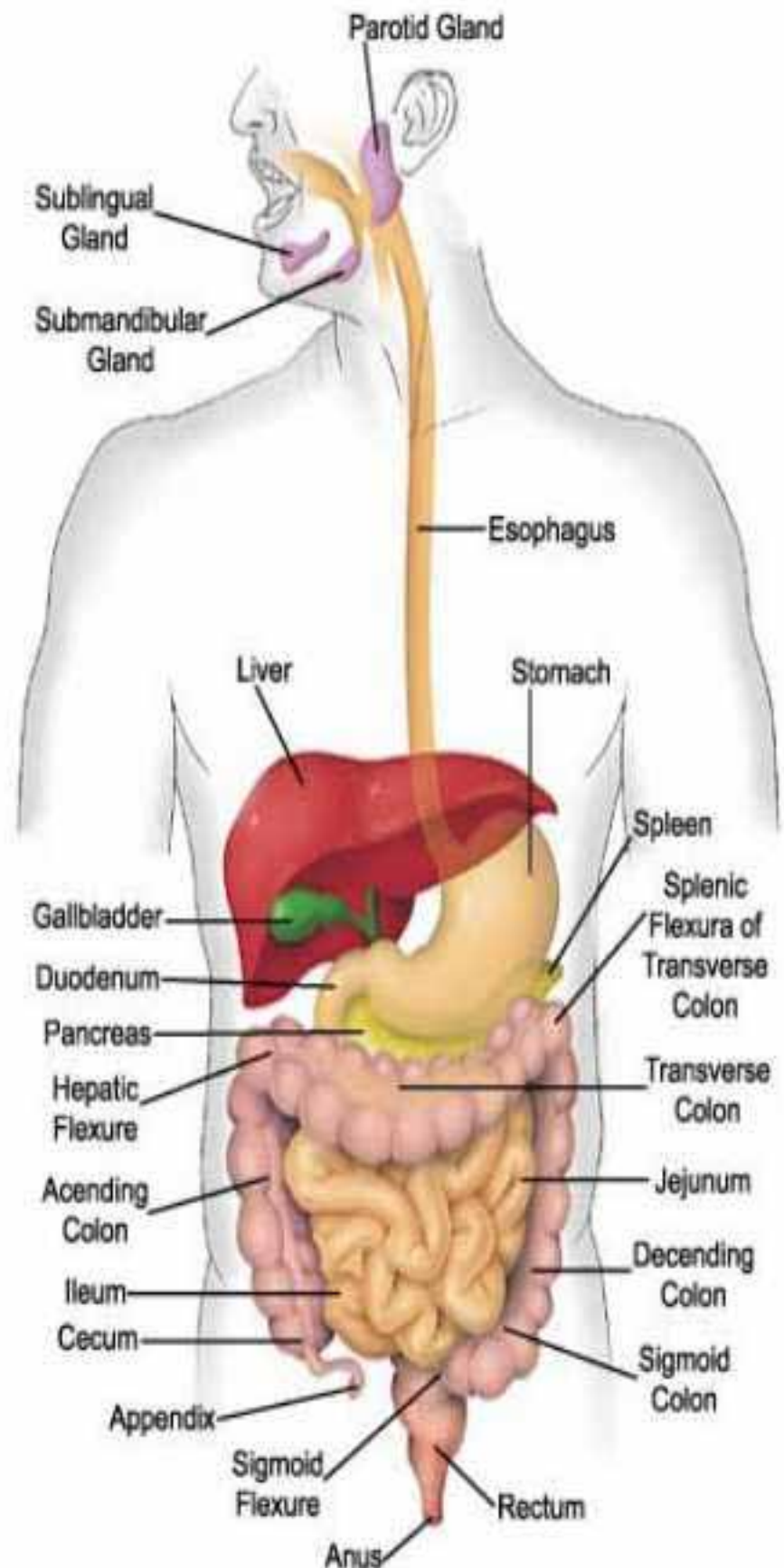


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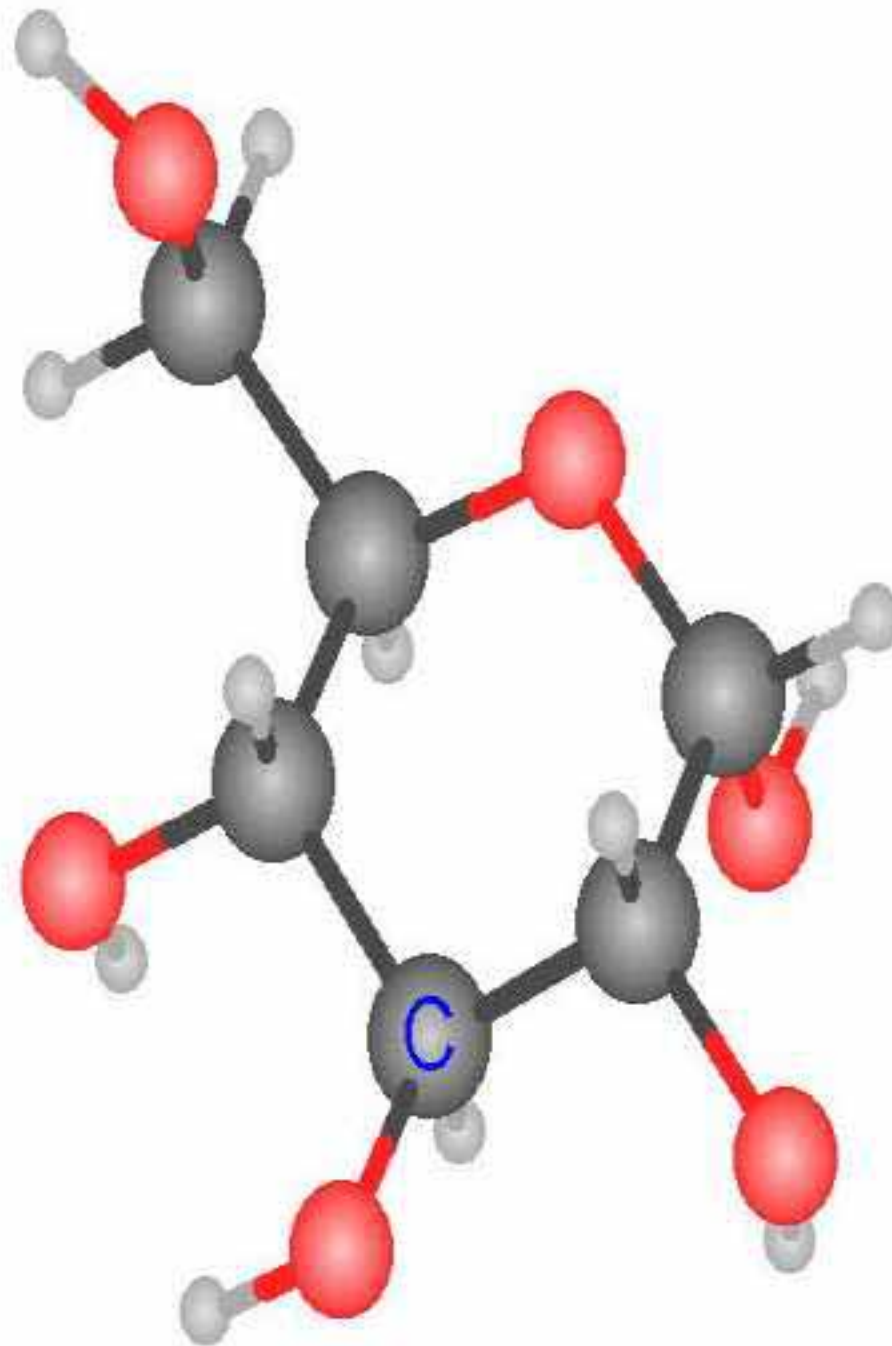
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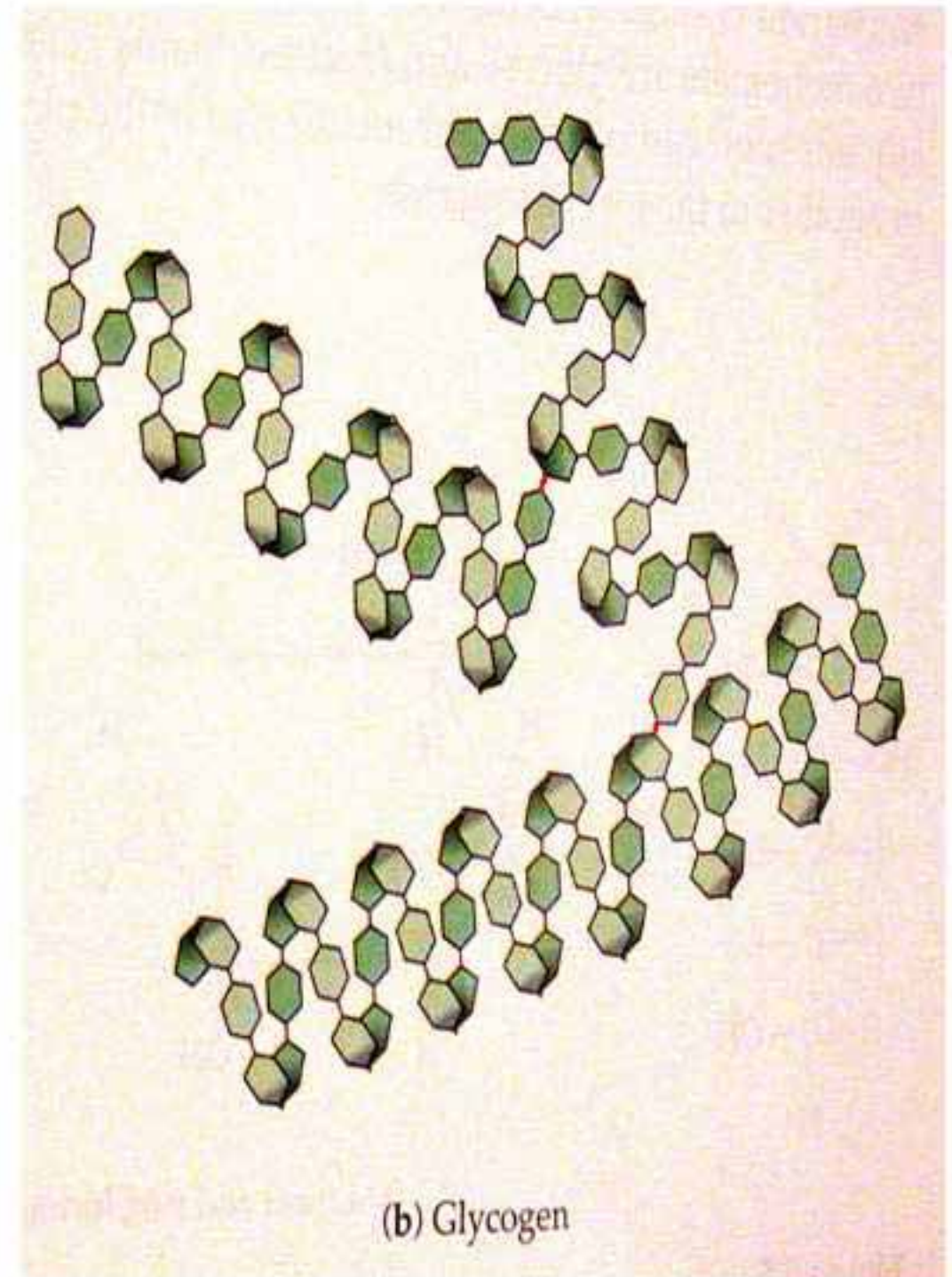
When food is not available:

We have only 40 kcal of free glucose which lasts < 30min



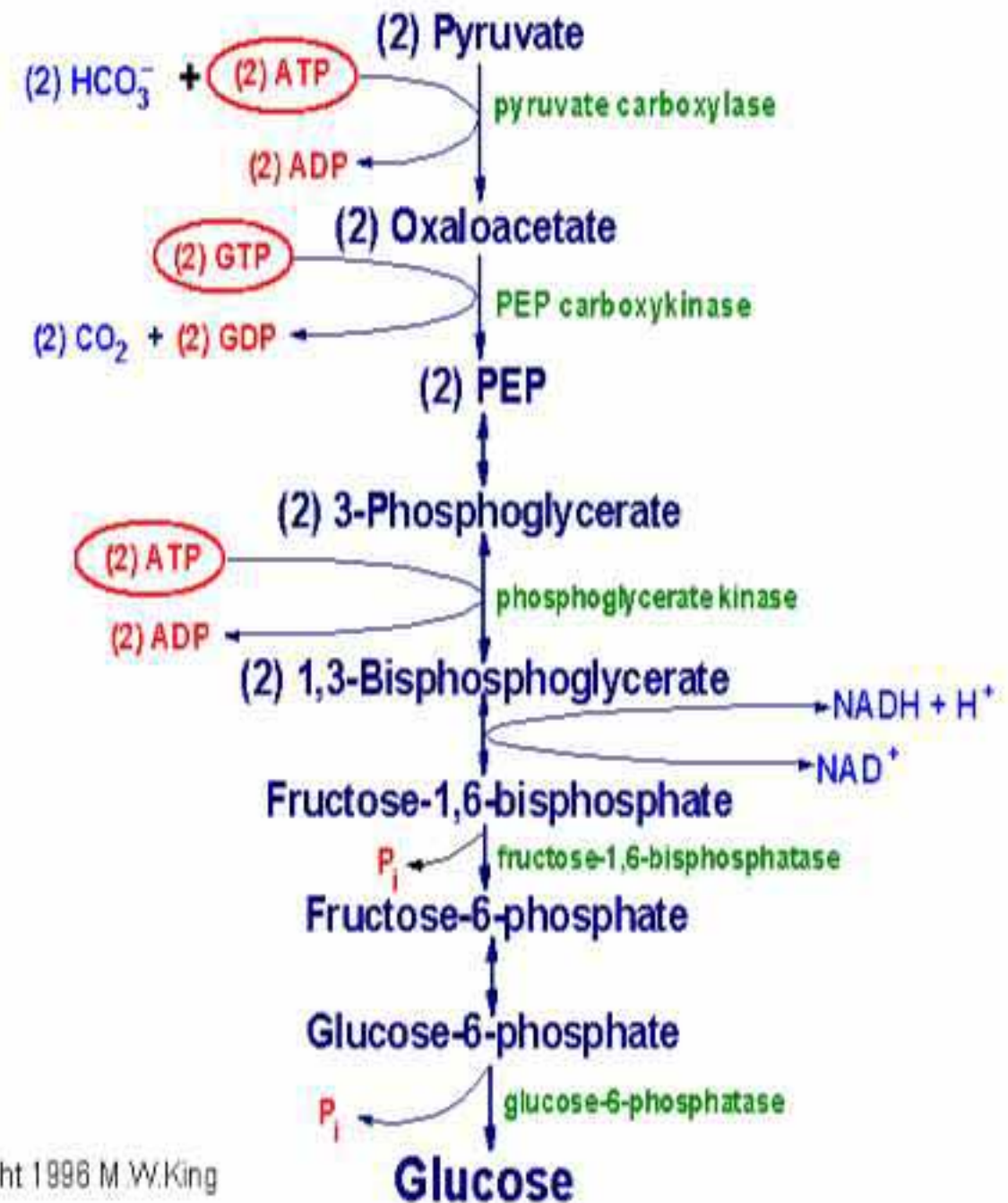
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For 24 hours stored glycogen in the liver is converted to glucose (2000kcal)



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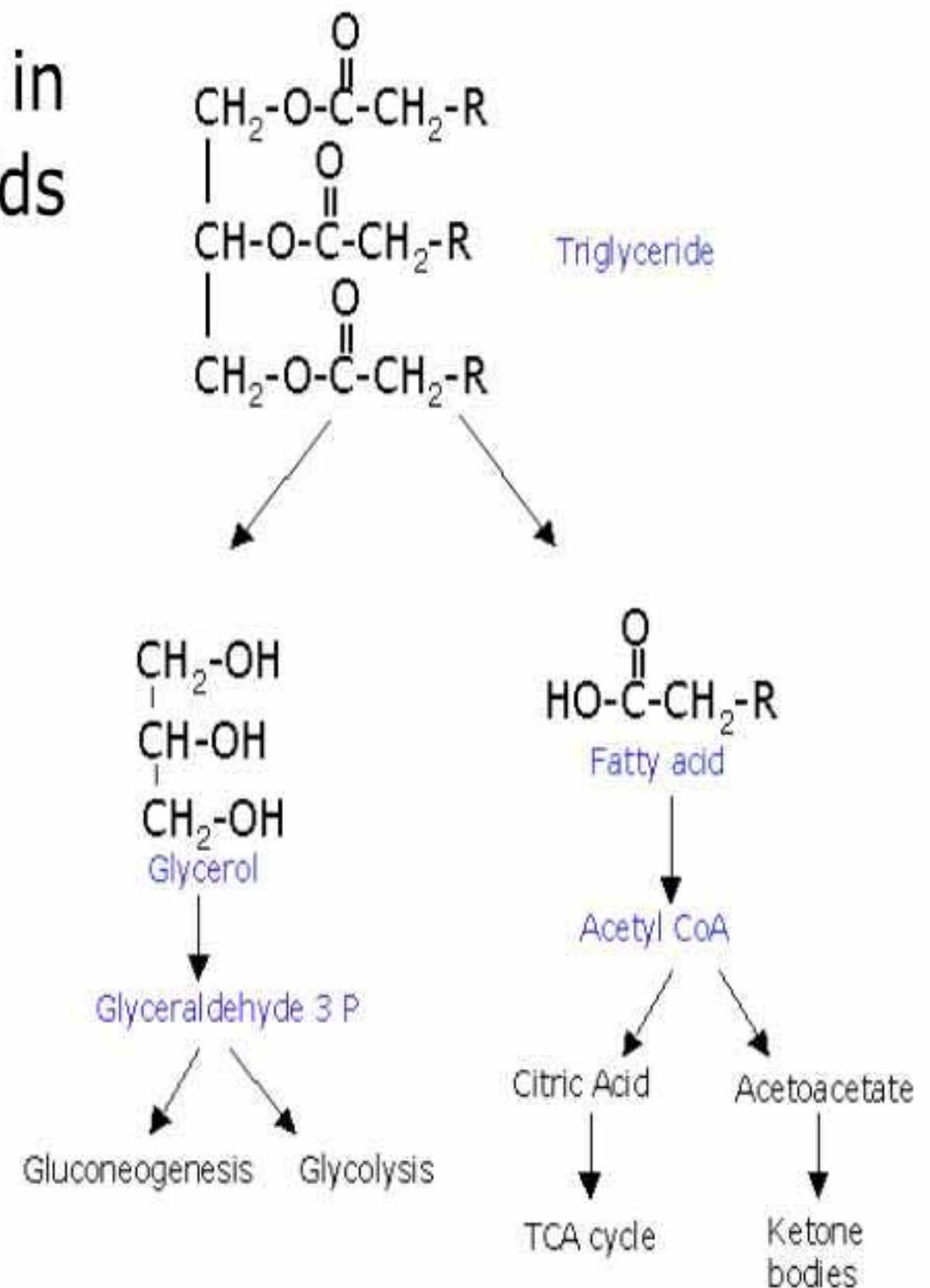
When the liver runs out of glycogen it converts amino acids into glucose (25,000 kcal)





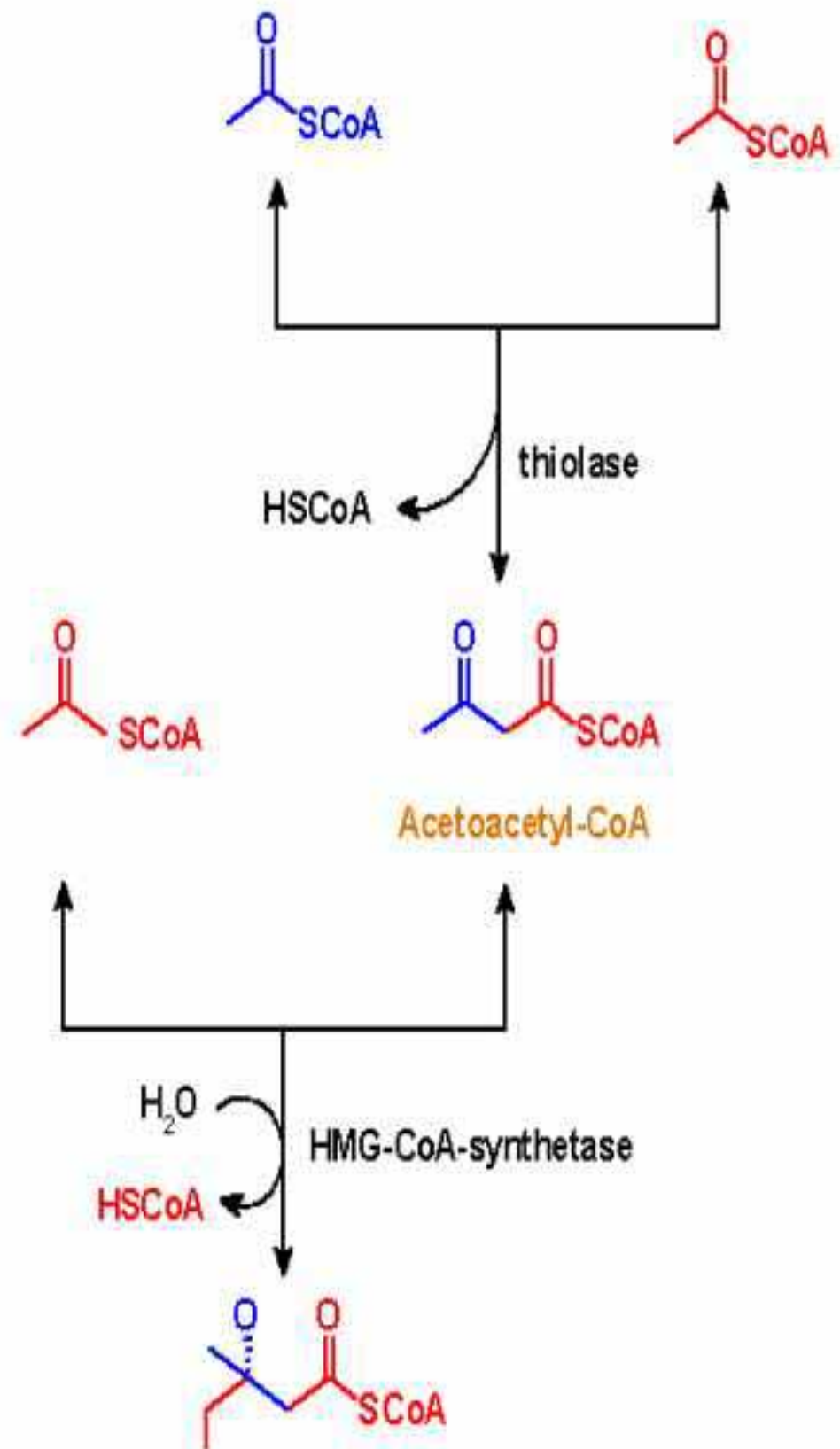
## When food is not available:

Lipolysis breaks down the fat in fat cells to release fatty acids into the blood (100,000 kcal)



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The liver can also turn fatty acids produced by lipolysis into ketone bodies



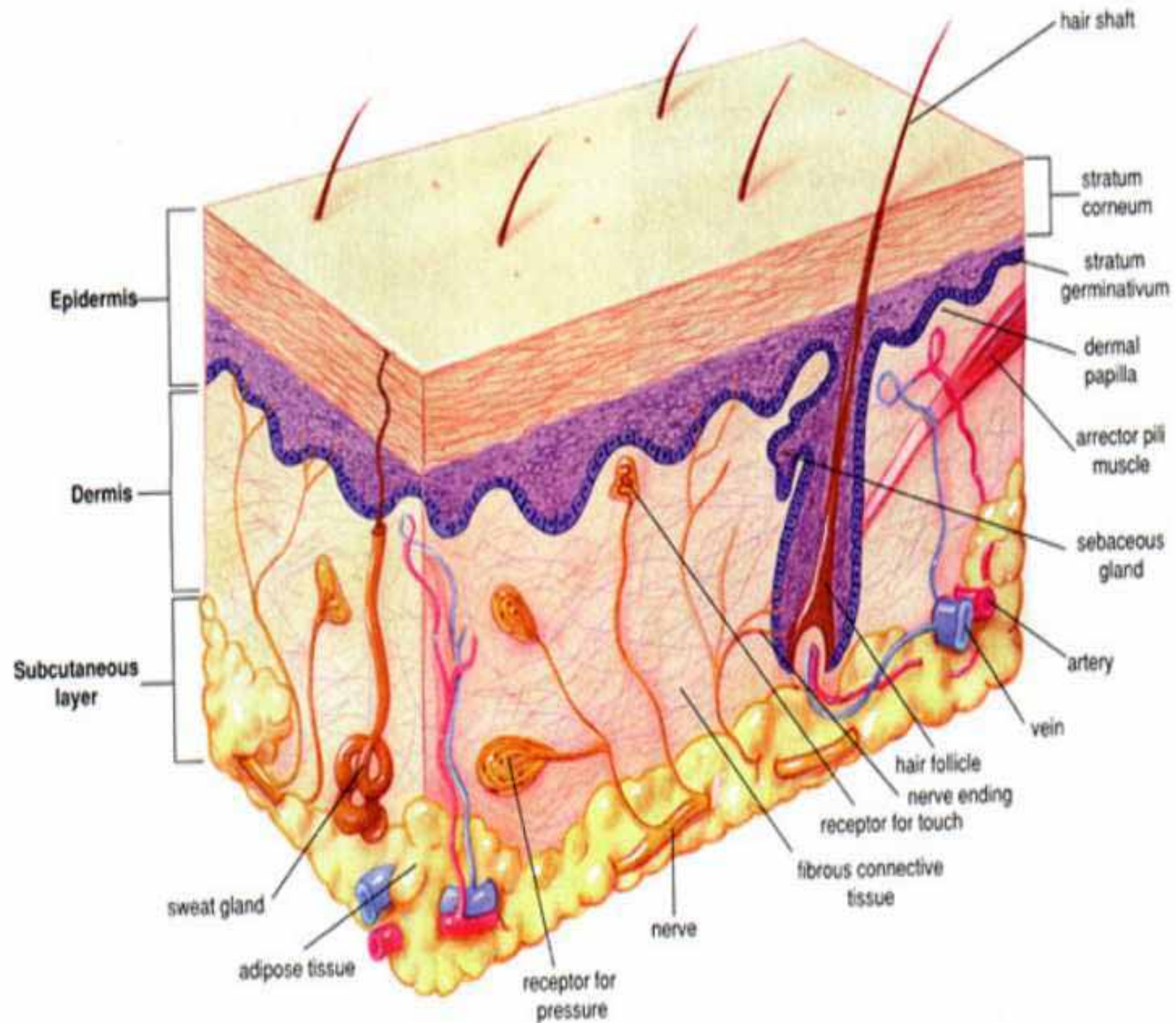
When food is not available:

In this way we can survive without food for 30 - 40 days



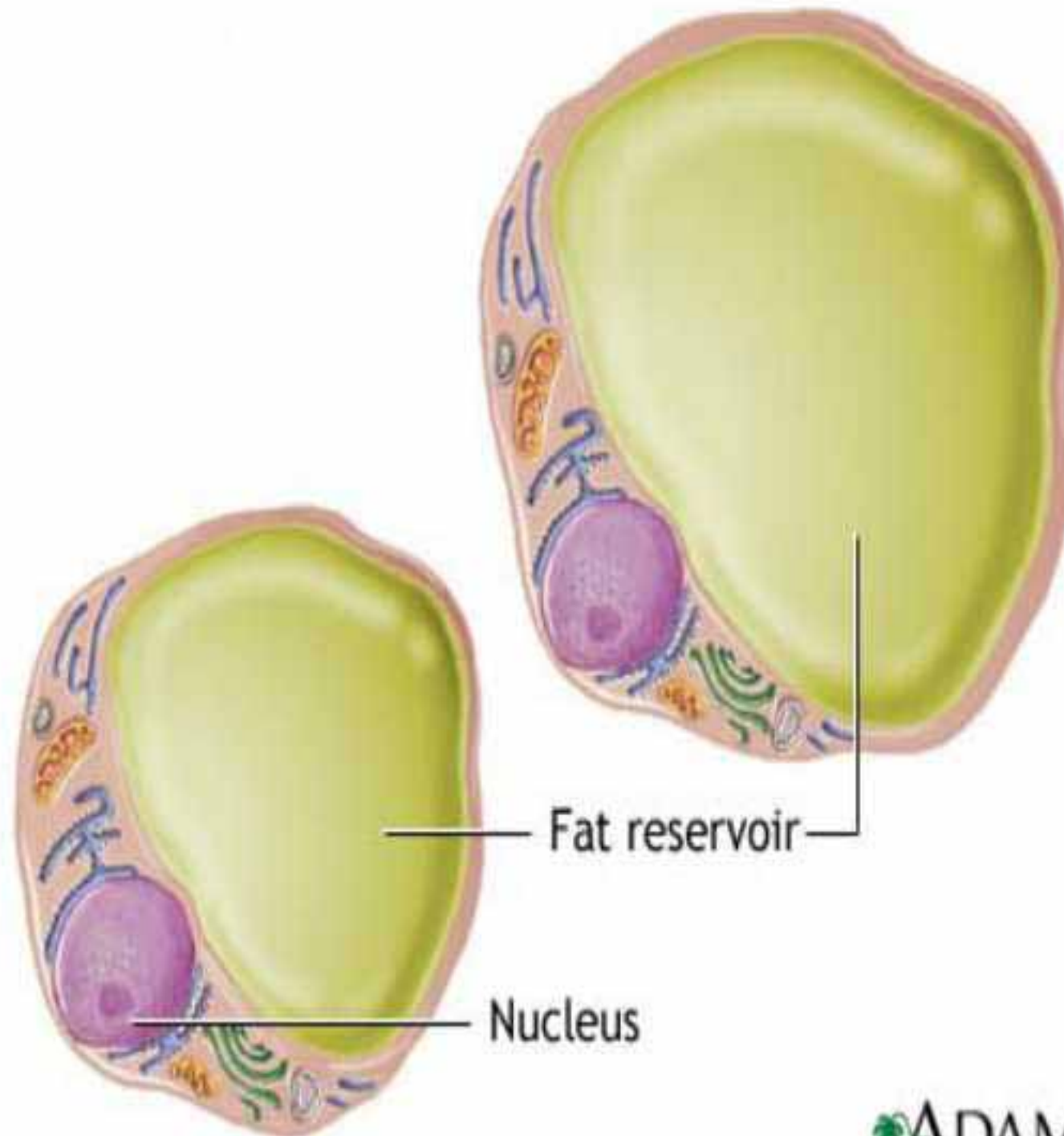


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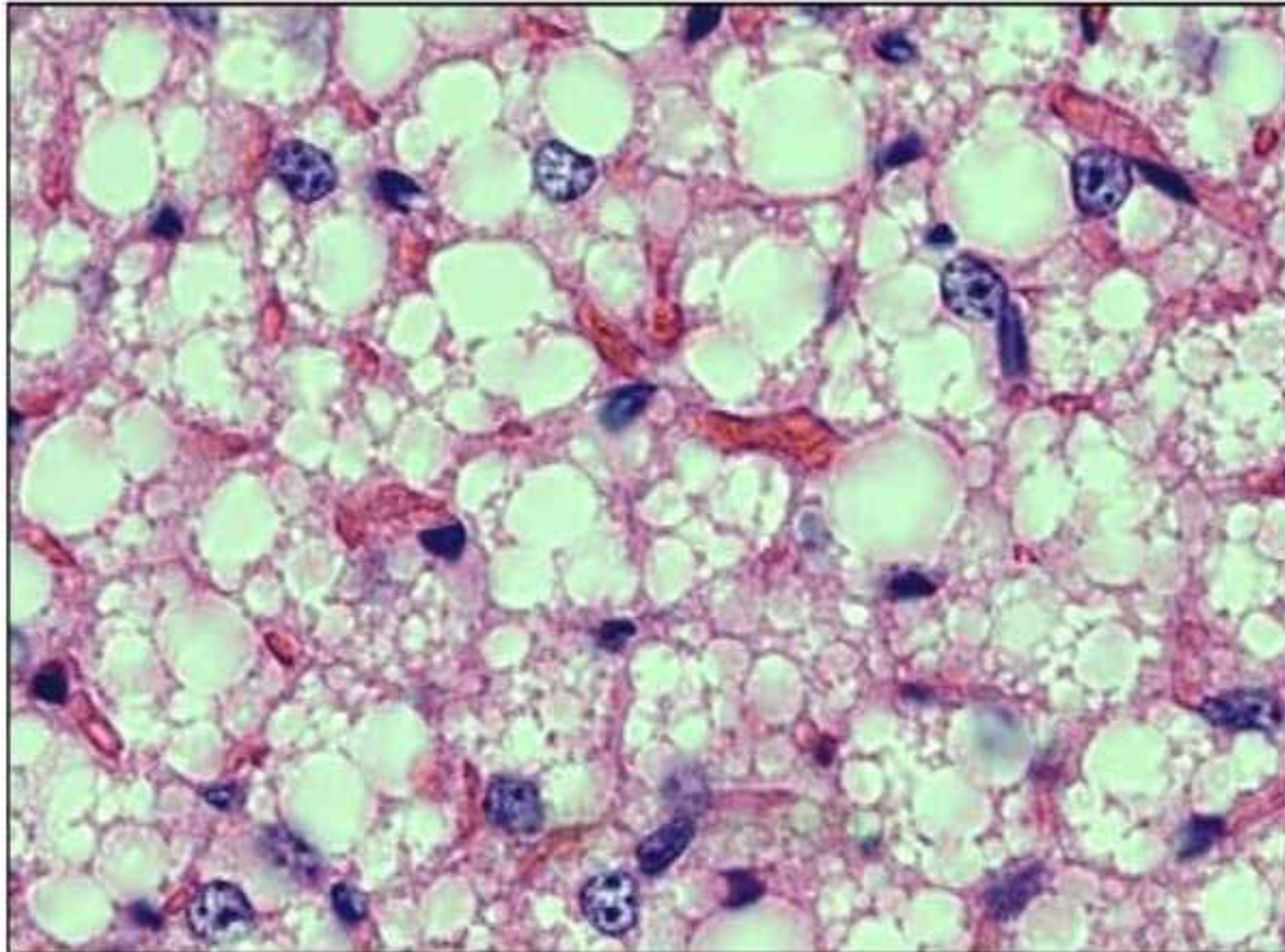




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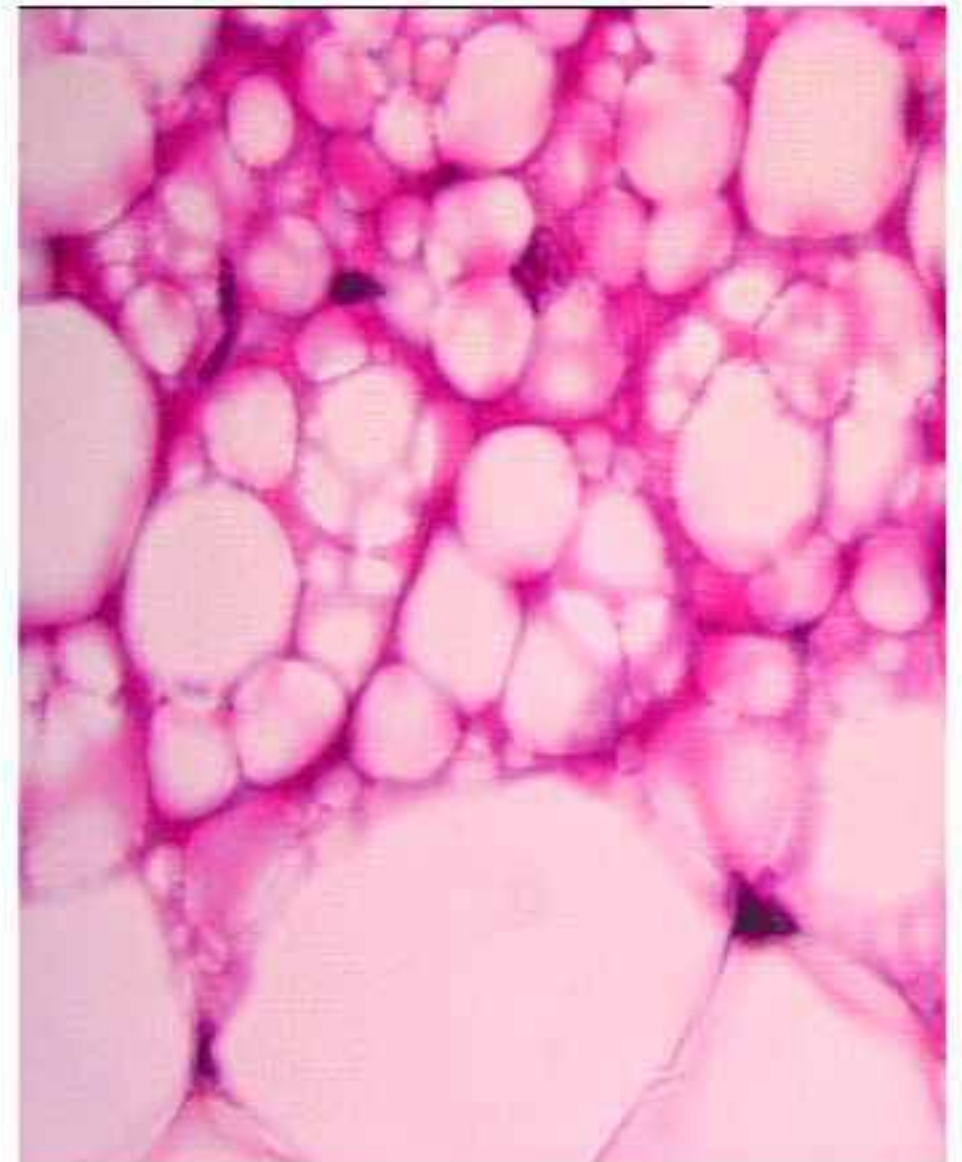


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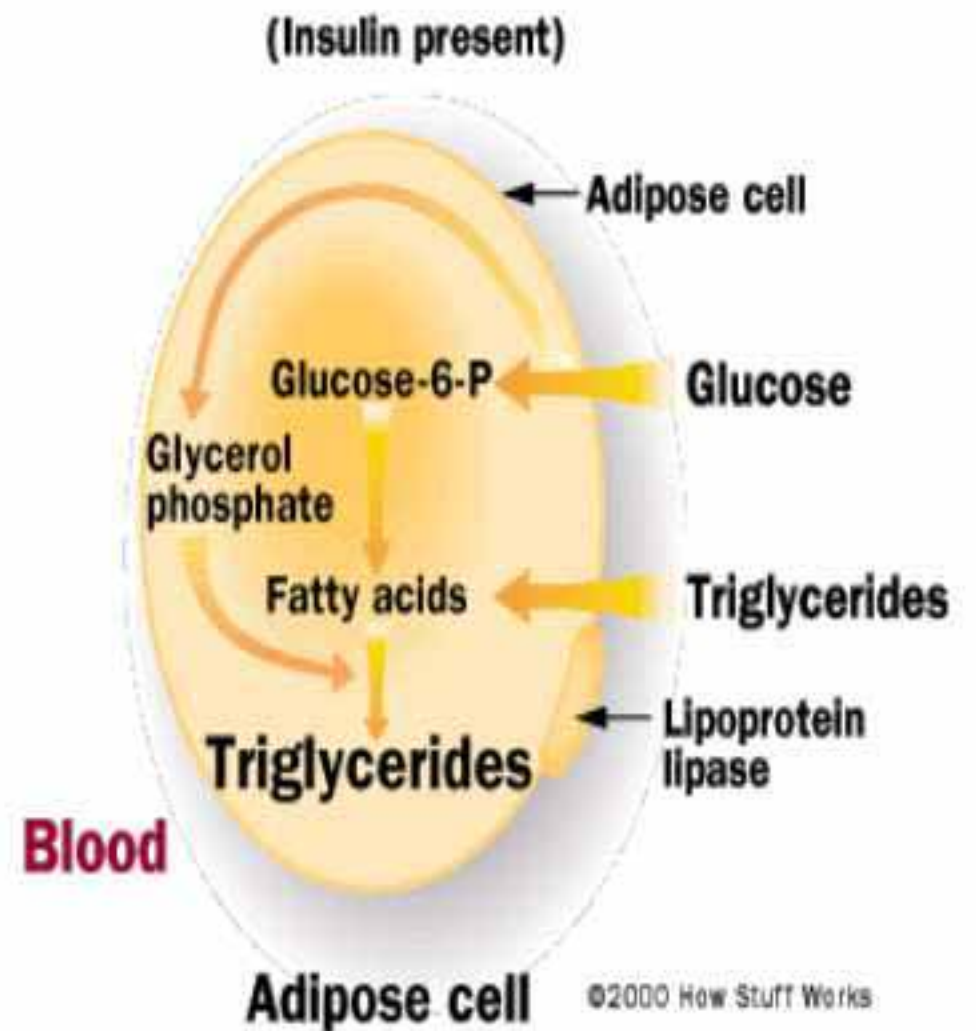
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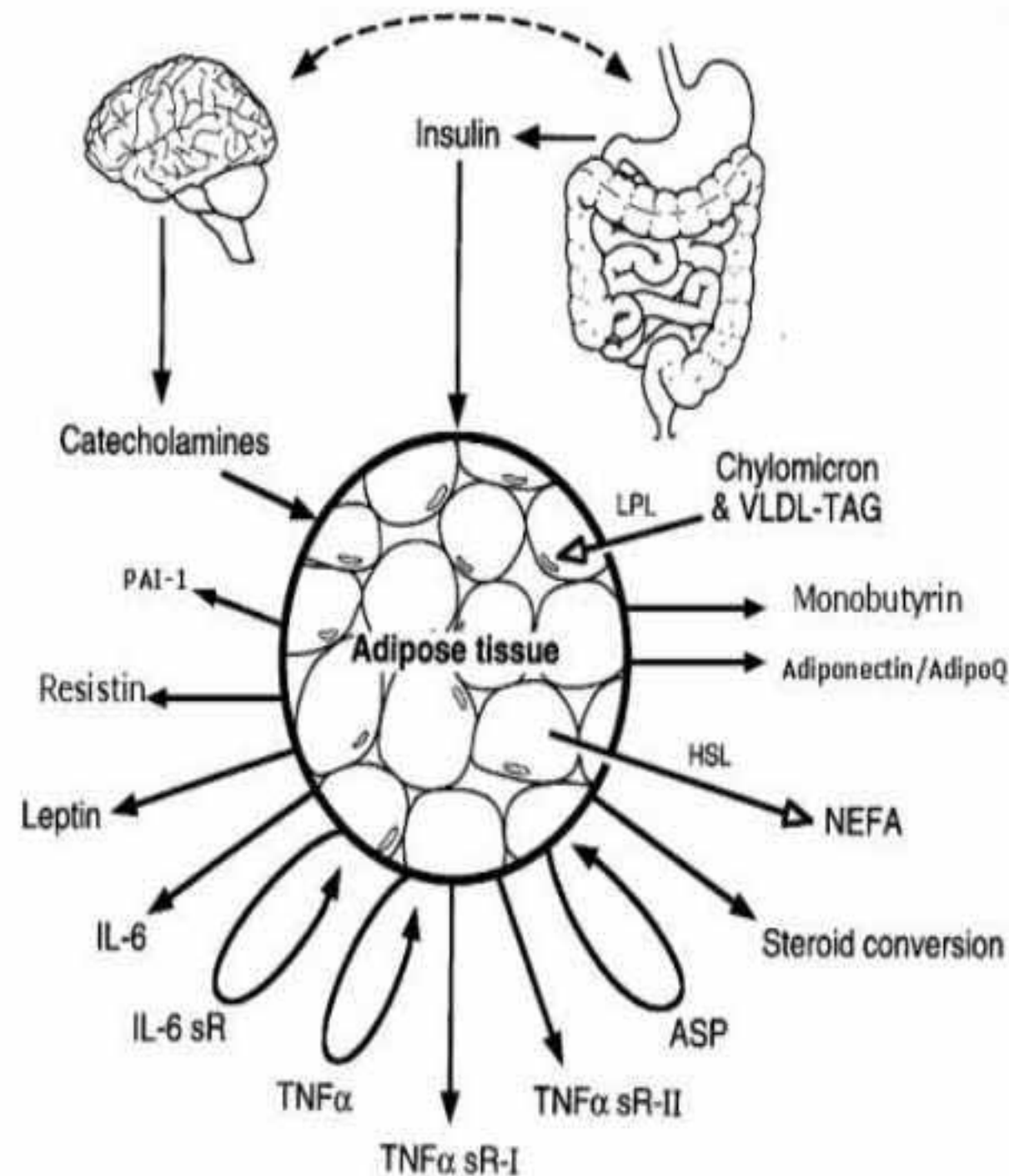
Without fat we could not utilise fat-soluble vitamins

- vitamins A, D, E and K



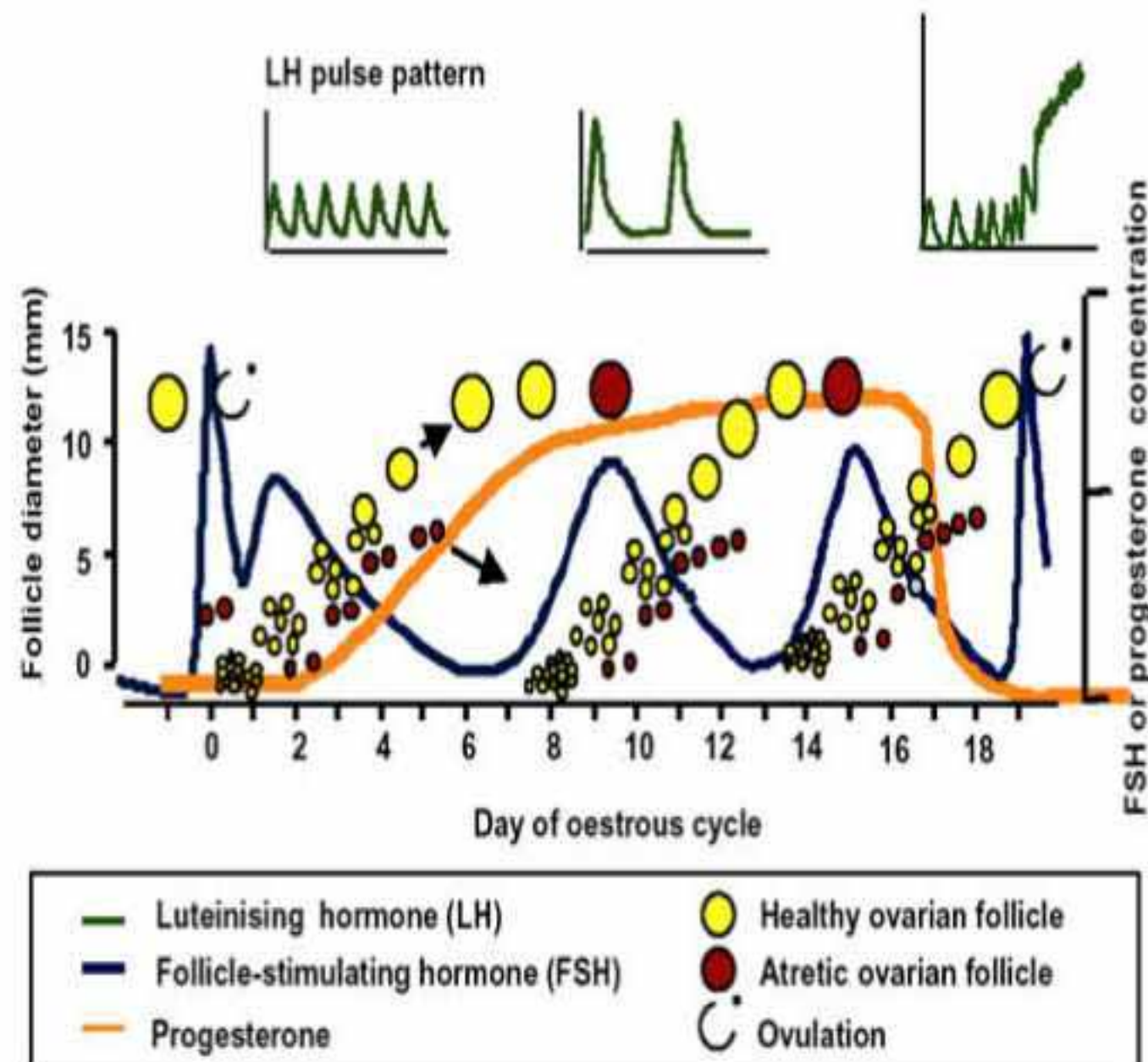
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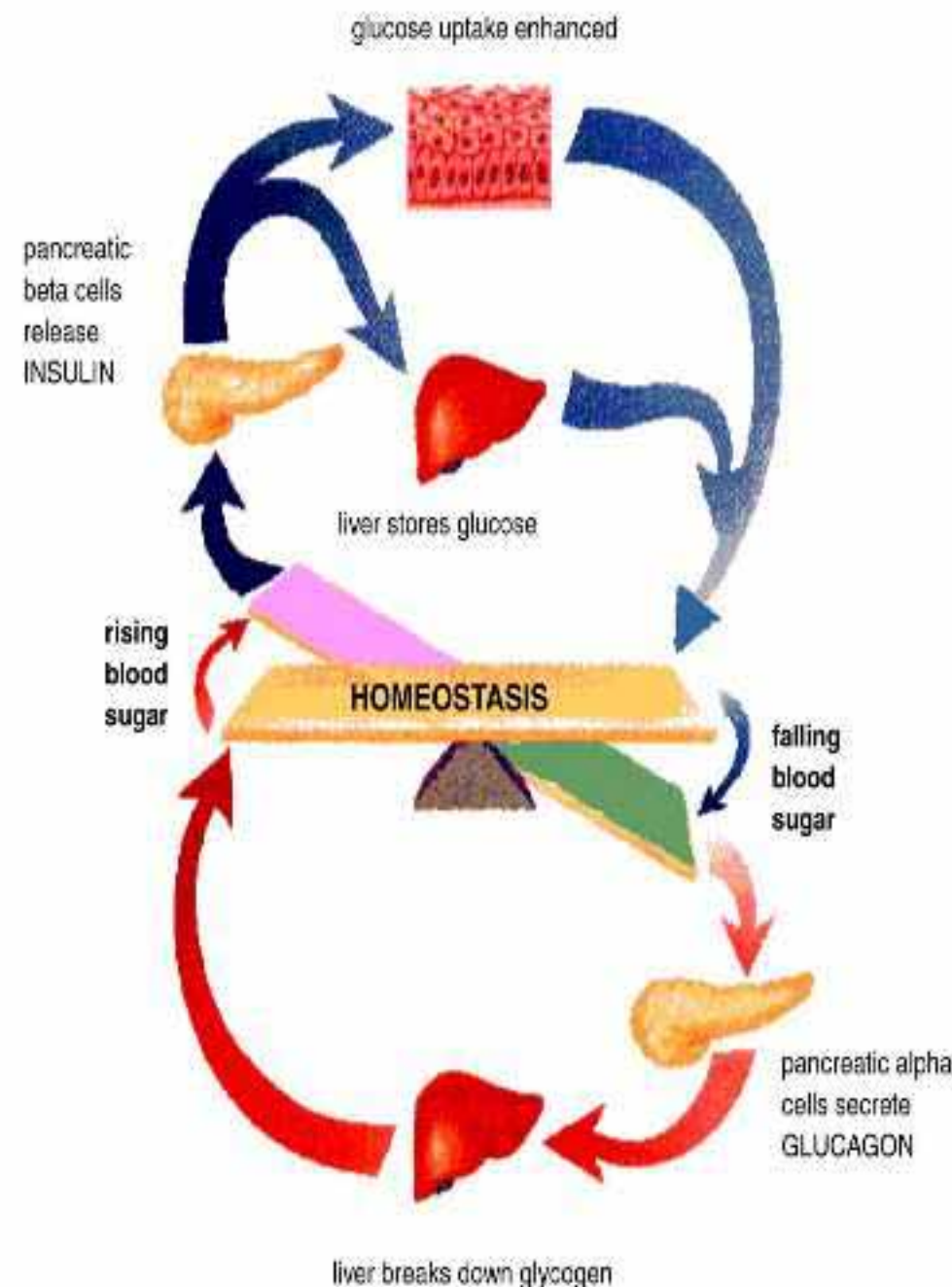




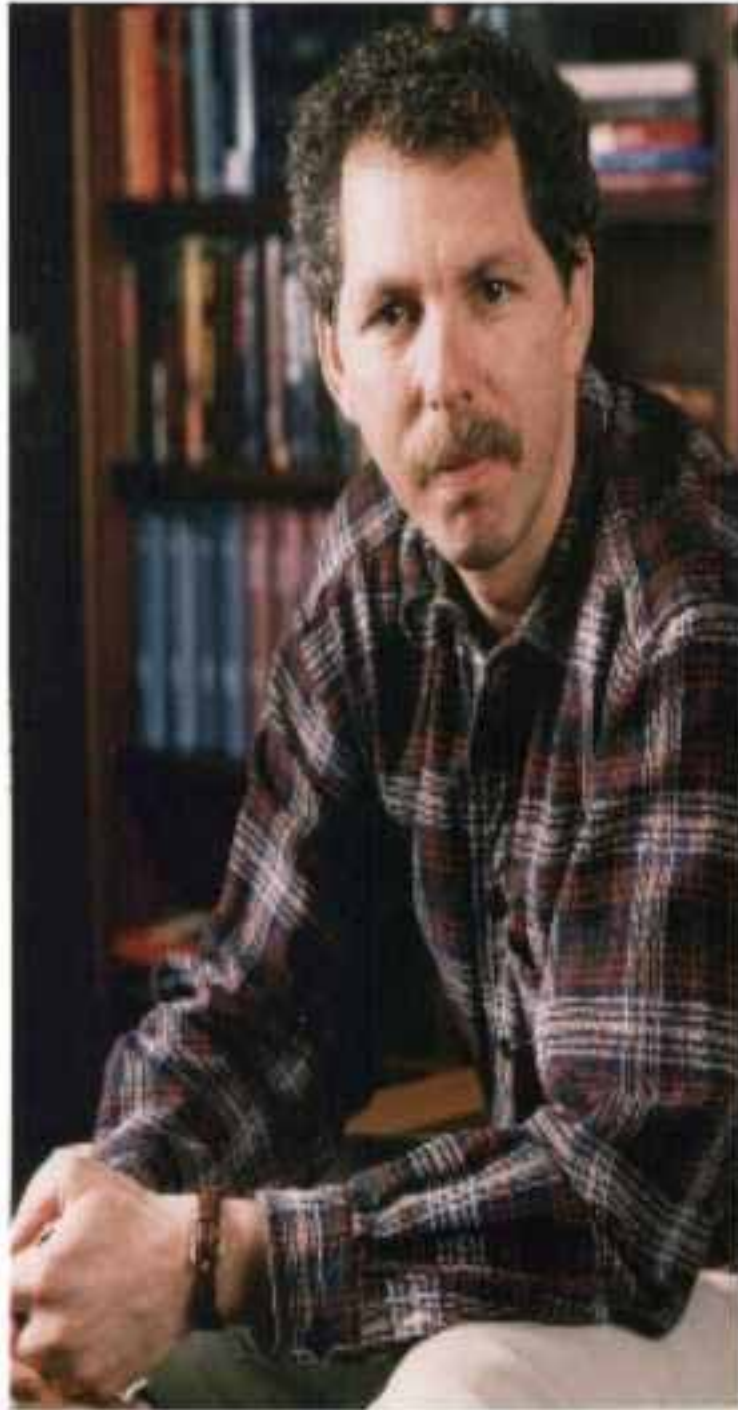
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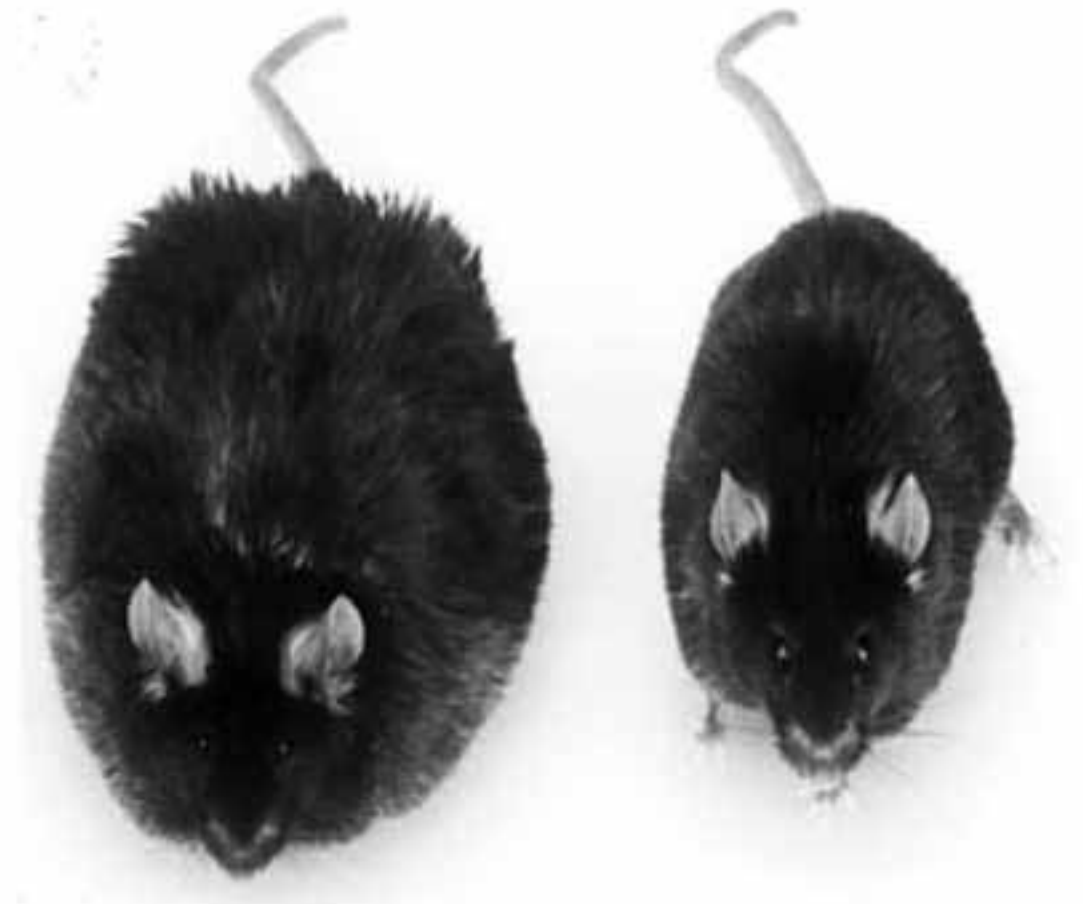
- sensitivity to insulin and control of hunger and satiety



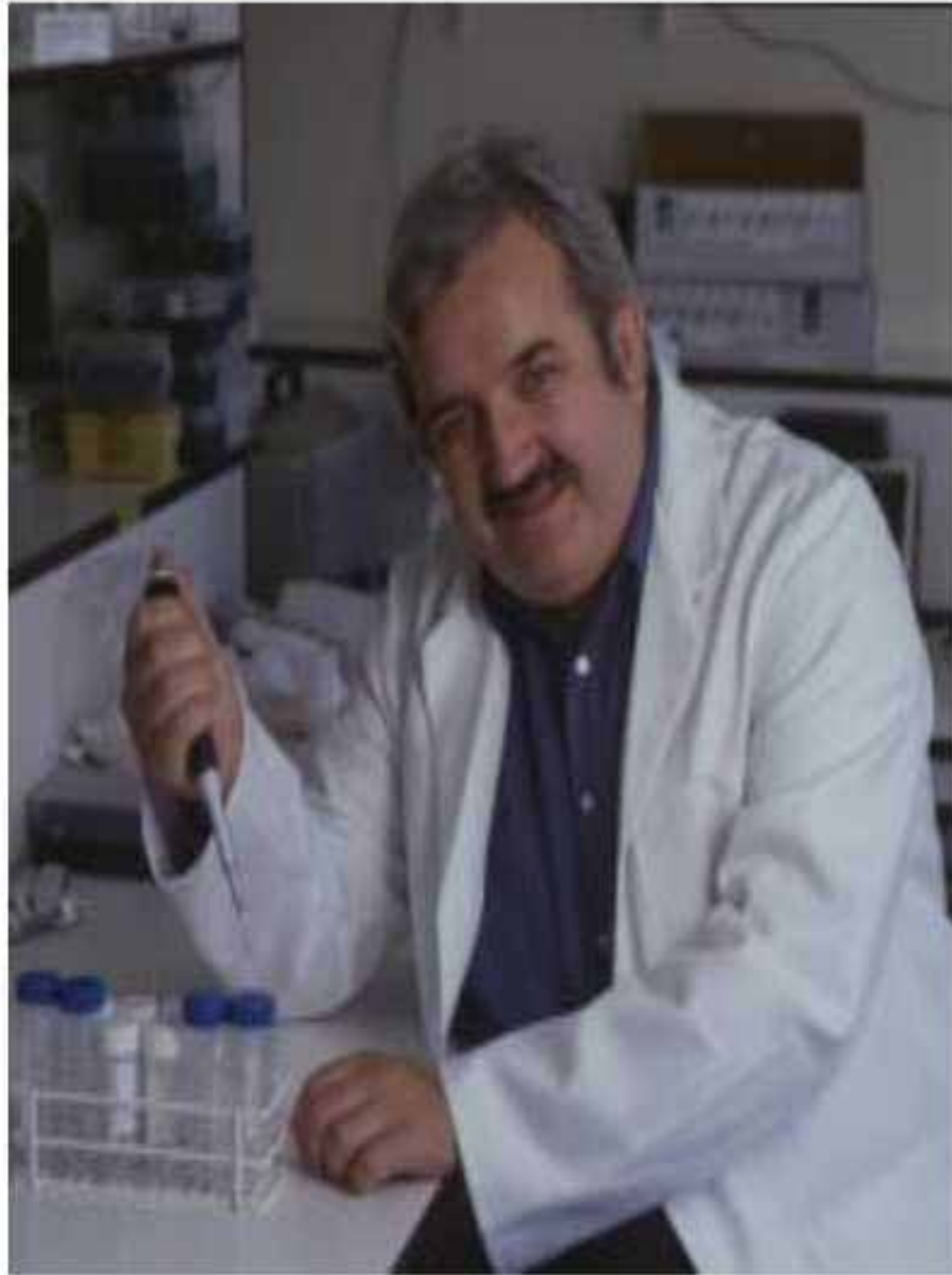
# The discovery of Leptin



Jeffrey Friedman



# Leptin-deficient humans

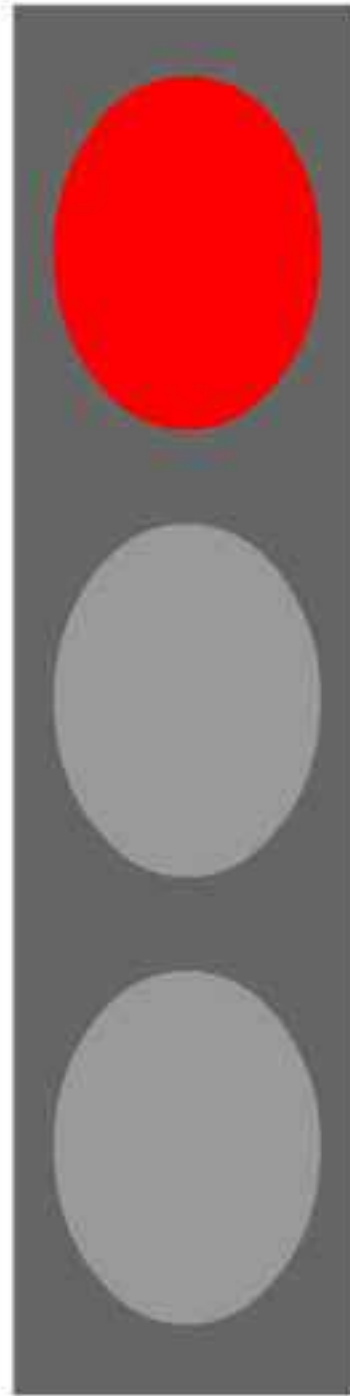


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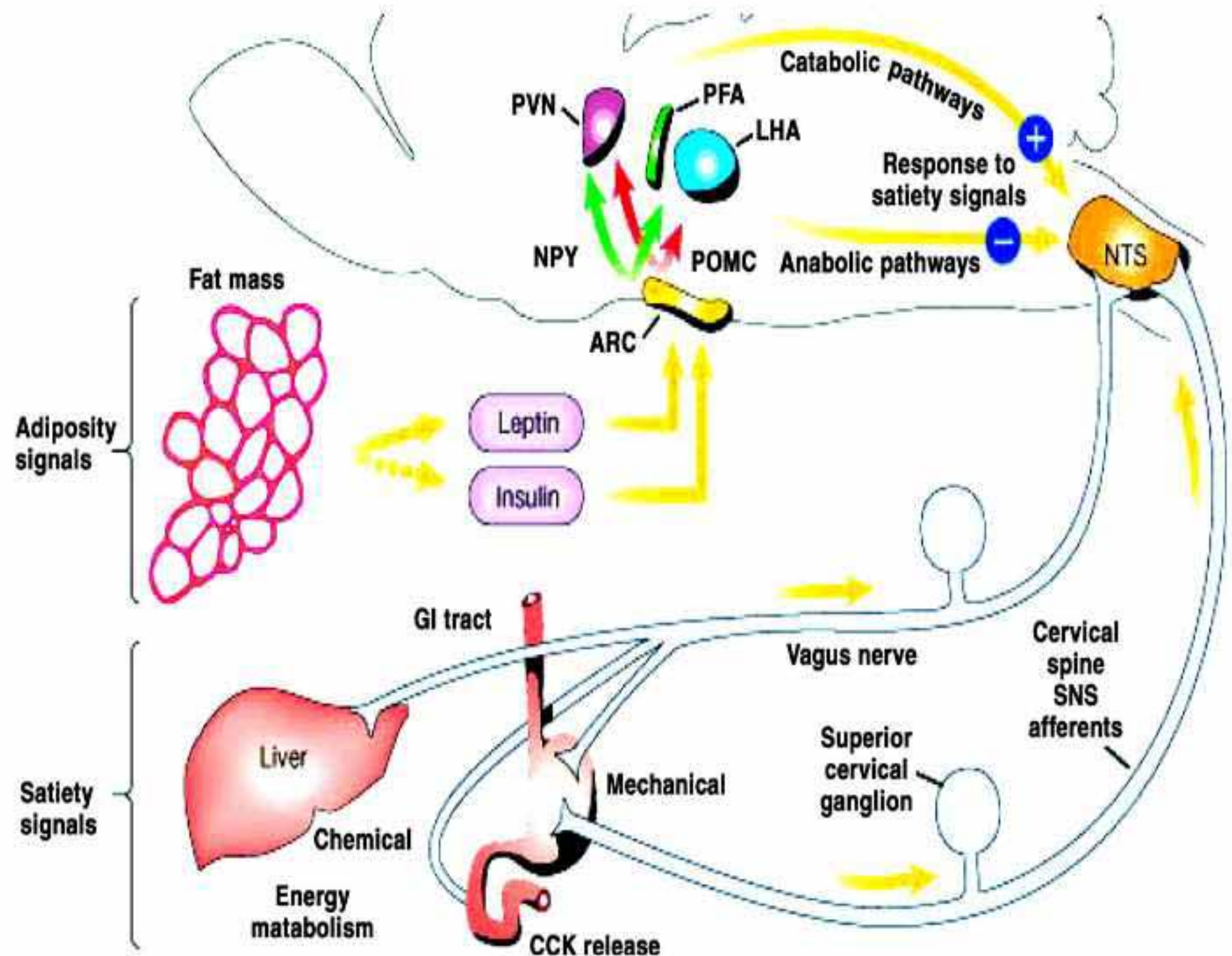


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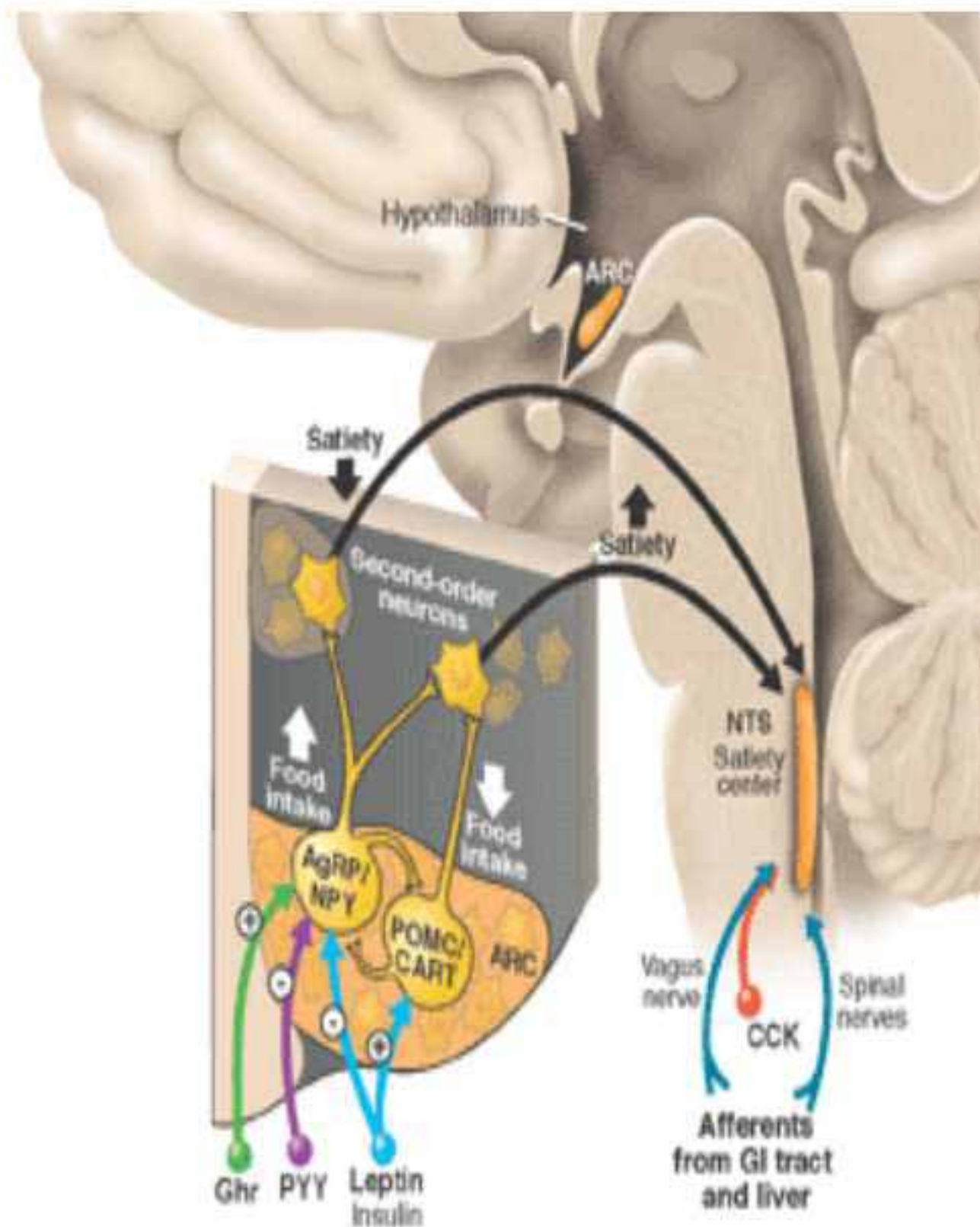
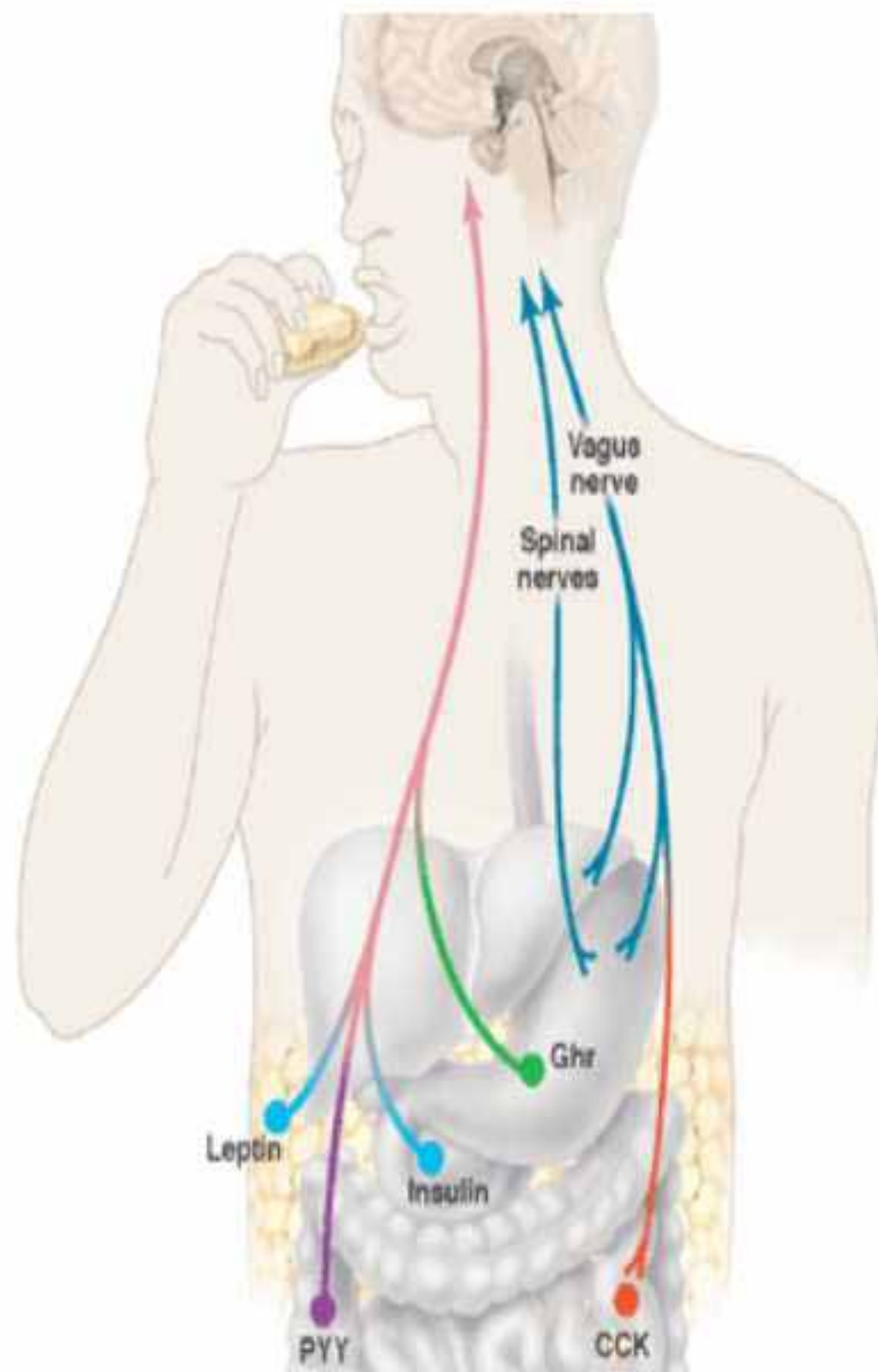


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What works in mice doesn't always work in humans

Both cognitive and reward components are important



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Taking calories in liquid form can bypass satiety mechanisms



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## Overview of adjective obese

1. corpulent, obese, weighty, rotund  
(excessively fat; "a weighty man")



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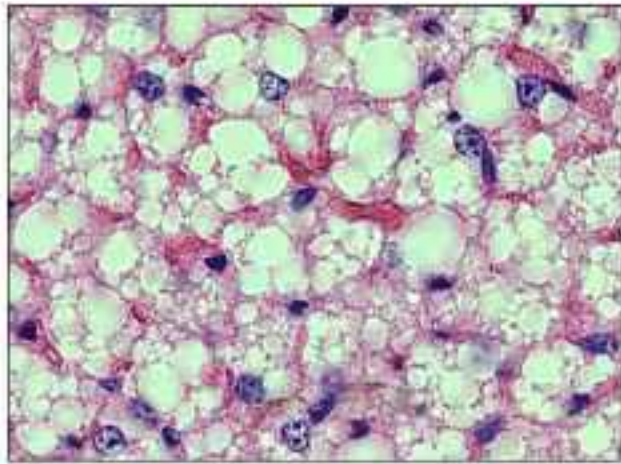
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Fat cells don't just fill up they also proliferate





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50 million fat cells with 100,000 kcal  
= normal

100 million fat cells with 200,000 kcal  
= overweight

270 million fat cells with 540,000 kcal  
= severe obesity



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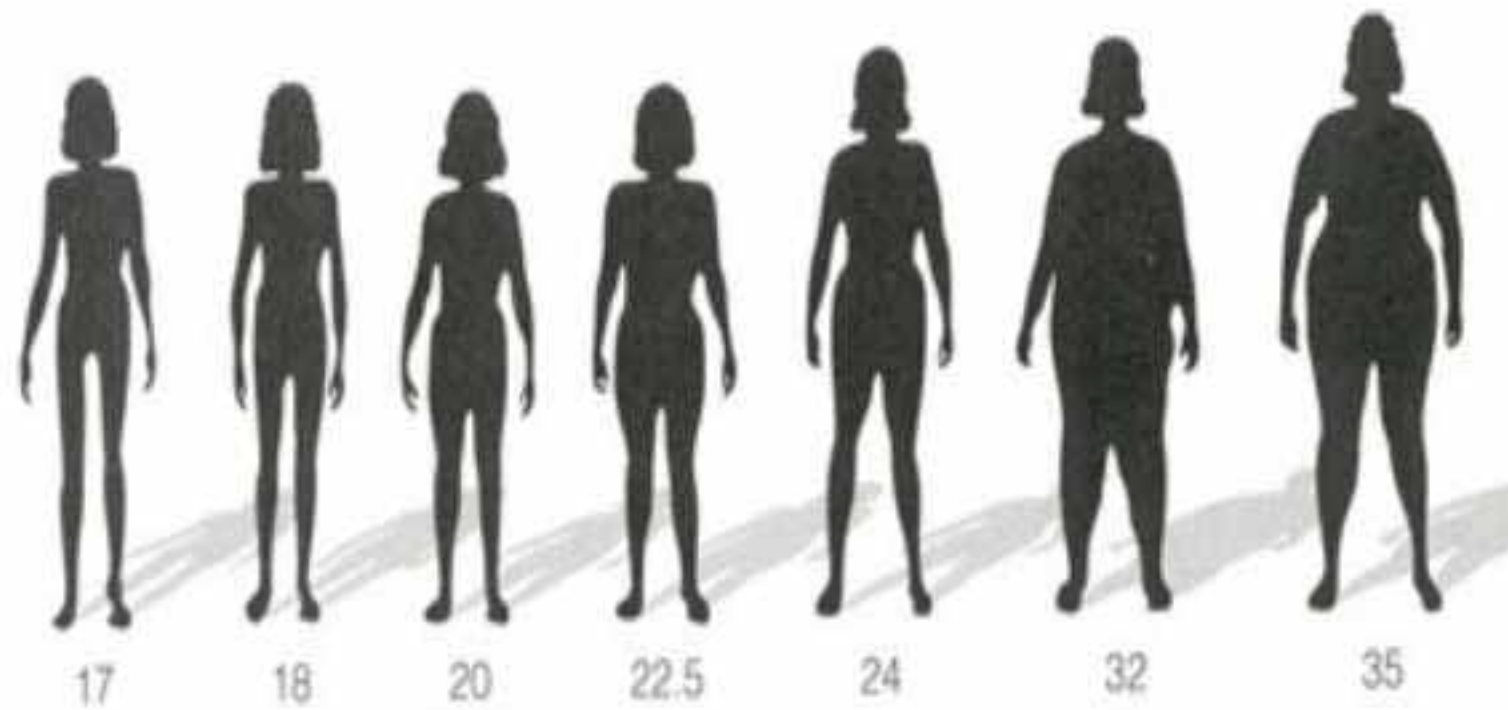
A fat cell is not just for Christmas - it is for life



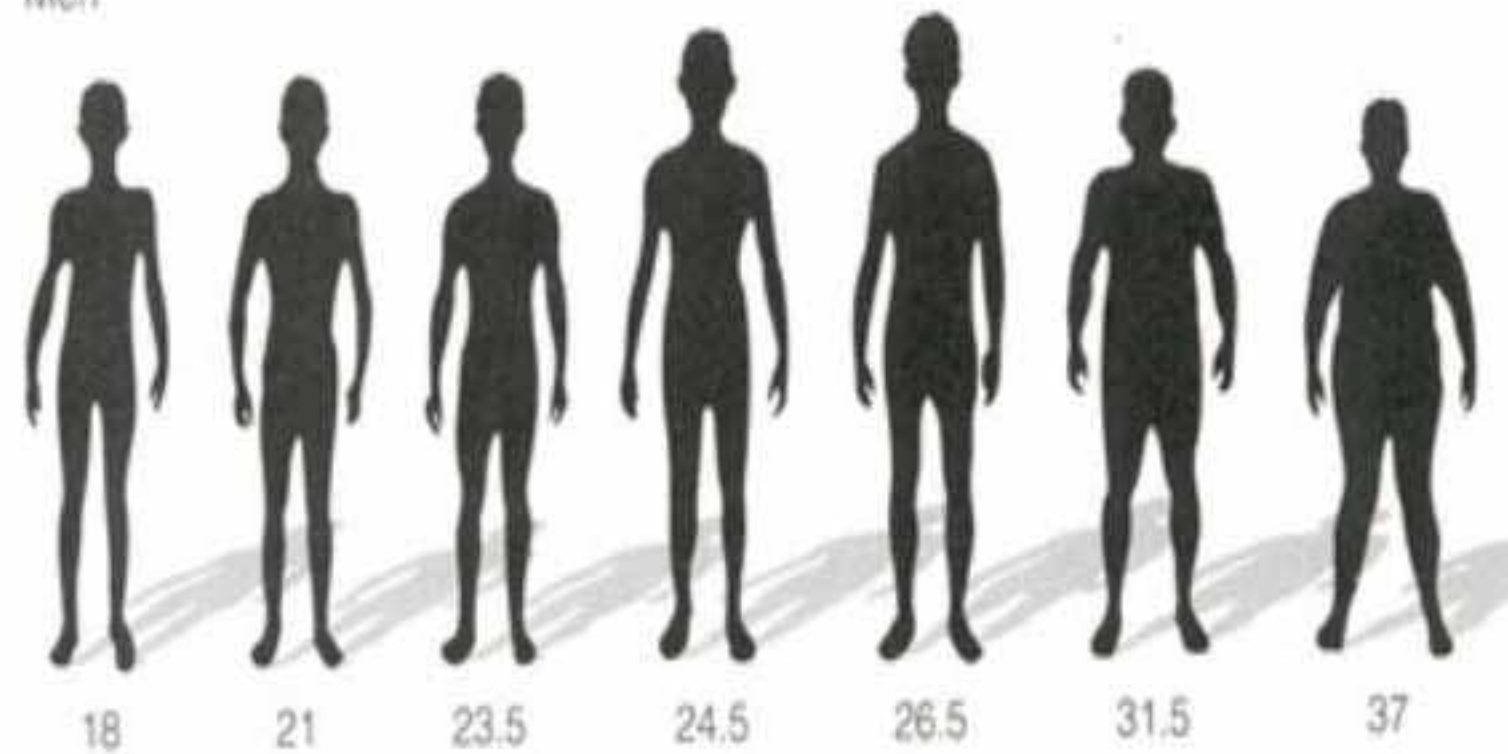


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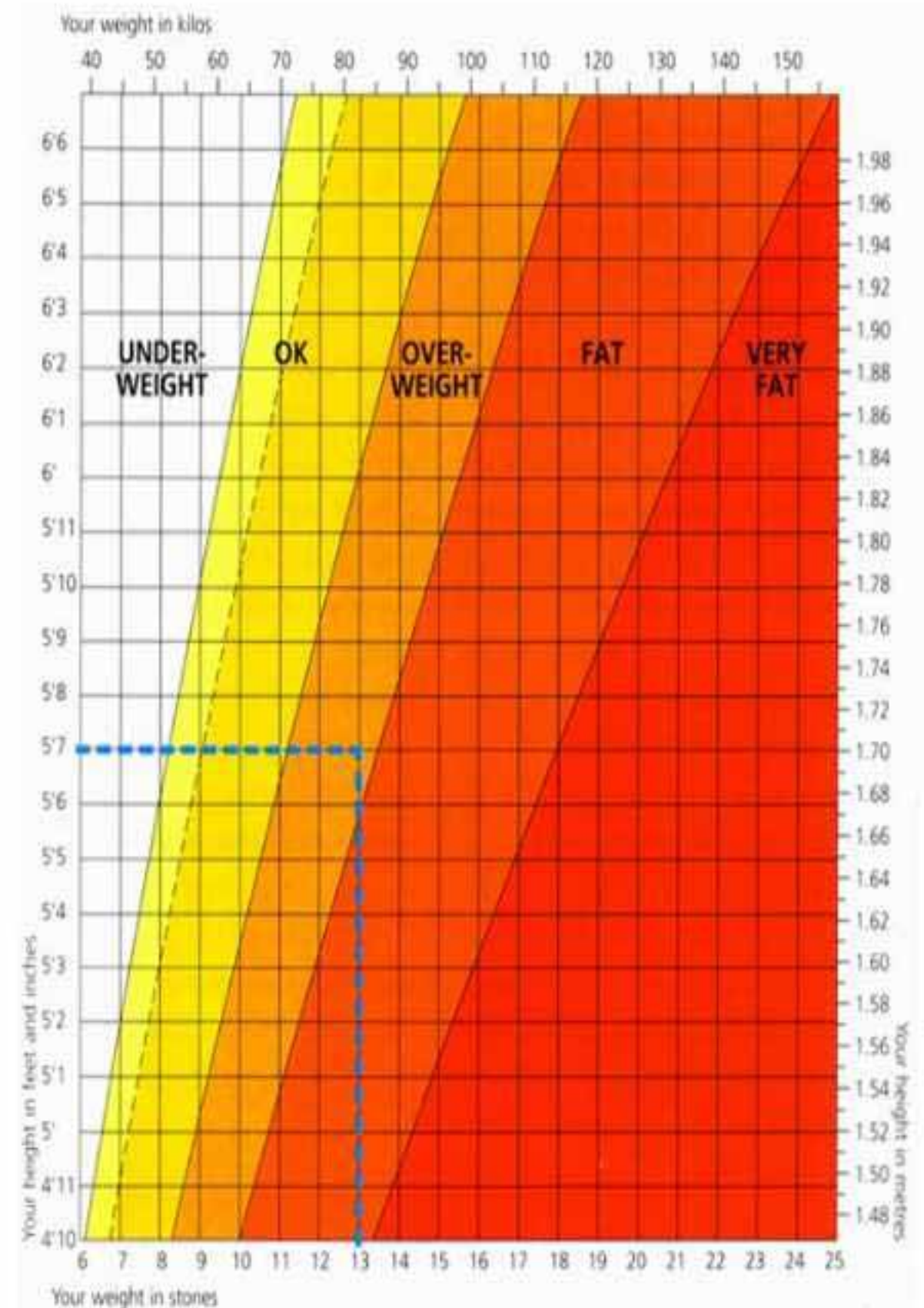


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$$\text{BMI} = \text{weight}(\text{kg}) / (\text{height}(\text{m})^2)$$





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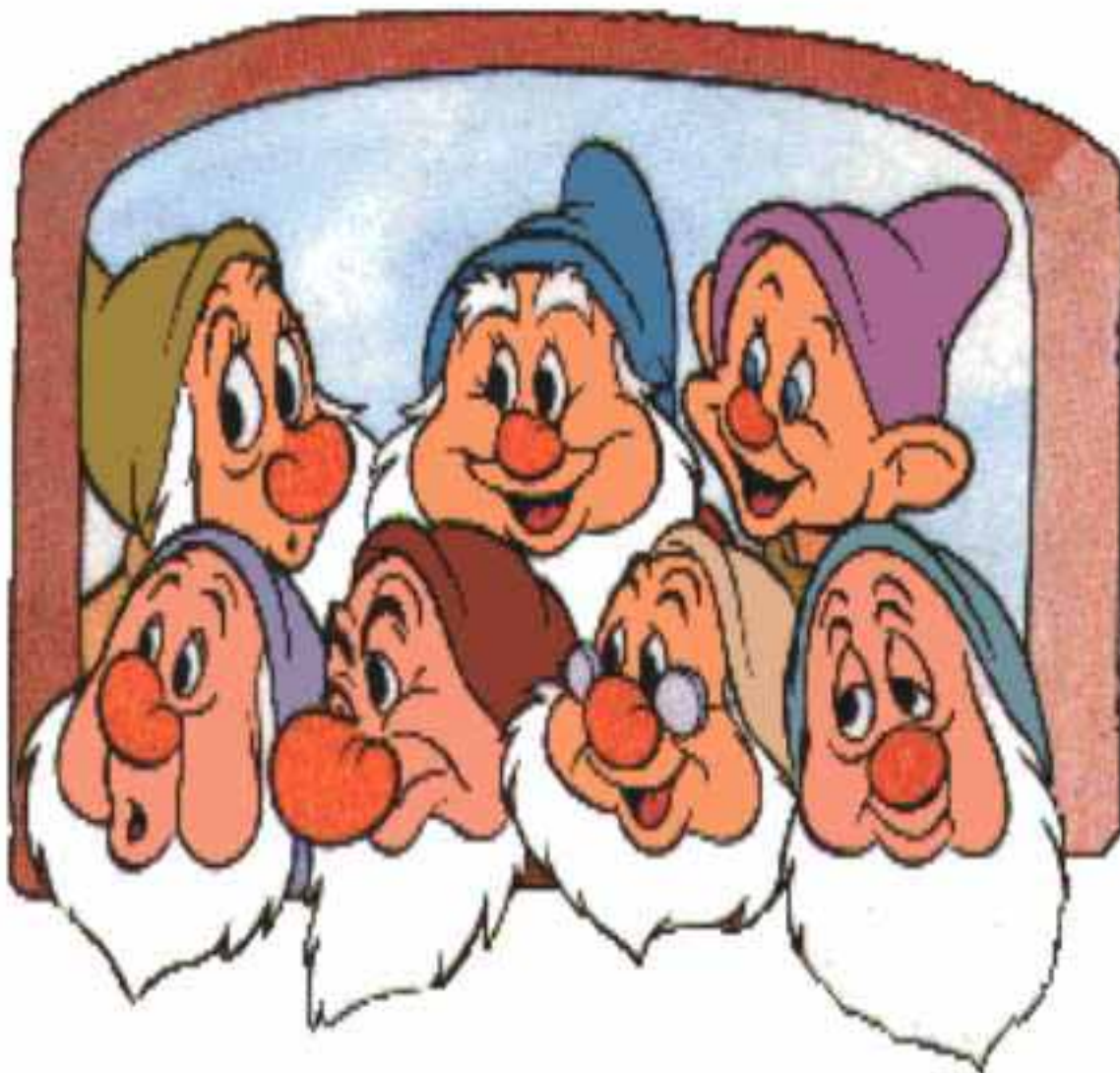
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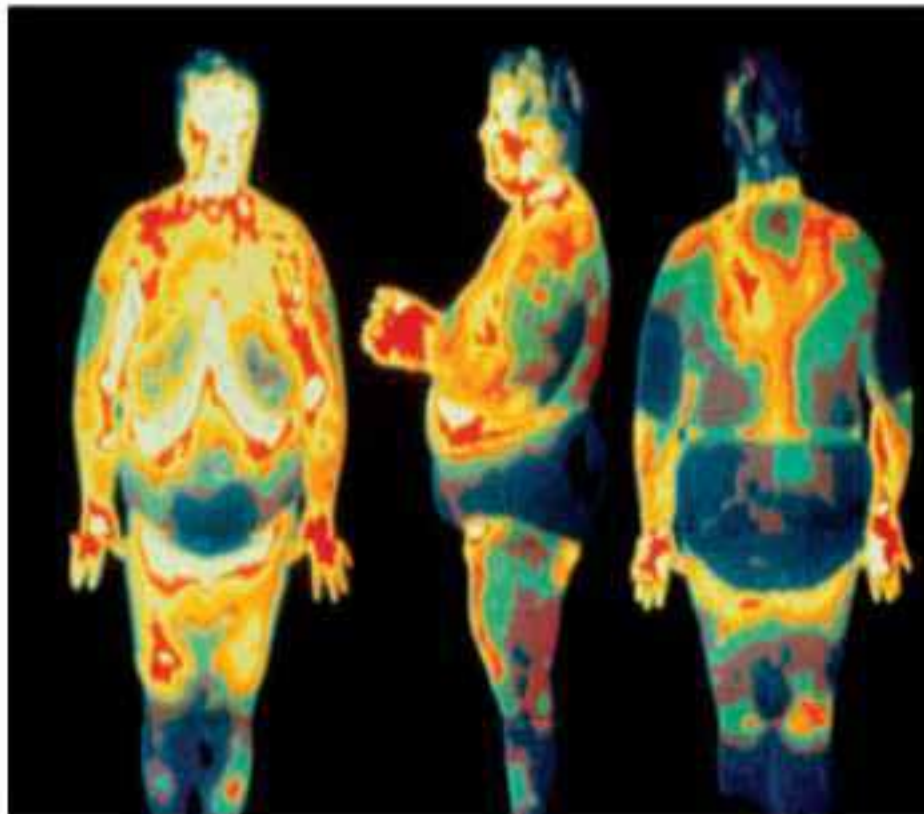


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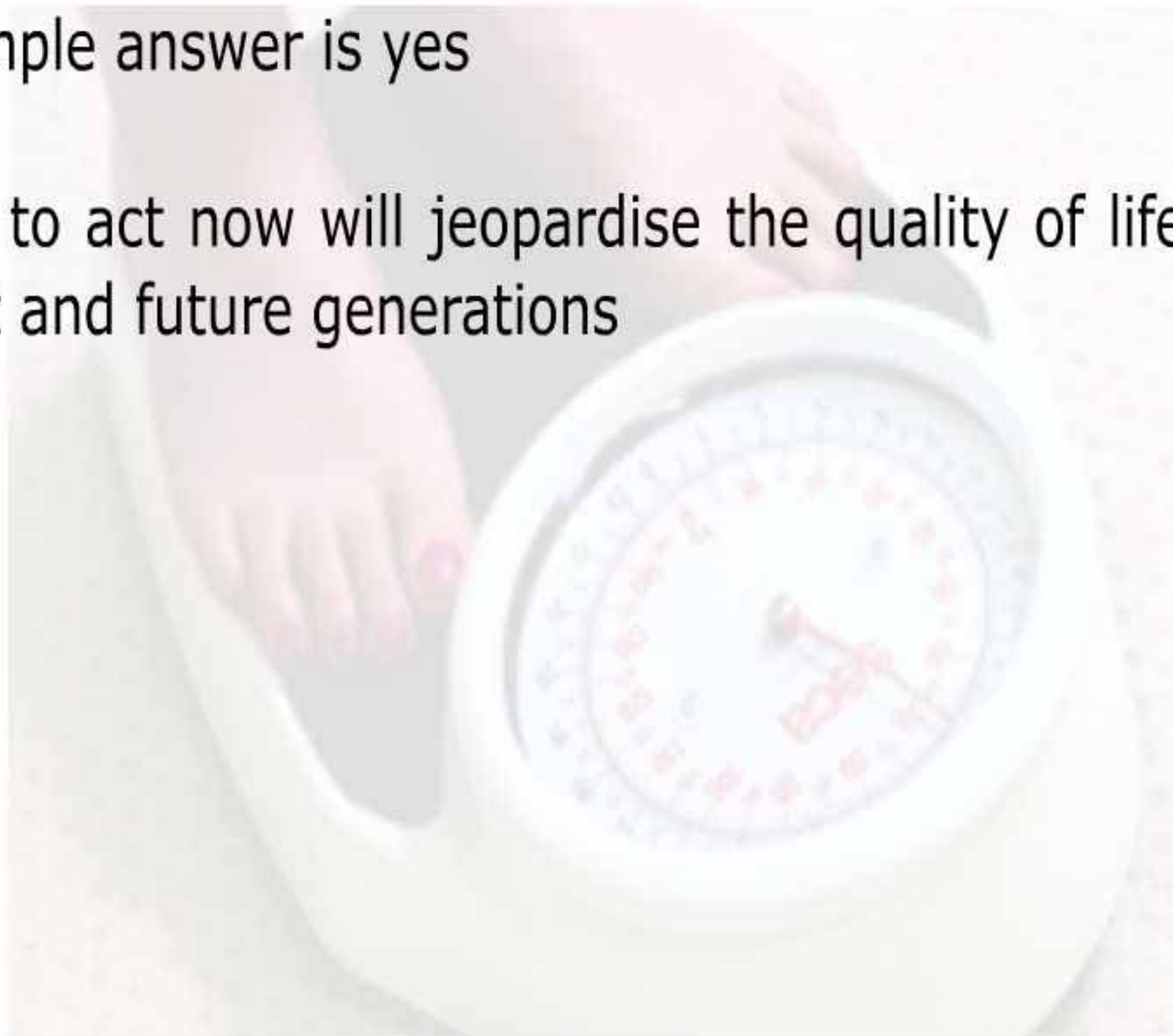




So do we really have a problem and does it really matter?

The simple answer is yes

Failure to act now will jeopardise the quality of life of both current and future generations





House of Commons  
Health Committee

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## Obesity

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Third Report of Session 2003–04

*Volume I*

*Report, together with formal minutes*

*Ordered by The House of Commons  
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# House of Commons Health Committee report on Obesity

Around two-thirds of the population of England are overweight or obese

Obesity is projected to reach over 50% by 2025

On present trends it will soon surpass smoking as the greatest cause of premature loss of life

1 in 11 annual deaths in is attributable to excess weight

Estimated economic cost of obesity is £3.3–3.7 billion per year and of obesity plus overweight £6.6–7.4 billion

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John Prescott MP



Jerome K. Jerome





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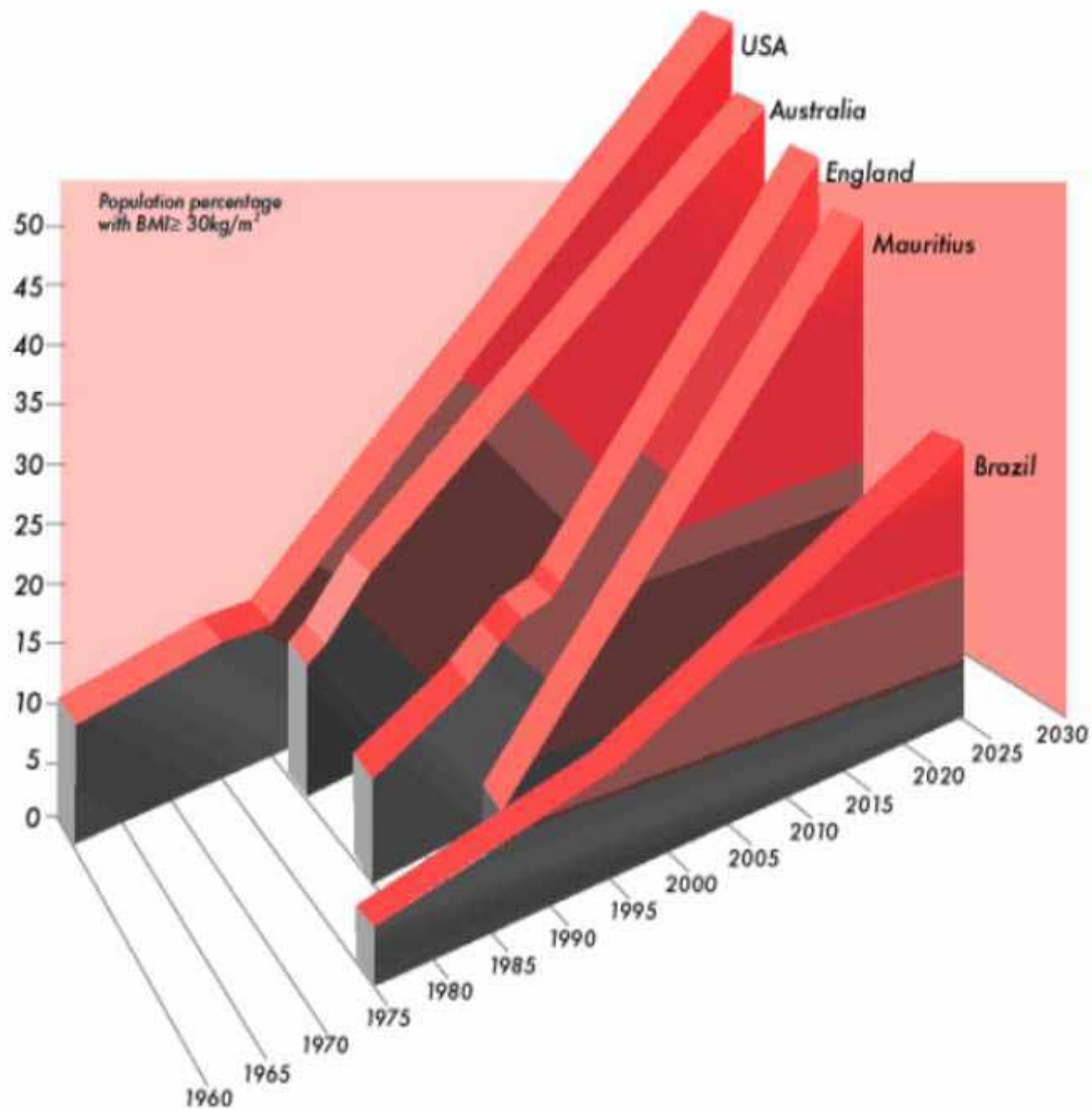
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Most likely individuals to be overweight are white, working  
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Lean towns are populated by a higher proportion of  
individuals who are well educated, have the money to eat  
well and exercise regularly



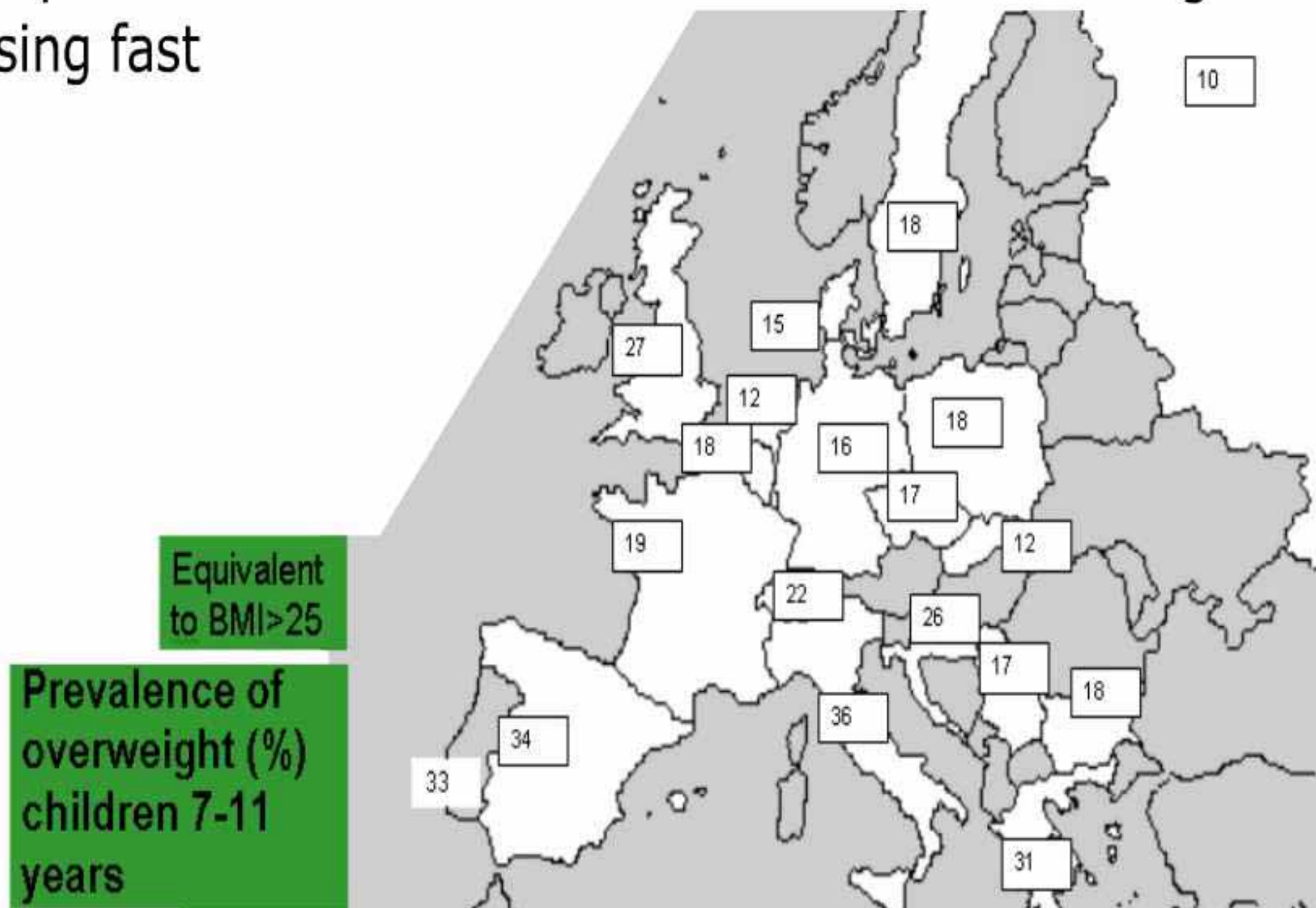
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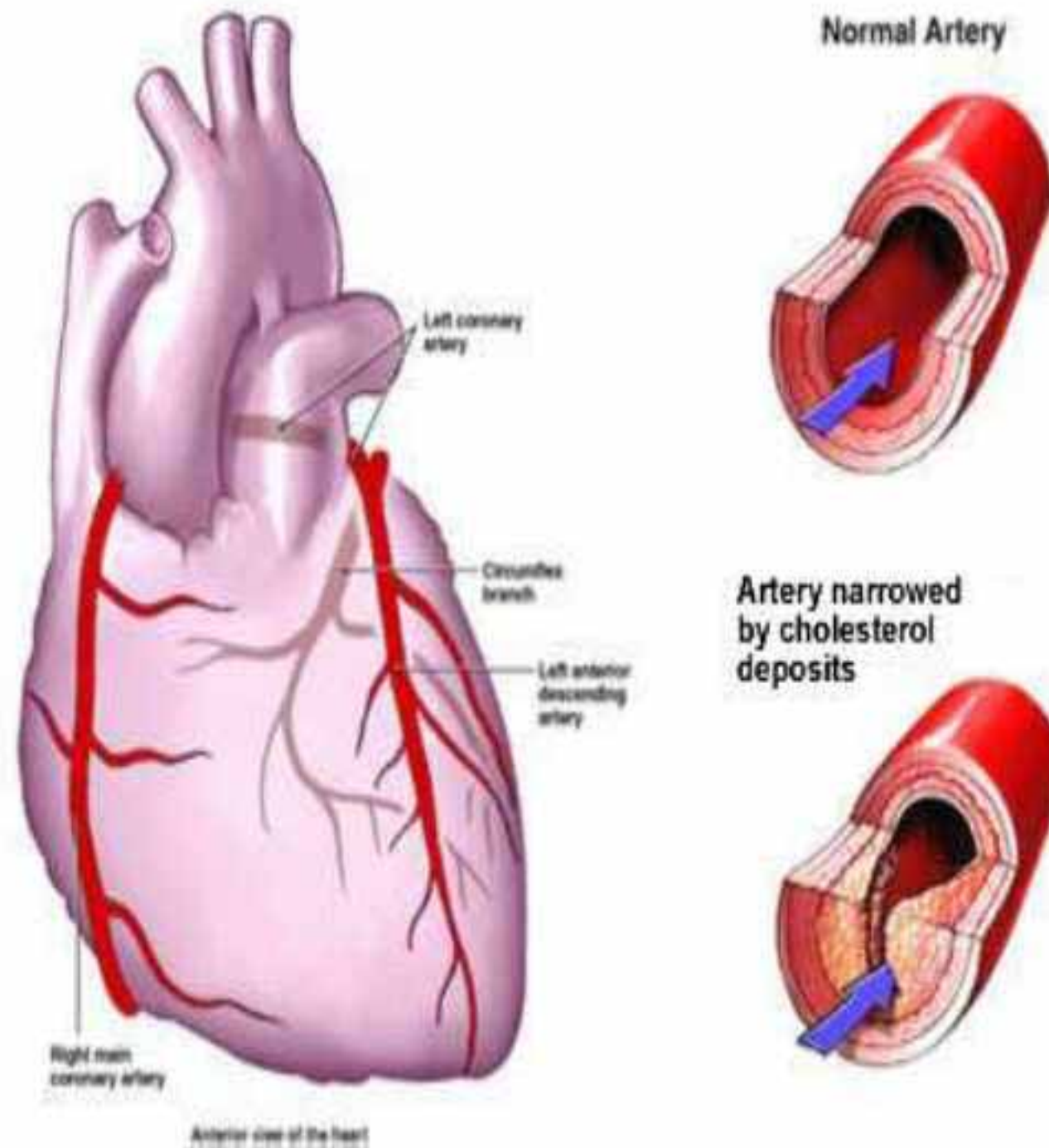
# The Global Epidemic - childhood obesity

The proportion of children who are obese or overweight is increasing fast



# Obesity and cardiovascular disease

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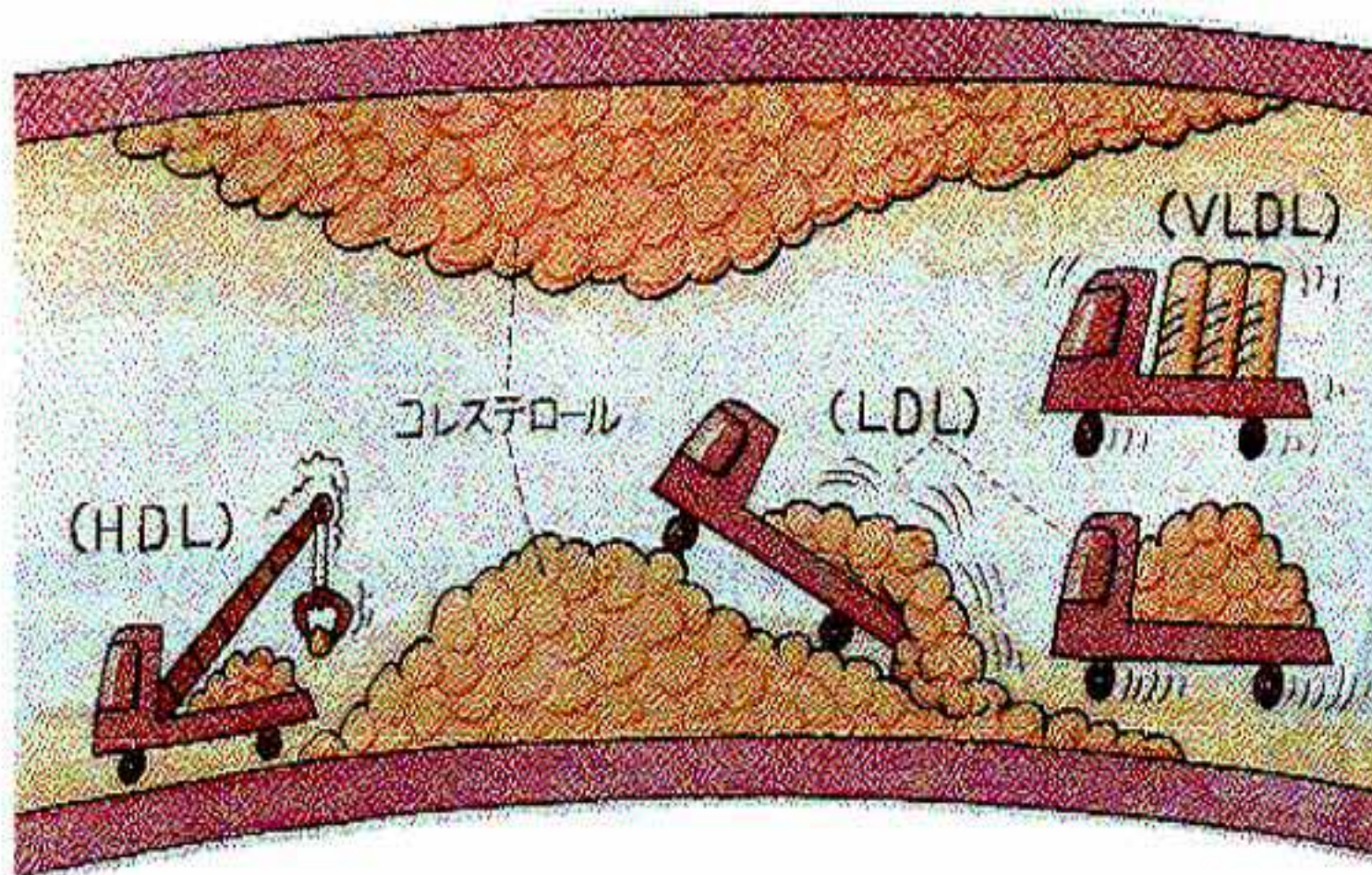




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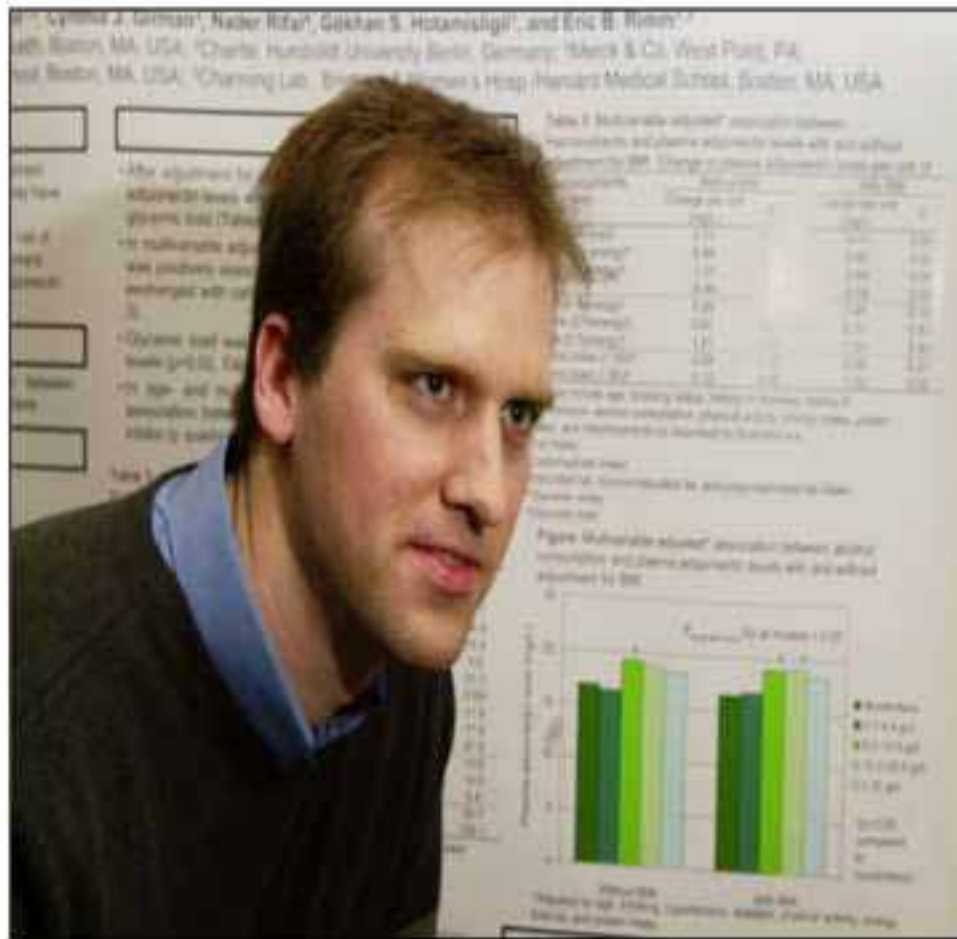
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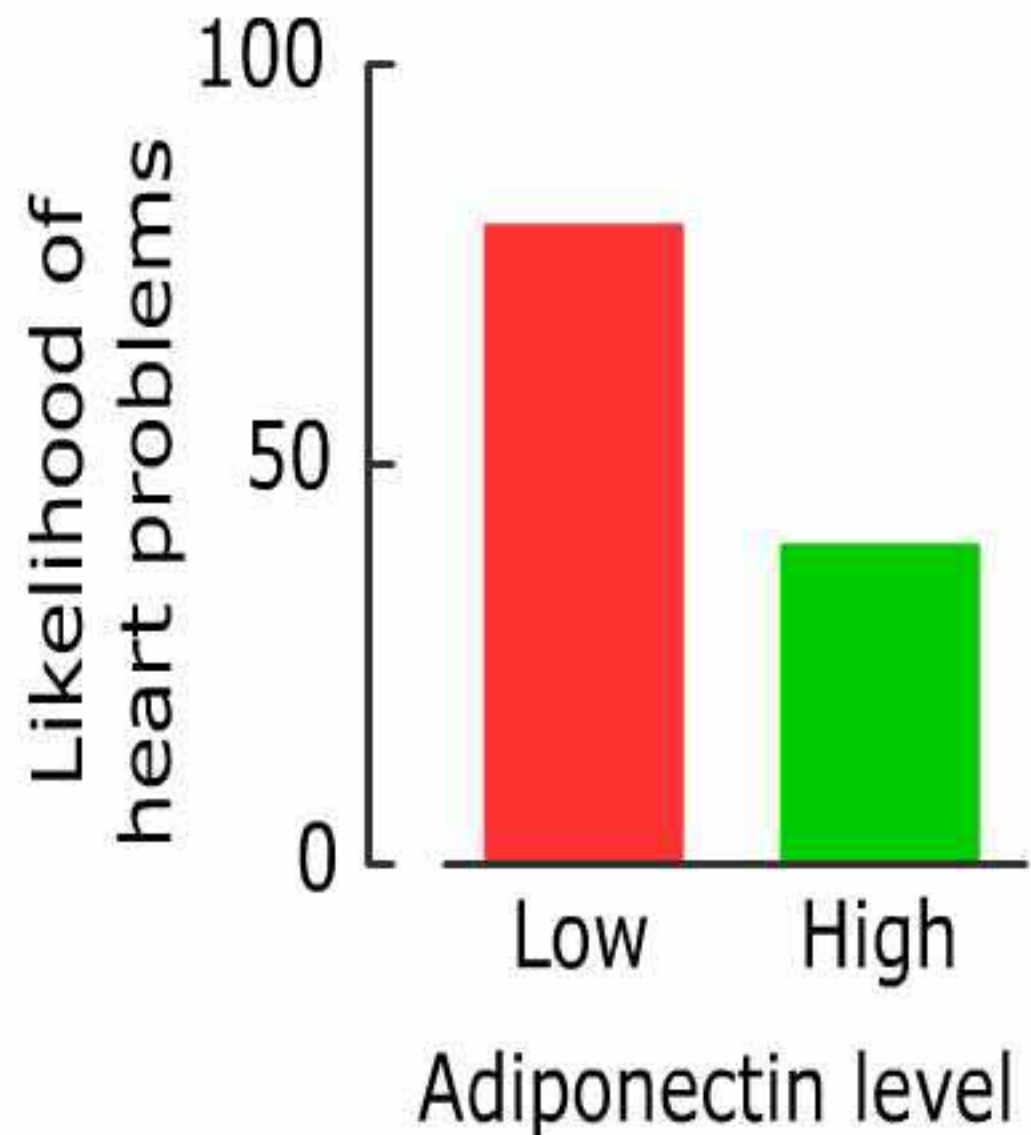


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Decreased production of adiponectin from fat cells



Pischon *et al* JAMA 2004



# Obesity, metabolic syndrome and diabetes - 'diabesity'

Type 2 diabetes affects 1.5 million in the UK

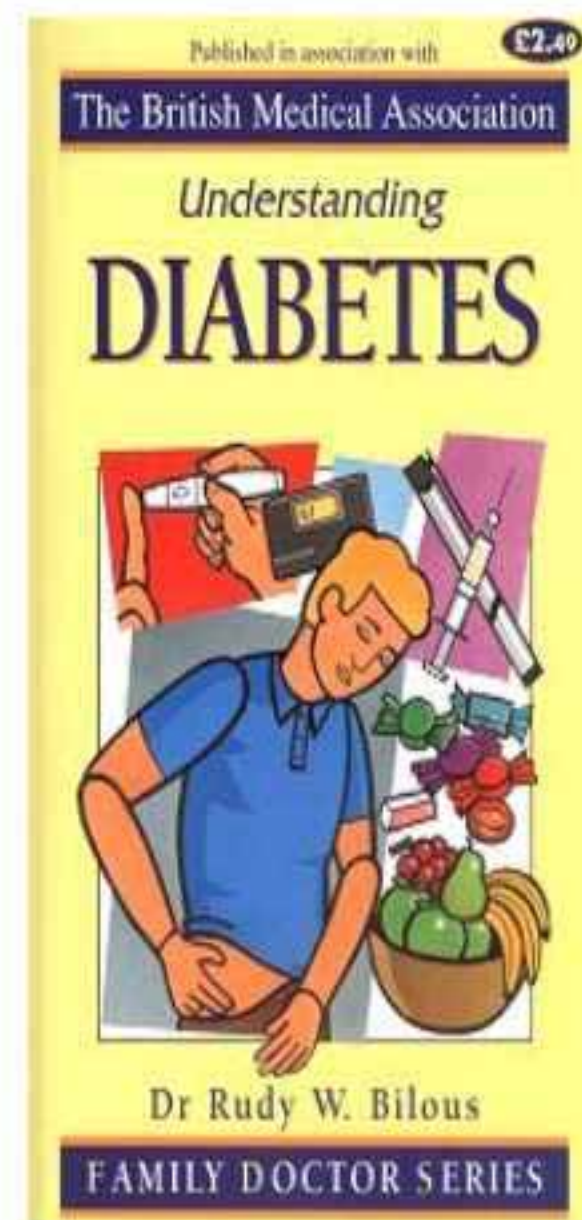
Affects 14.4 million in the USA

Insensitivity to insulin

Reduced ability to take in energy

High blood sugar levels

Damage to eyes, kidneys, nerves and heart etc.





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In the UK diabetes costs around 9% of the total NHS budget and is predicted to rise to 25% by 2025

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## Hidden billions spent on diabetes



Diabetic complications can lead to hospital

Caring for the UK's type II diabetics costs the health service £2bn a year, according to a report by an economic think tank.

The King's Fund says that too much is being spent on dealing with the complications of the type II disease, and not enough trying to prevent it.

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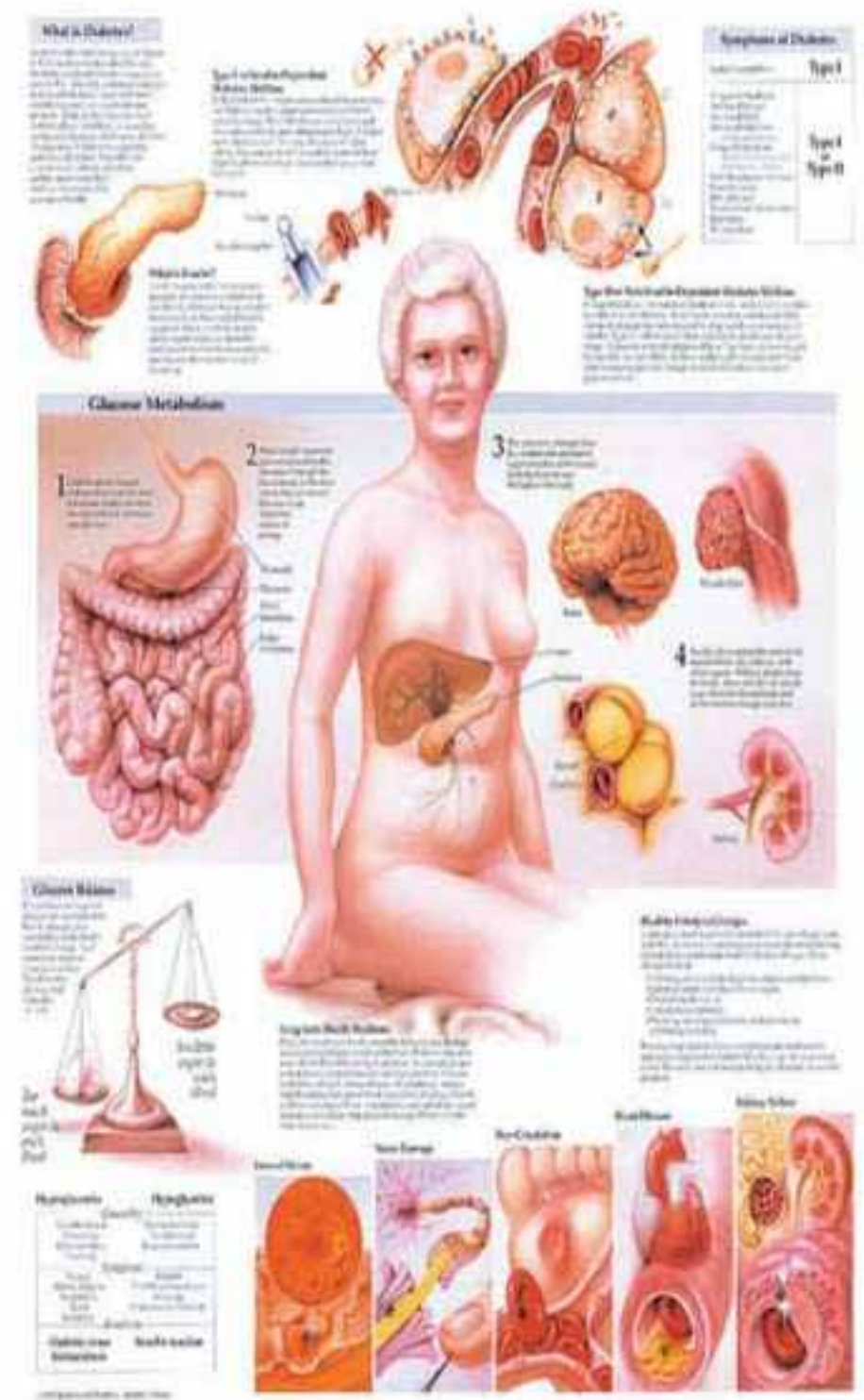
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At least 80% of individuals with type 2 diabetes are overweight or obese

The risk of becoming diabetic is increased even if overweight

For women with a BMI of 28 there is an 18-fold increase

For women with a BMI of 35 there is a 92-fold increase





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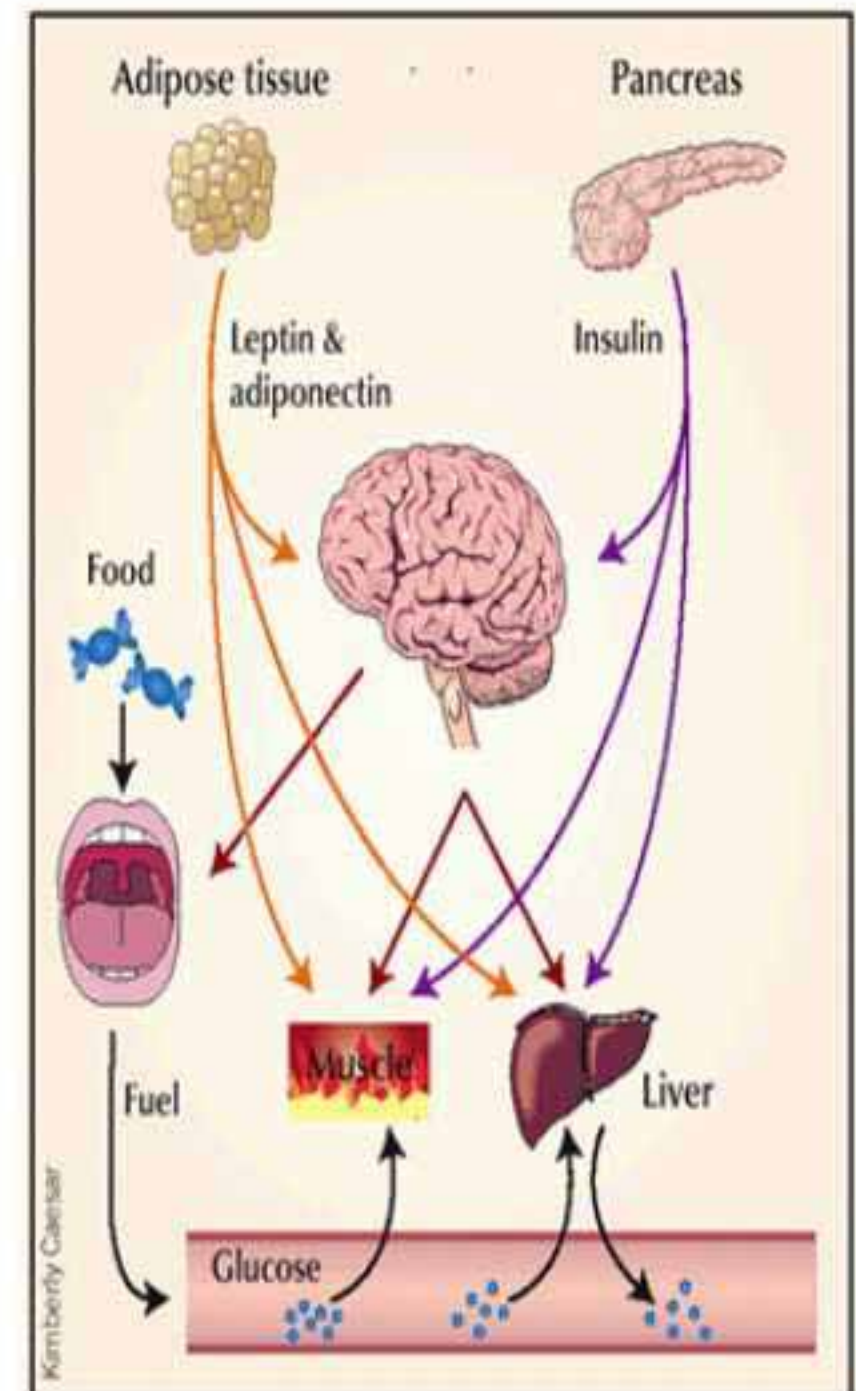
Diabetes is 3-5 times more common in people of Africa and the Caribbean than in the UK



# Obesity, metabolic syndrome and diabetes - 'diabesity'

Two hormones produced by fat cells are linked with insulin resistance:

Adiponectin: lowered by obesity  
- causes more efficient use of insulin

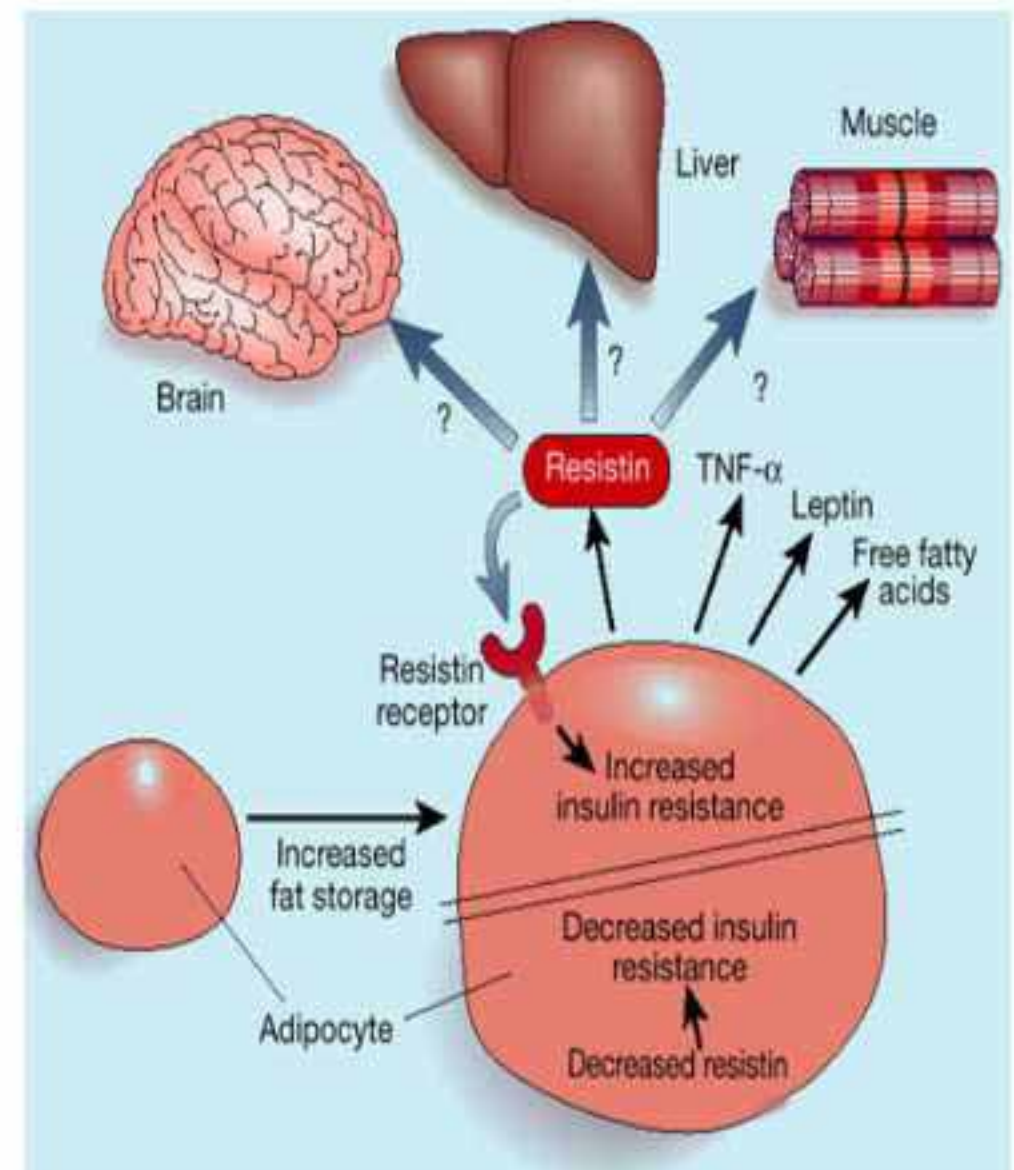




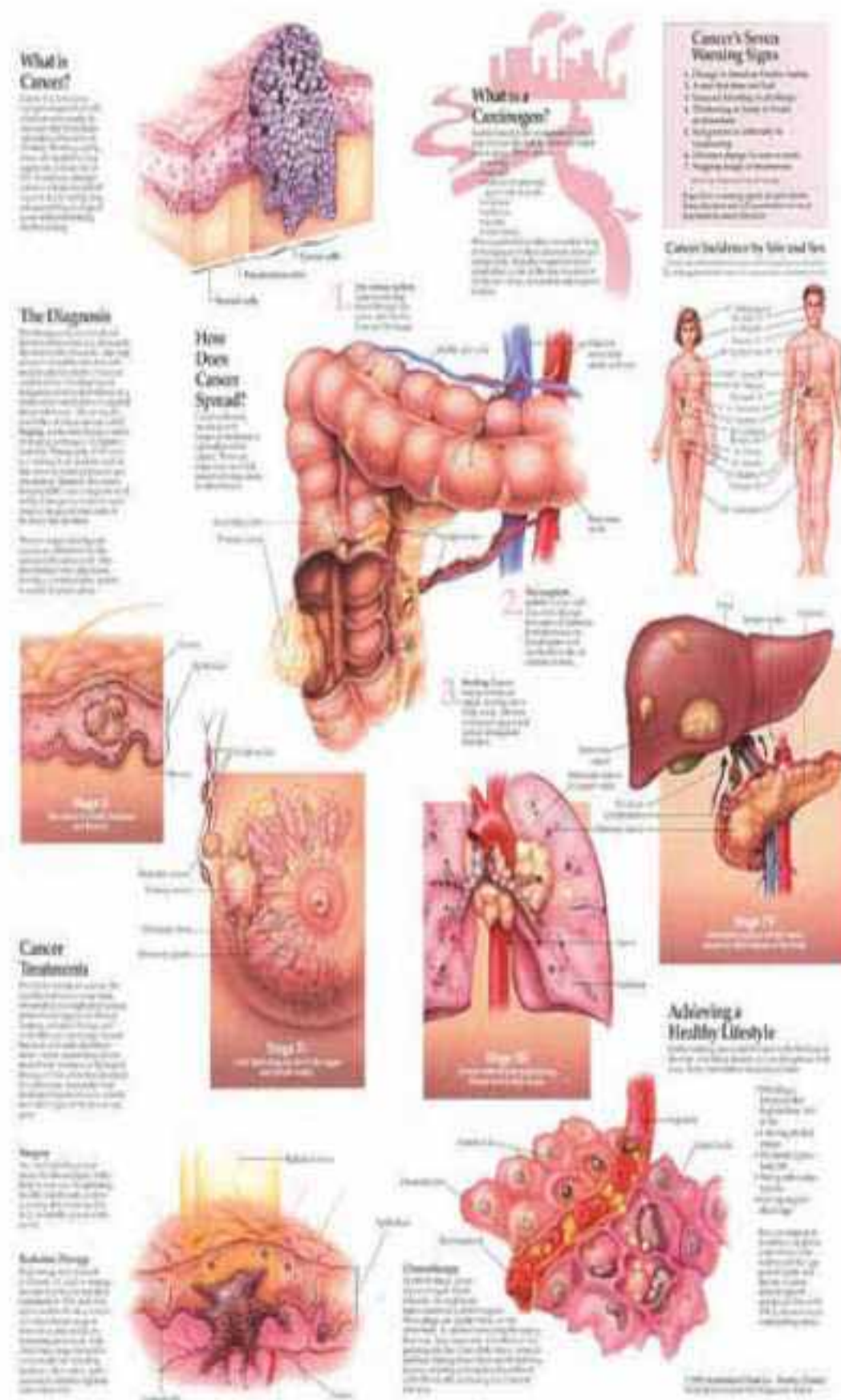
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- causes impaired insulin action and glucose intolerance in mice



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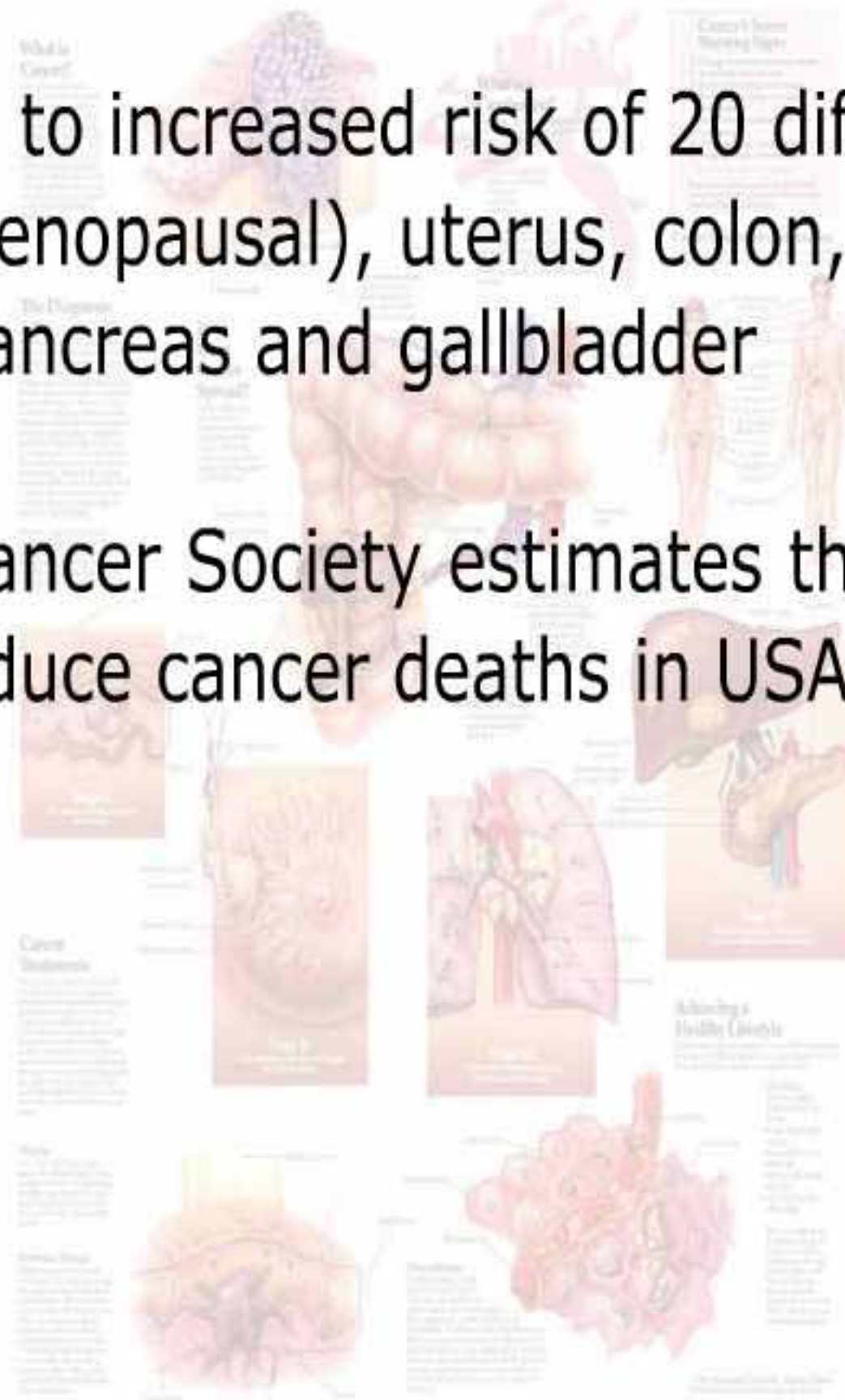




# Obesity and cancer

Obesity is linked to increased risk of 20 different cancers  
- breast (post-menopausal), uterus, colon, kidney,  
oesophagus, pancreas and gallbladder

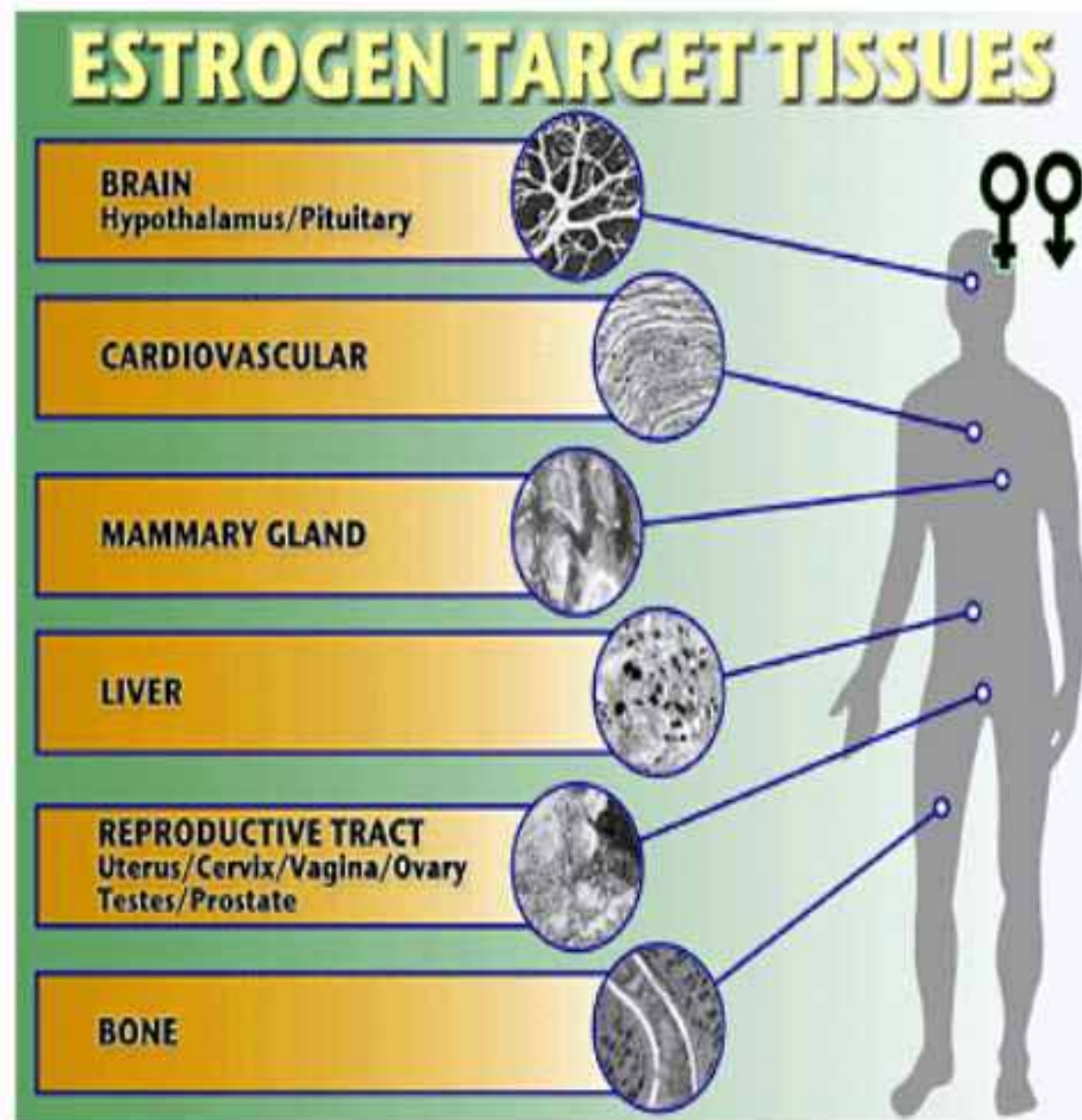
The American Cancer Society estimates that reducing levels  
obesity could reduce cancer deaths in USA by 90,000 pa



# Obesity and cancer

Fat cells produce oestrogens

- obese post-menopausal women have 3-fold higher levels





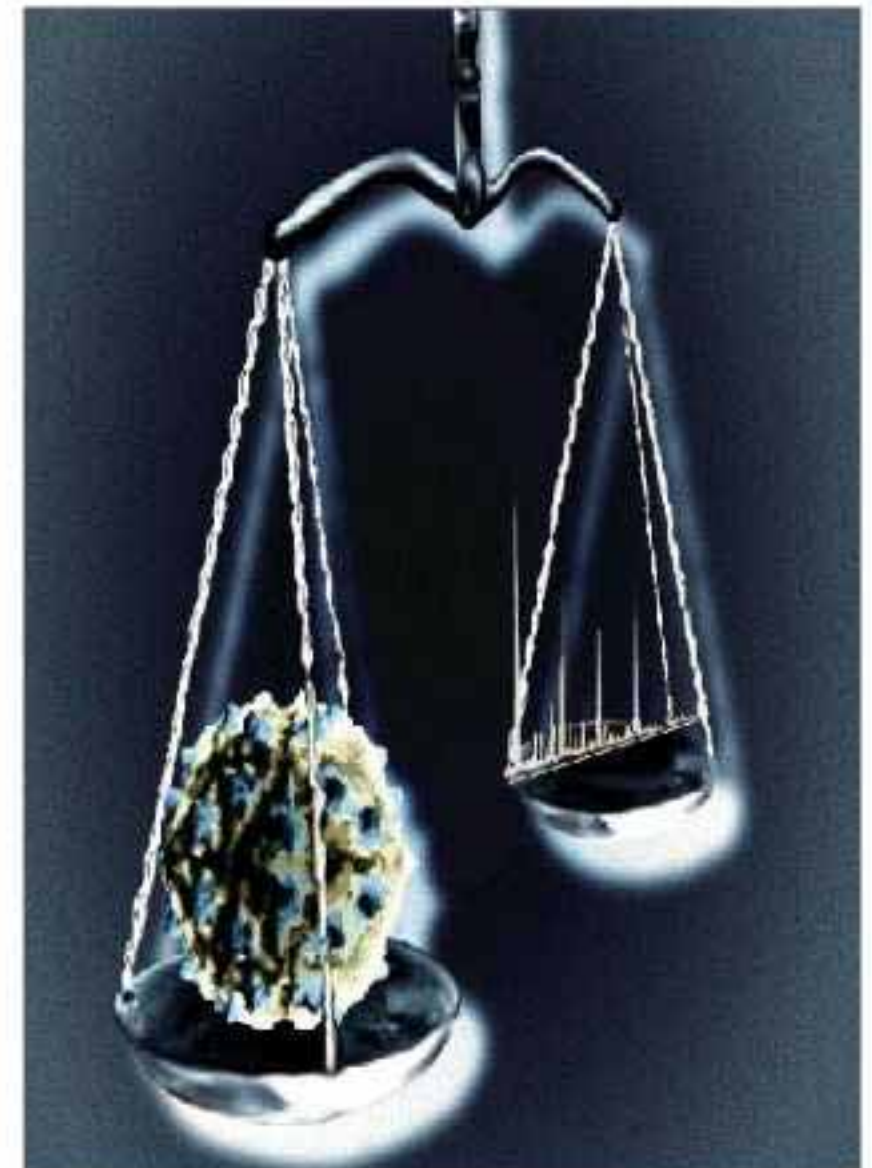
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The heavier women are when diagnosed with breast cancer the more likely they are to die from it

A recent study reported a 2.5-fold increased risk of dying



# Obesity and cancer

Hormones produced by fat (leptin) are linked with cell proliferation

Obese, leptin-deficient mice are less likely to develop tumours

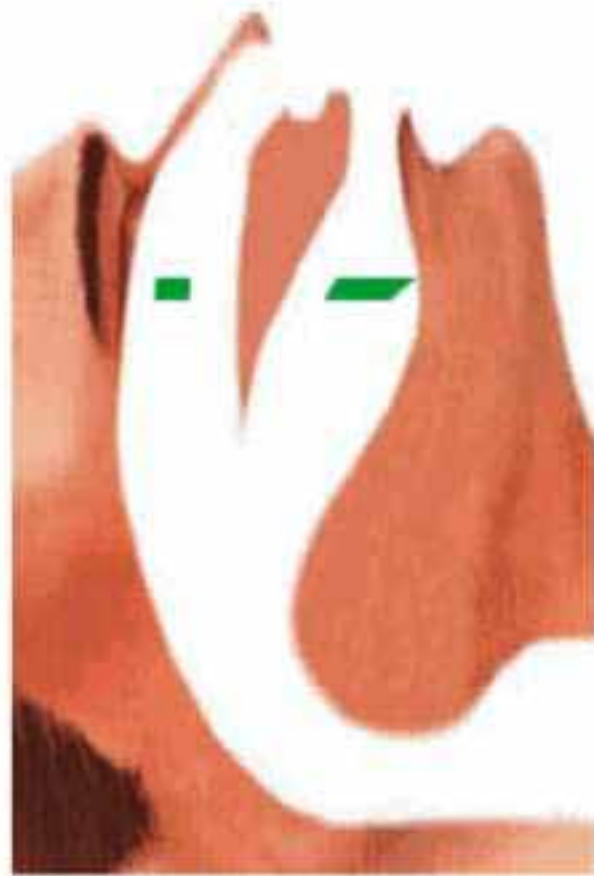
Pro-inflammatory agents produced by fat cells may contribute





# Other obesity-related health problems:

## Sleep apnea



### Normal Breathing

- Airway is open
- Air flows freely to lungs



### Obstructive Sleep Apnea

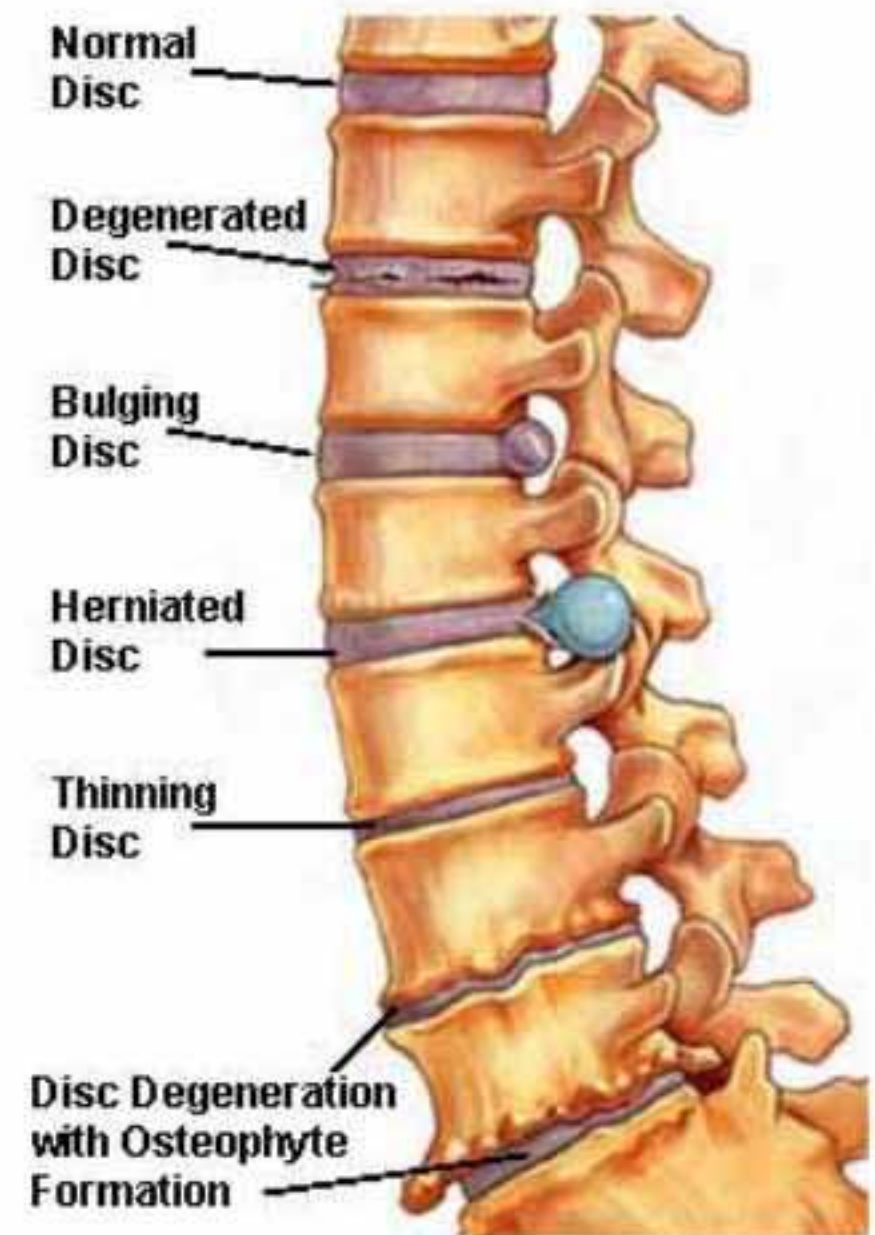
- Airway collapses
- Blocked air flow to lungs

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Osteoarthritis – load-bearing joints

Examples of Disc Problems





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Osteoarthritis – load-bearing joints

Psychological problems

- low self-esteem, depression, bullying



It's not just us.....





# What has caused the problem ?

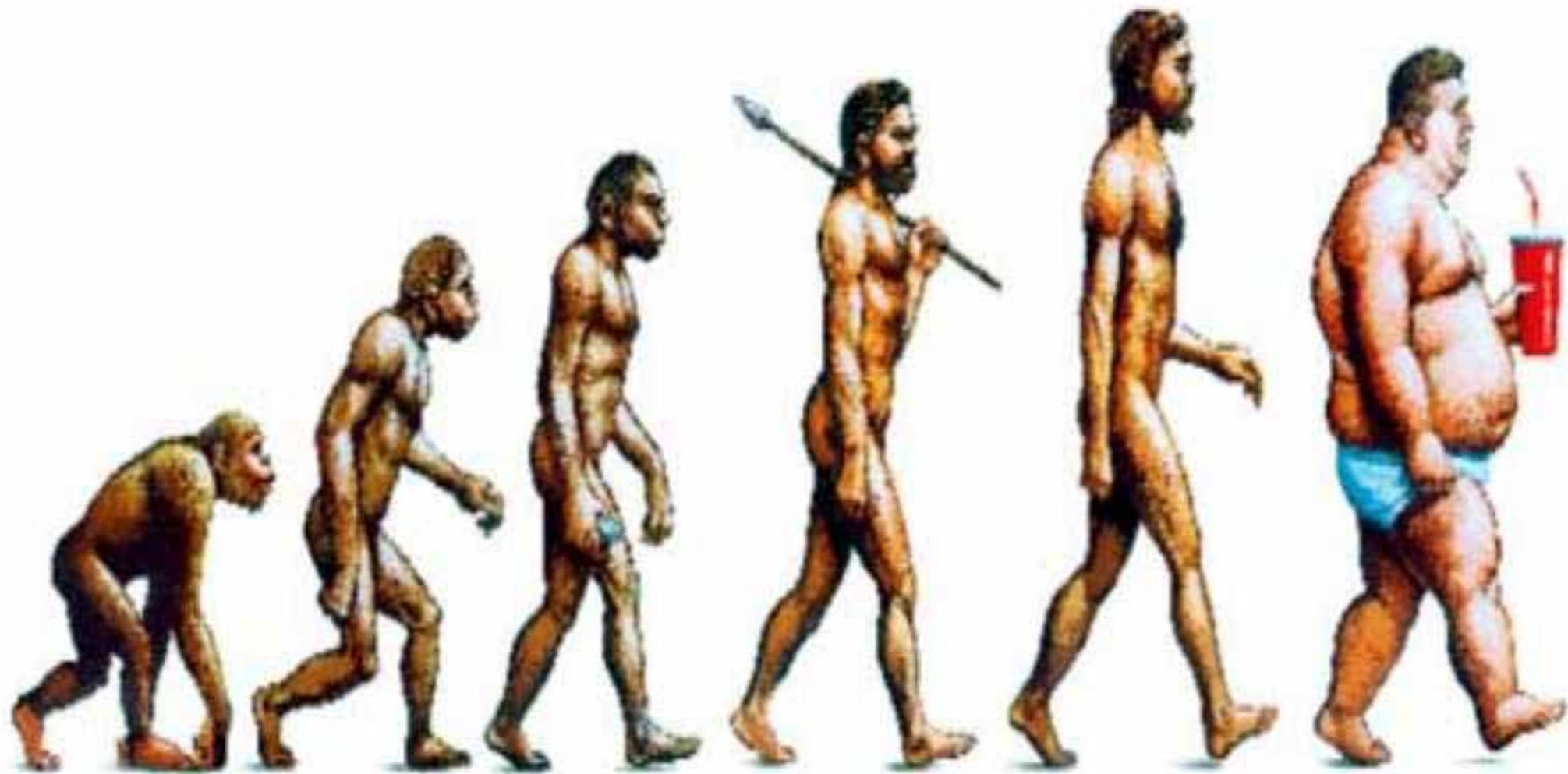
We eat more calories than we need and store them as fat

An excess of 50 kcal a day equates to 1kg/year weight gain

Once we have become overweight it is very hard to reverse



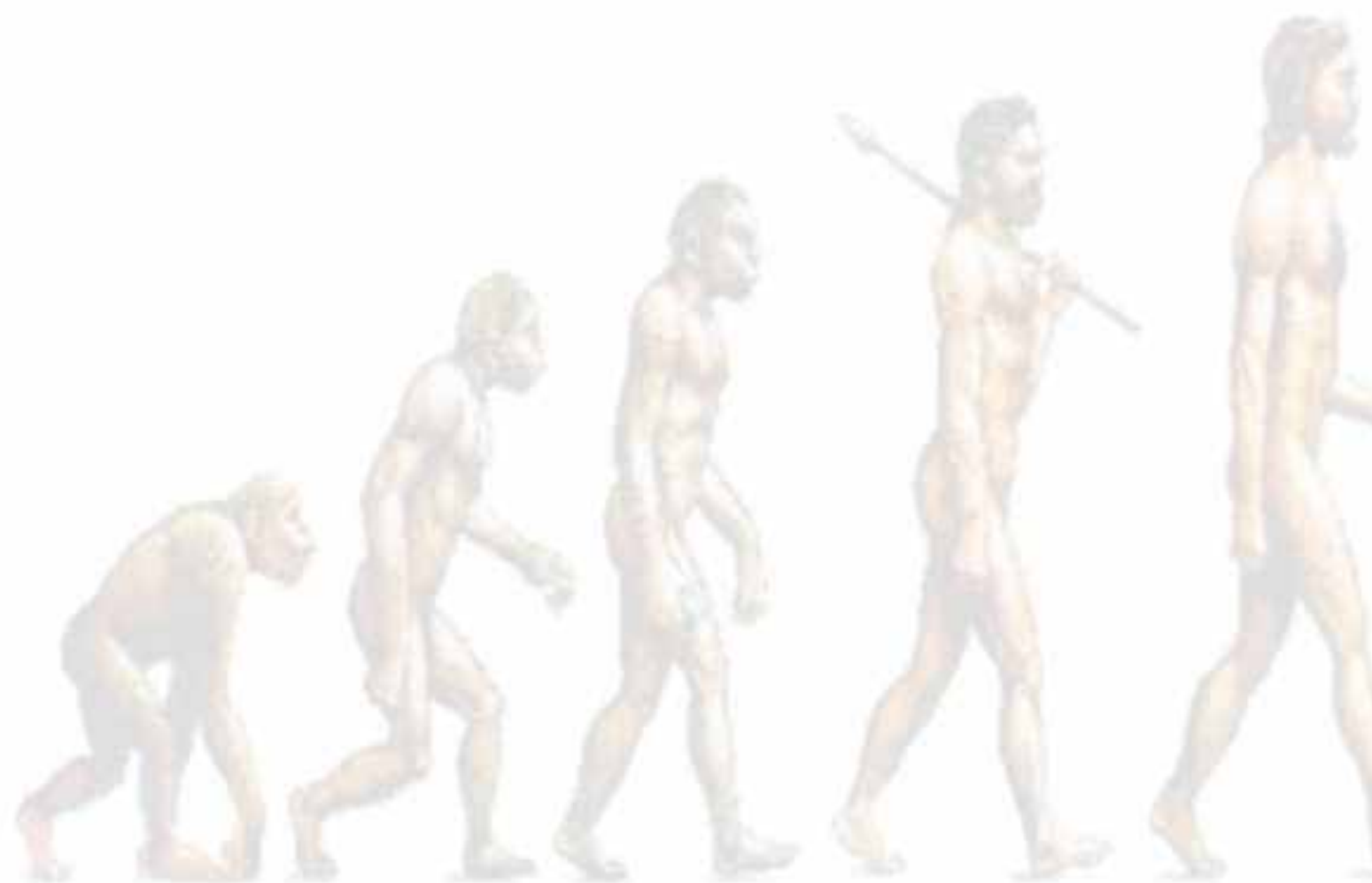
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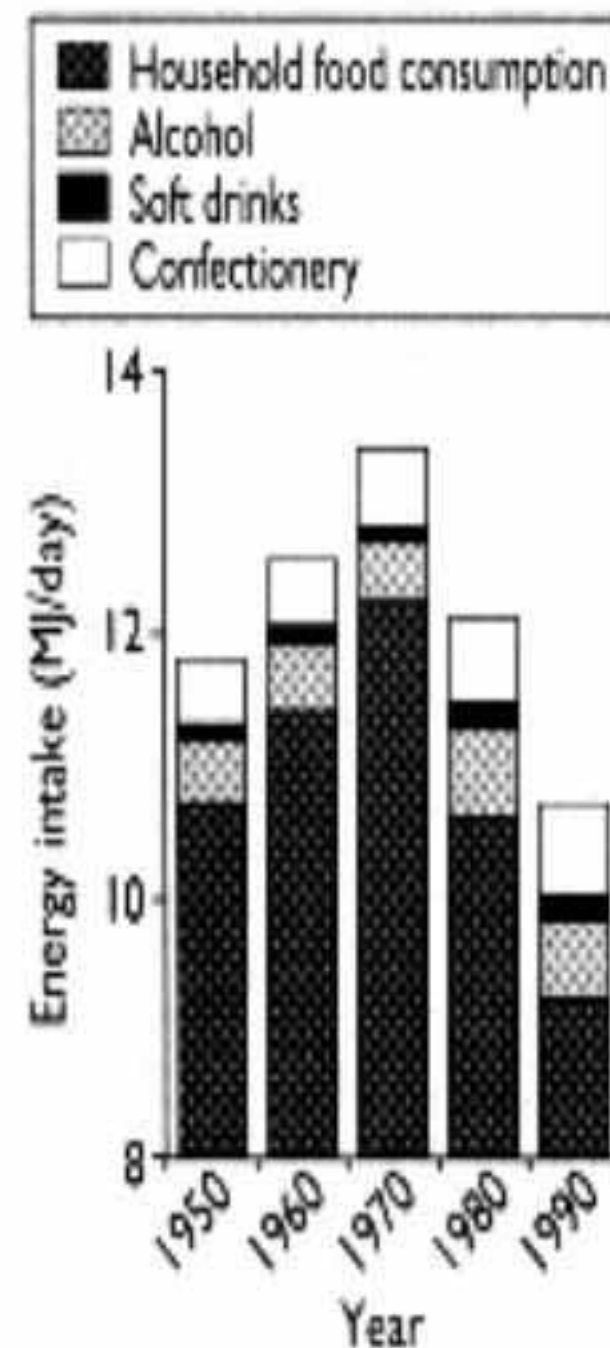


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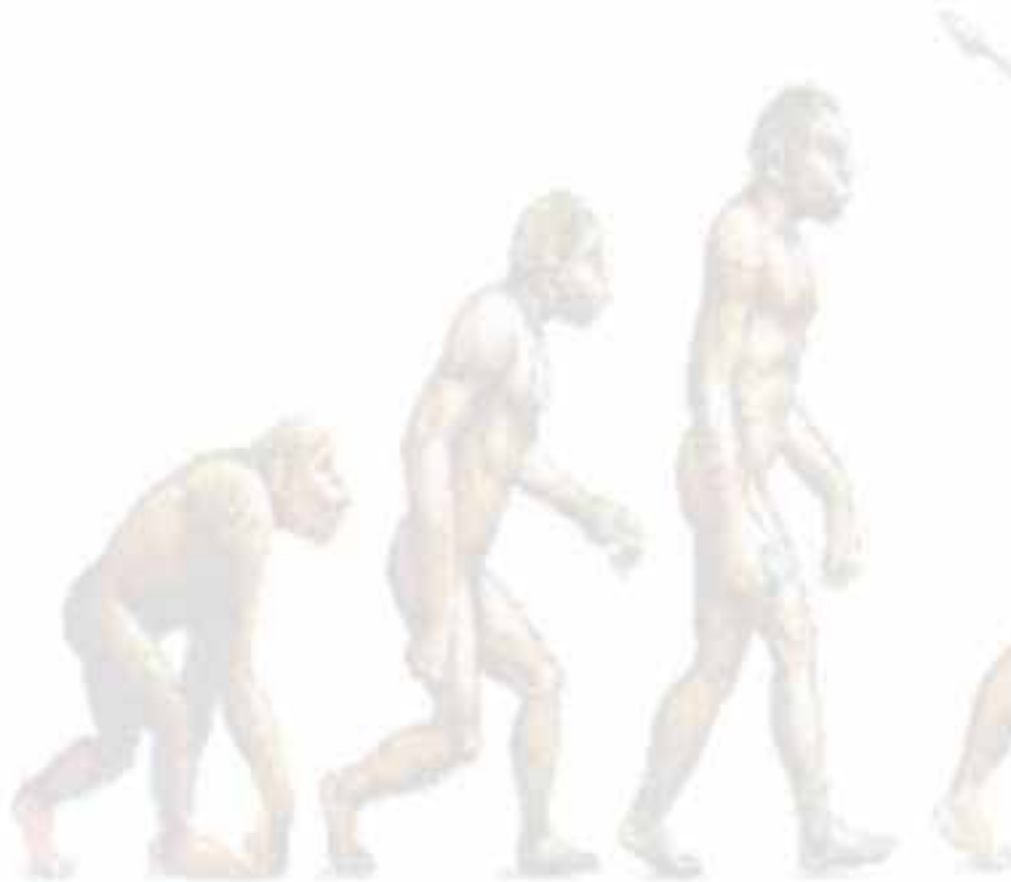
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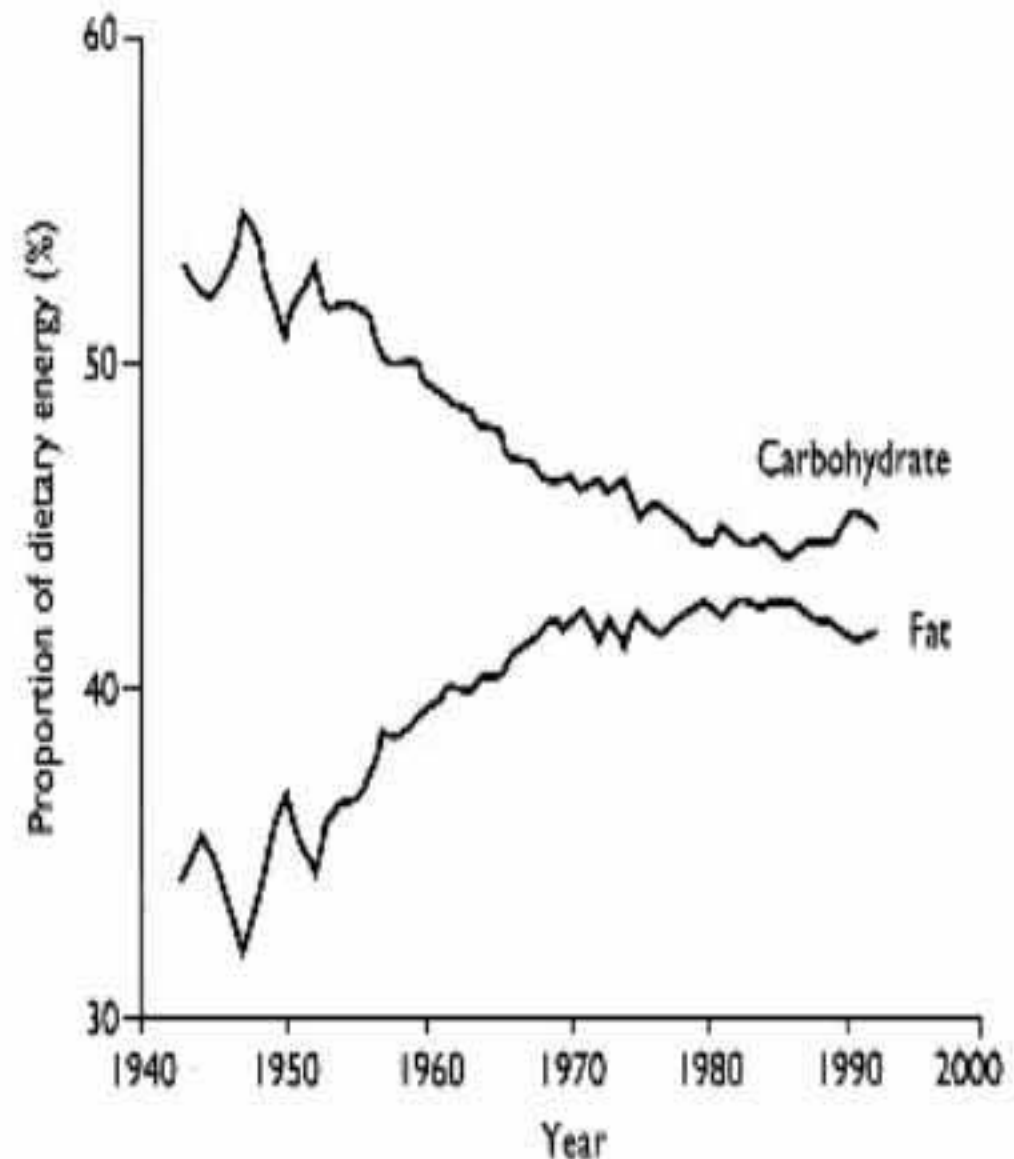
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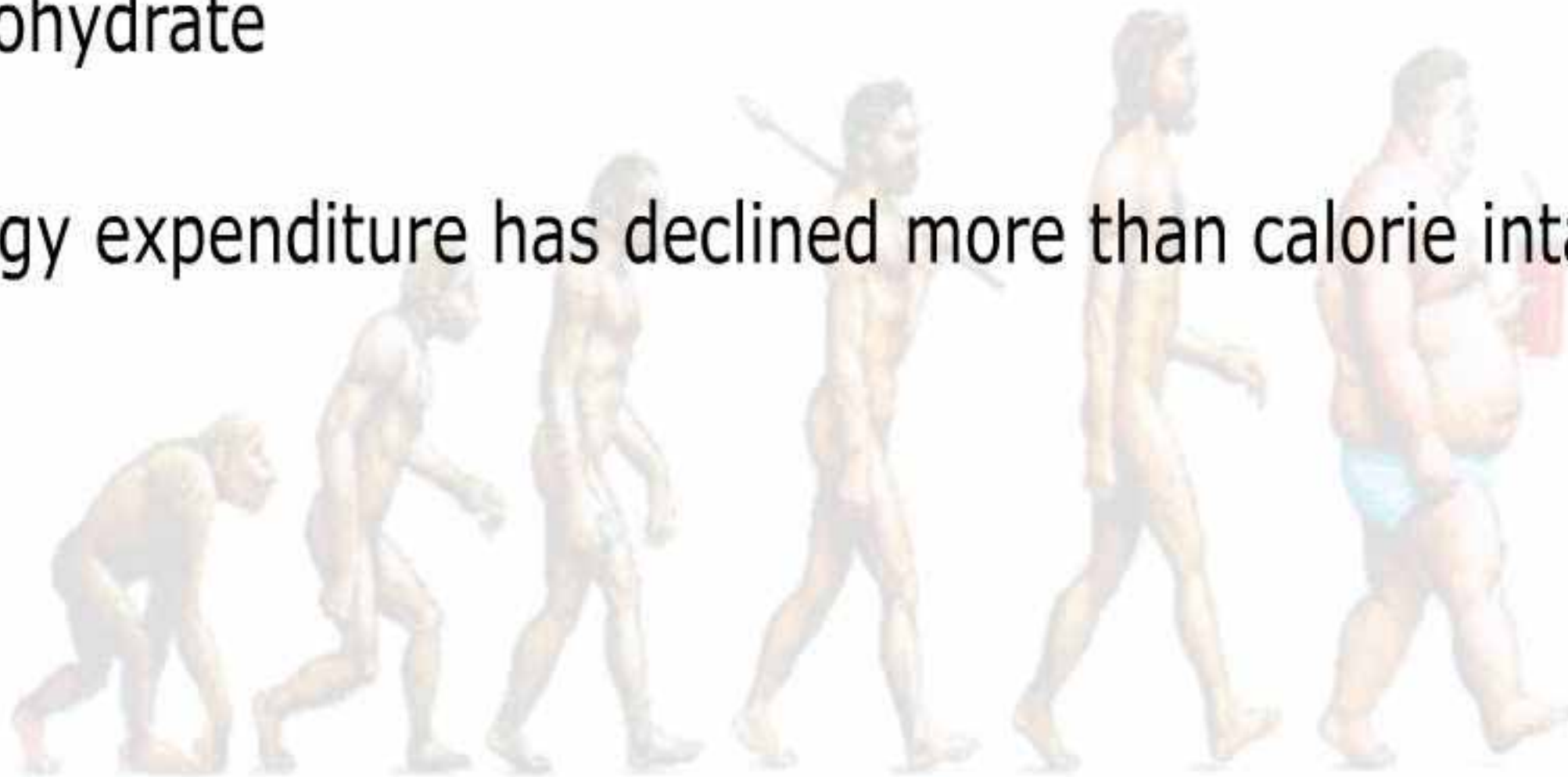


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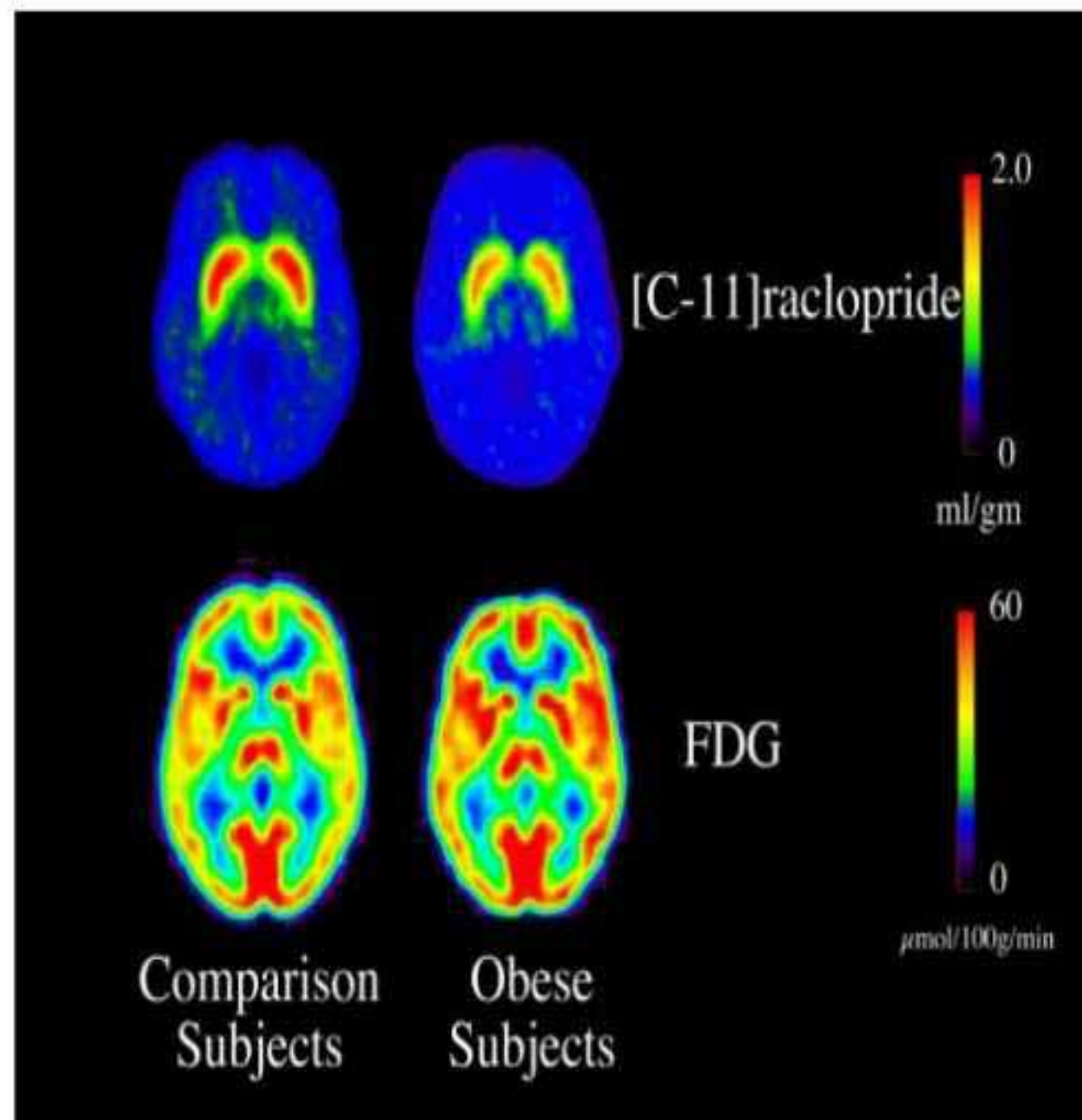
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Energy expenditure has declined more than calorie intake



## Food and pleasure

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If you are obese you need to eat more to get pleasure from food



# The power of advertising and the celebrity cult

Table 5: Advertising spend across the top ten advertised food brands in the UK (2002)

	Spend (£'s)	% of Total
MCDONALDS – Fast-food restaurant	41,973,066	9.3%
COCA COLA, ORIGINAL COKE – Soft-drink	15,531,274	3.4%
KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN – Fast-food restaurant	15,140,219	3.3%
BURGER KING – Fast-food restaurant	11,168,498	2.5%
PIZZA HUT – Fast-food restaurant	9,357,014	2.1%
COCA COLA, DIET COKE – Soft-drink	7,395,695	1.6%
PRINGLES, CRISPS – Savoury-snack	6,700,914	1.5%
KIT-KAT, CHOCOLATE BAR – Confectionery	6,469,021	1.4%
WEETABIX – Breakfast Cereal	6,366,666	1.4%
KELLOGG'S, CORN FLAKES – Breakfast Cereal	6,263,369	1.4%
TOTAL (all food brands)*	451,956,091	

Source: A C Nielsen cited in the Hastings Report (see below) 2003



# The power of advertising and the celebrity cult

Report by the University of Strathclyde for the Food Standards Agency in September 2003

There is a lot of food advertising aimed directly at children

The advertised diet is less healthy than that recommended

Parents give in too easily !



FOOD  
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# Children's food advertising

Most children's food advertising concentrates on 'fun' and 'taste', rather than on health or nutrition



The image is a screenshot of the McDonald's UK website. At the top left is the McDonald's logo. To its right is a navigation bar with links: **EAT SMART** (on a green background), **BE ACTIVE**, **KIDS ZONE**, **WHAT'S ON**, **GOOD WORKS**, **CAREERS**, and **CONTACT US**. Below the navigation bar, on the left, is a vertical list of menu categories in green boxes: **OUR SECRETS**, **SALADS PLUS™**, **SANDWICHES**, **BREAKFAST**, **TREAT YOURSELF**, **MCDONALD'S HAPPY MEAL™**, **MCDONALD'S POUND SAVER MENU™**, **NUTRITION COUNTER**, and **INGREDIENTS LIST**. In the center is a large photo of a young boy smiling and eating a french fry. To the right of the boy, the text **happy meals for happy kids** is displayed in purple and pink. Below this text, it says: "The McDonald's Happy Meal™ provides a choice of fun and tasty food and drinks that your children will love!". To the right of the boy's photo is a circular logo for the Happy Meal, featuring the McDonald's logo and the words "happy meal" in colorful, playful letters. At the bottom of the page, there are four images of Happy Meal components, each with a label below it: **fish fingers** (image of three golden-brown fish fingers), **fries** (image of a paper cone filled with french fries), **organic milk** (image of a carton of McDonald's "fresh organic semi-skimmed milk" featuring a cartoon cow), and **cheeseburger** (image of a McDonald's cheeseburger with cheese and tomato slices).



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The dominance of animation as a creative device illustrates this tendency

Fast-food advertising tends not to describe the product advertised but focuses on the experience of the meal and the brand



# Children's food advertising

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There is strong evidence that food promotion influences which foods and brands children buy

The average purchasing power of children has increased

About half is spent on sweets and snacks



# Stress and depression



**"I'm on a low-carb diet.  
Whenever I feel low, I eat carbs!"**

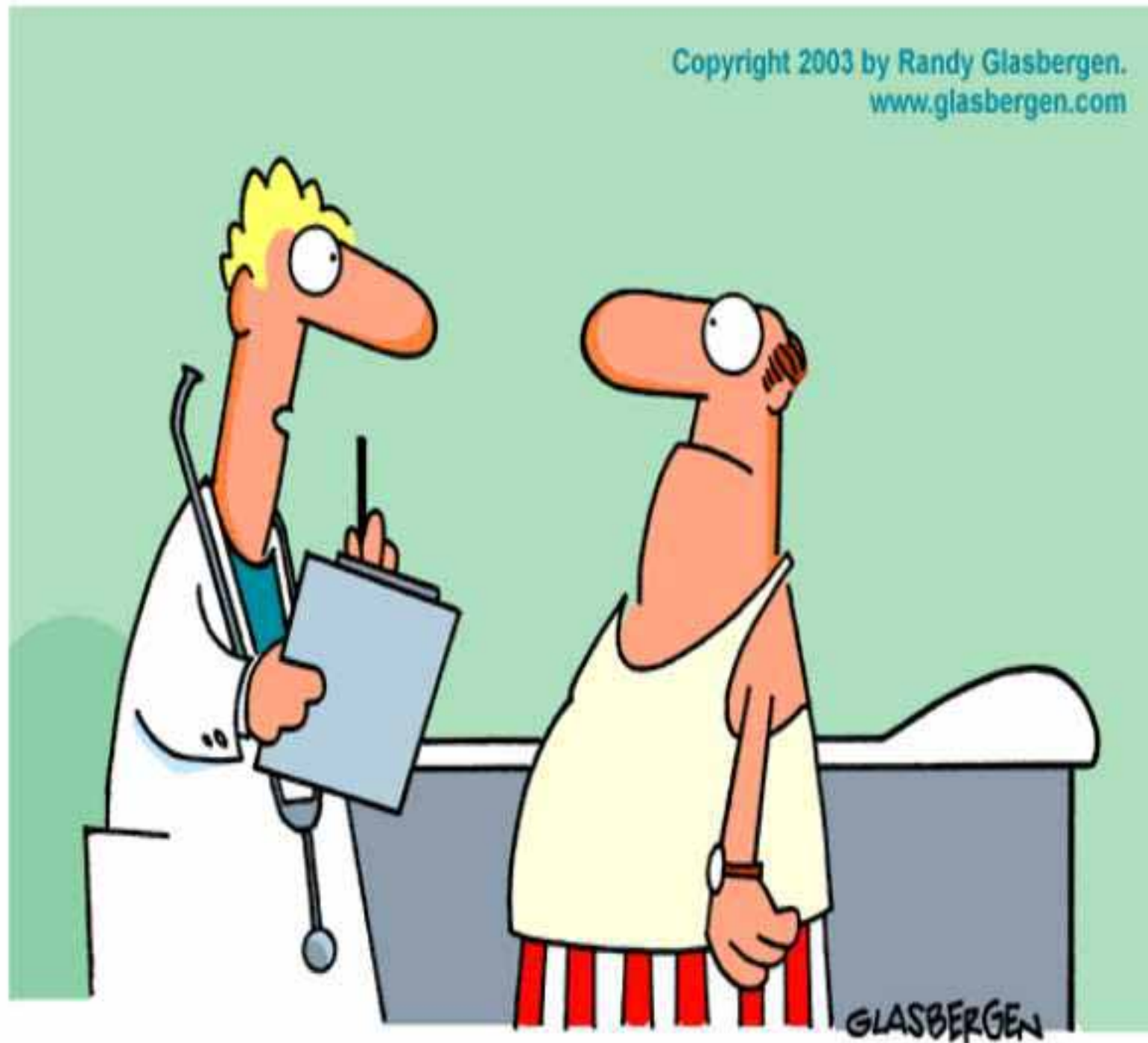


# Stress and depression

Increased levels of stress and depression – comfort food



# Decreased levels of physical exercise

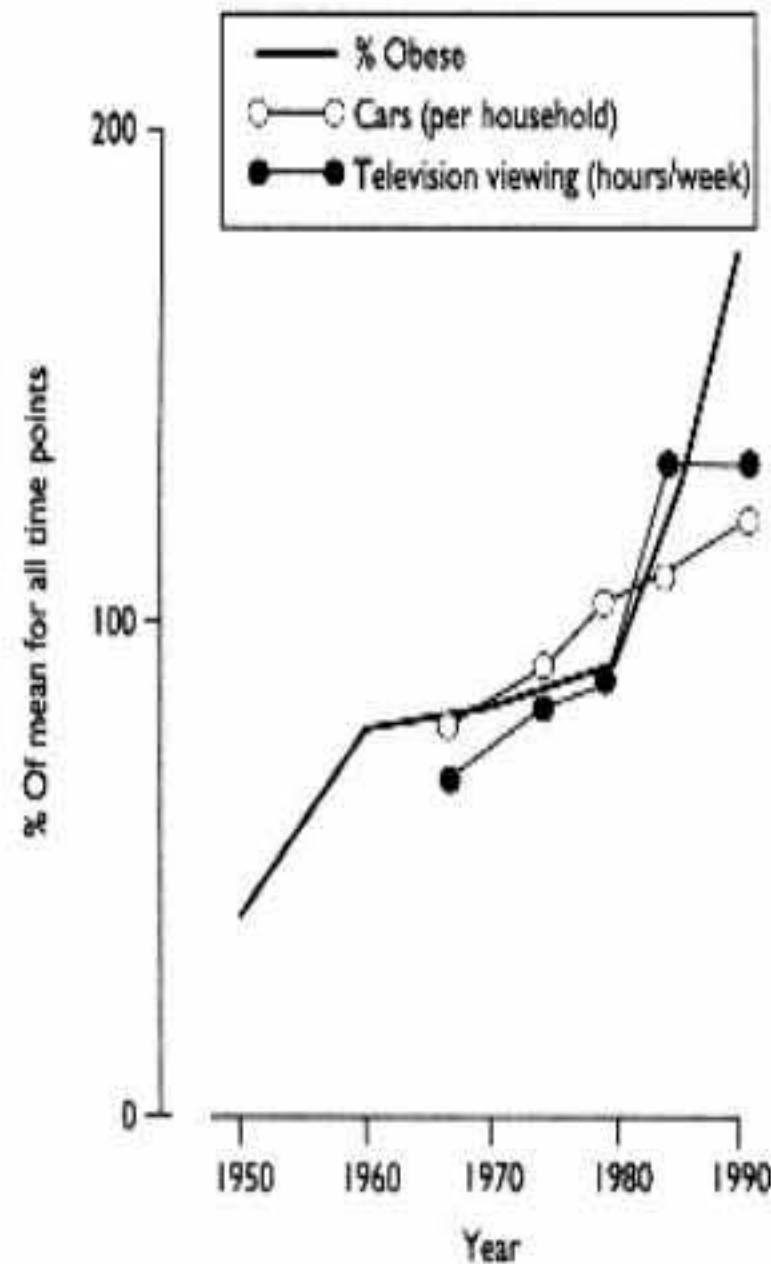


**“What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?”**



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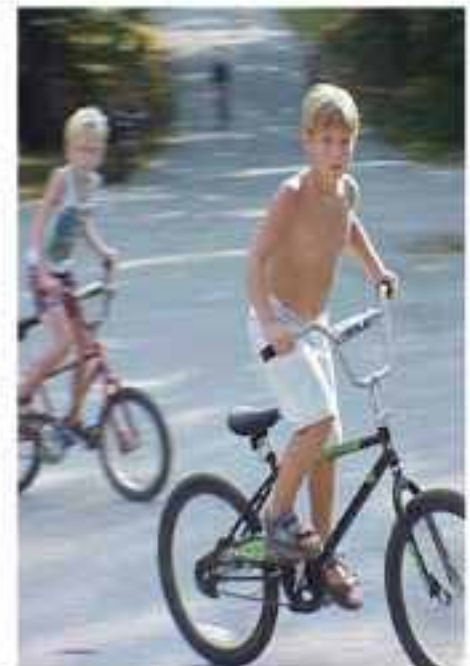
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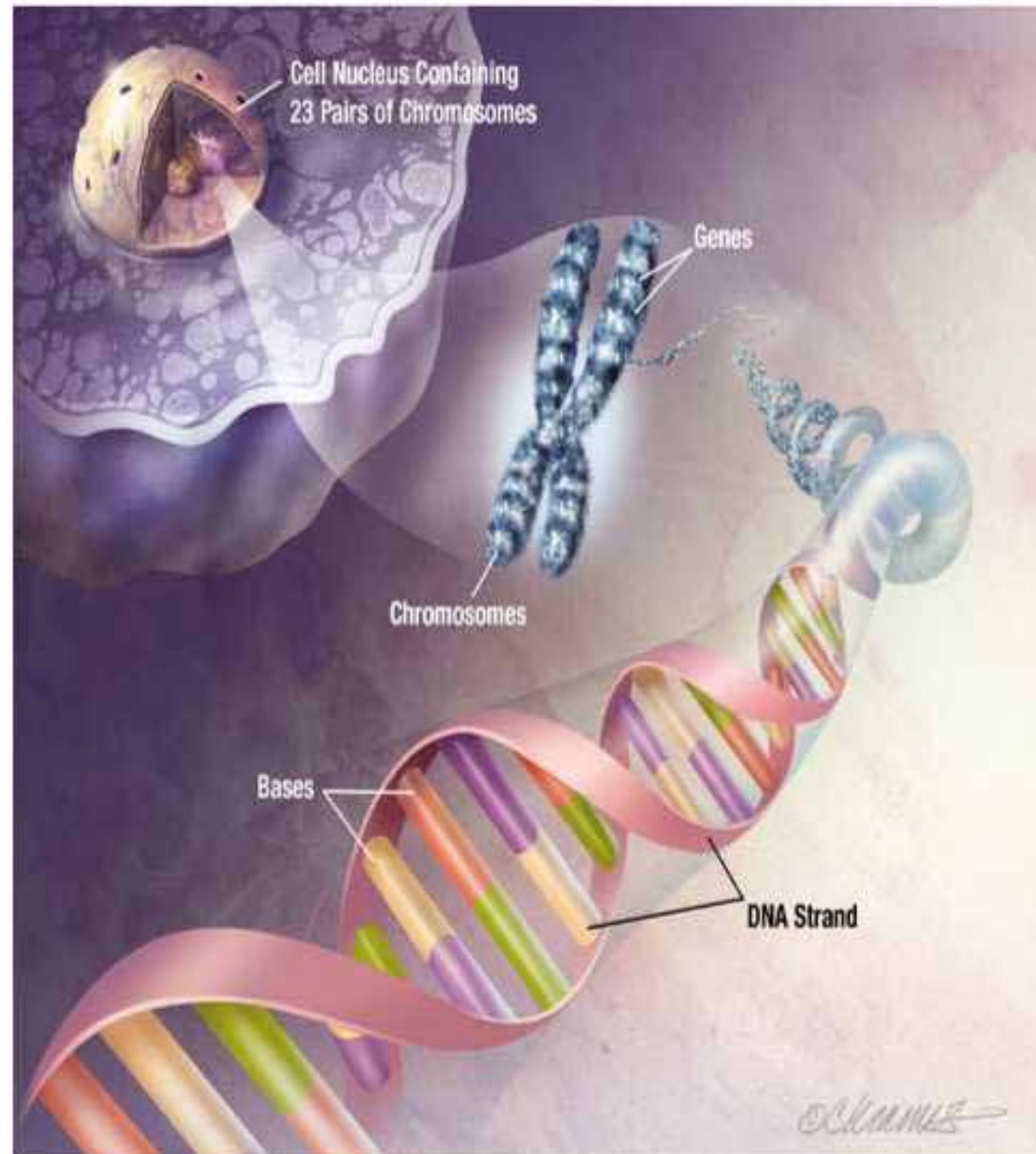
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Few children walk or ride bicycles to school



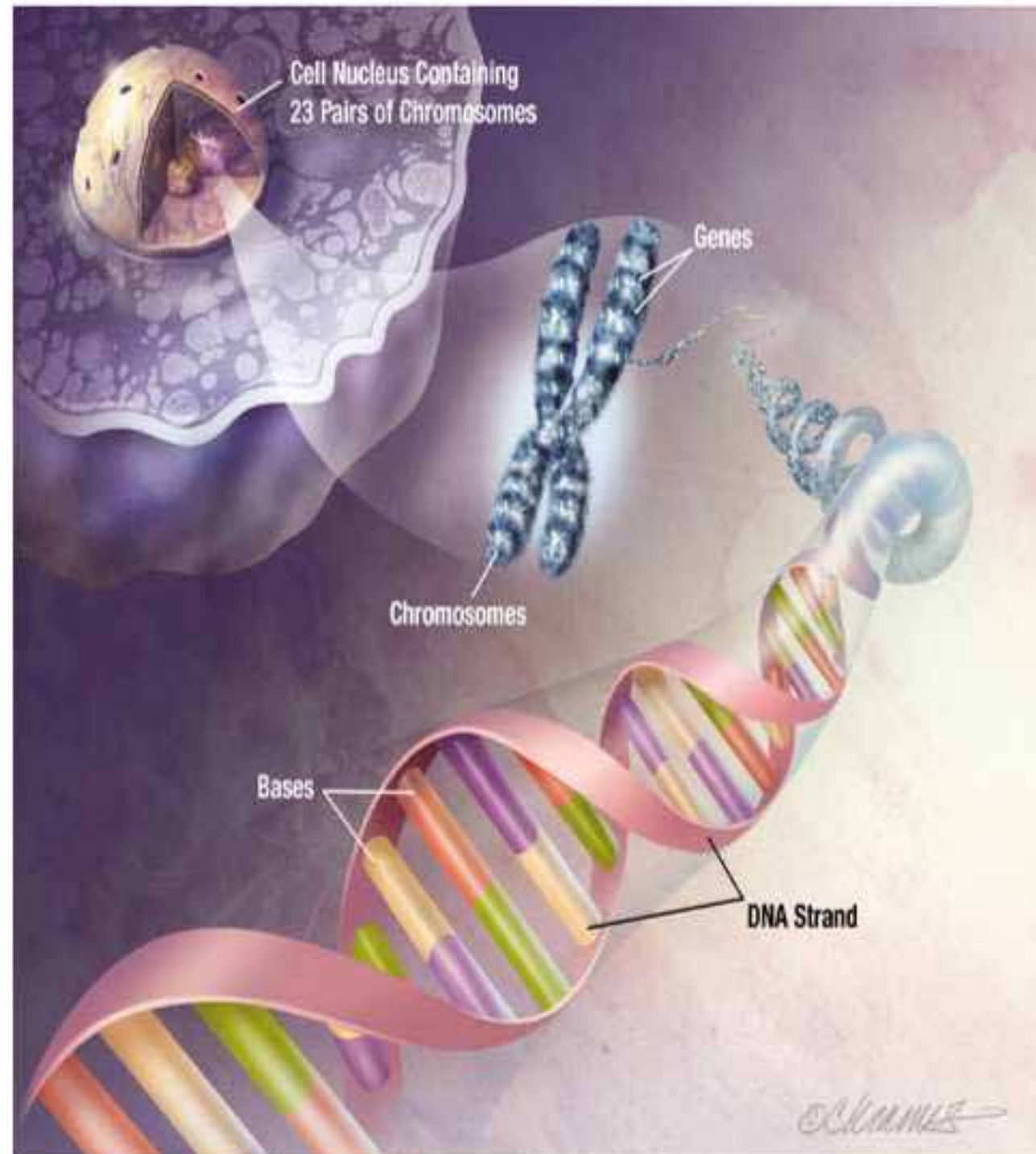
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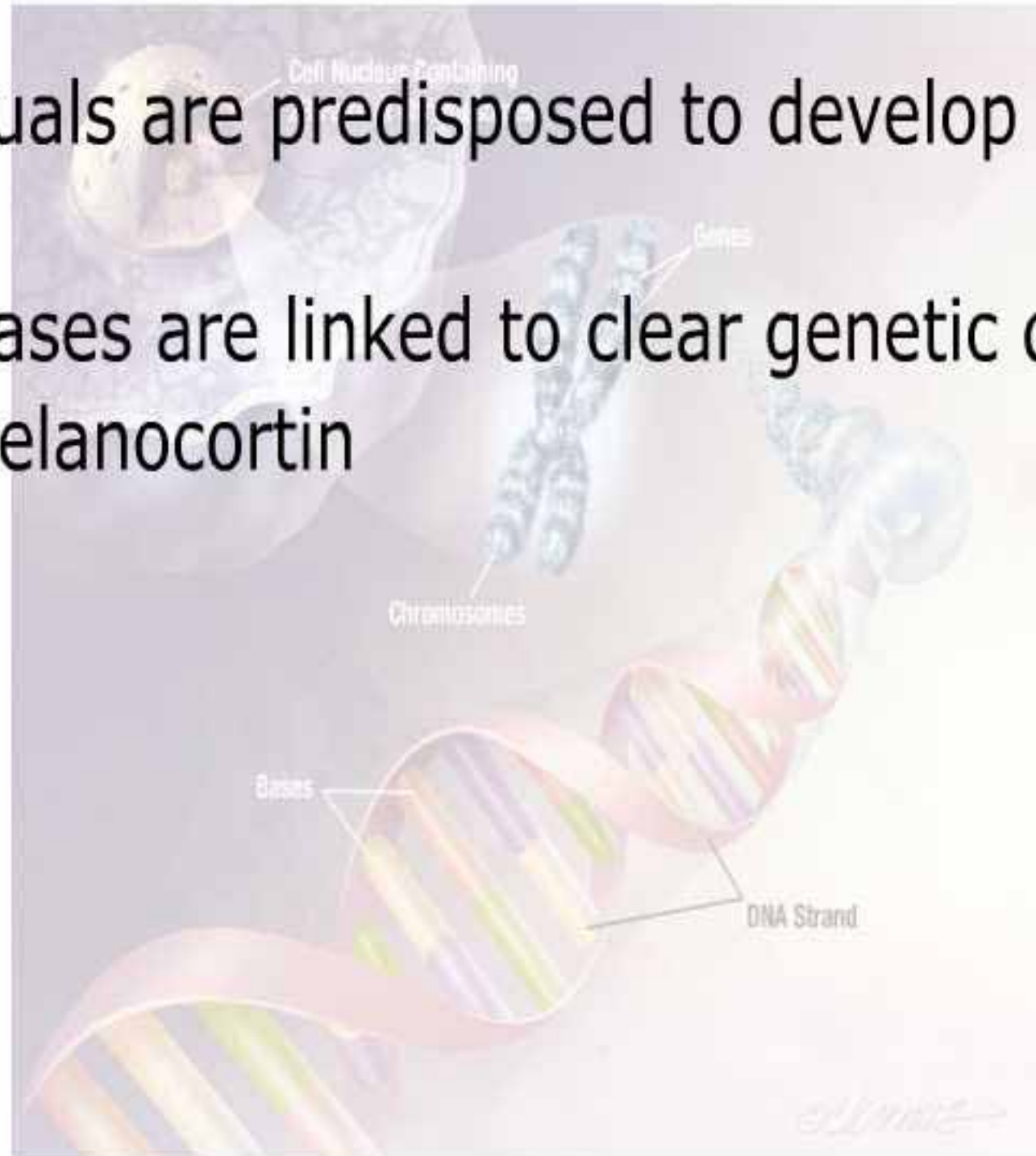


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Some individuals are predisposed to develop more fat cells

Only 5% of cases are linked to clear genetic disorder  
- leptin or melanocortin



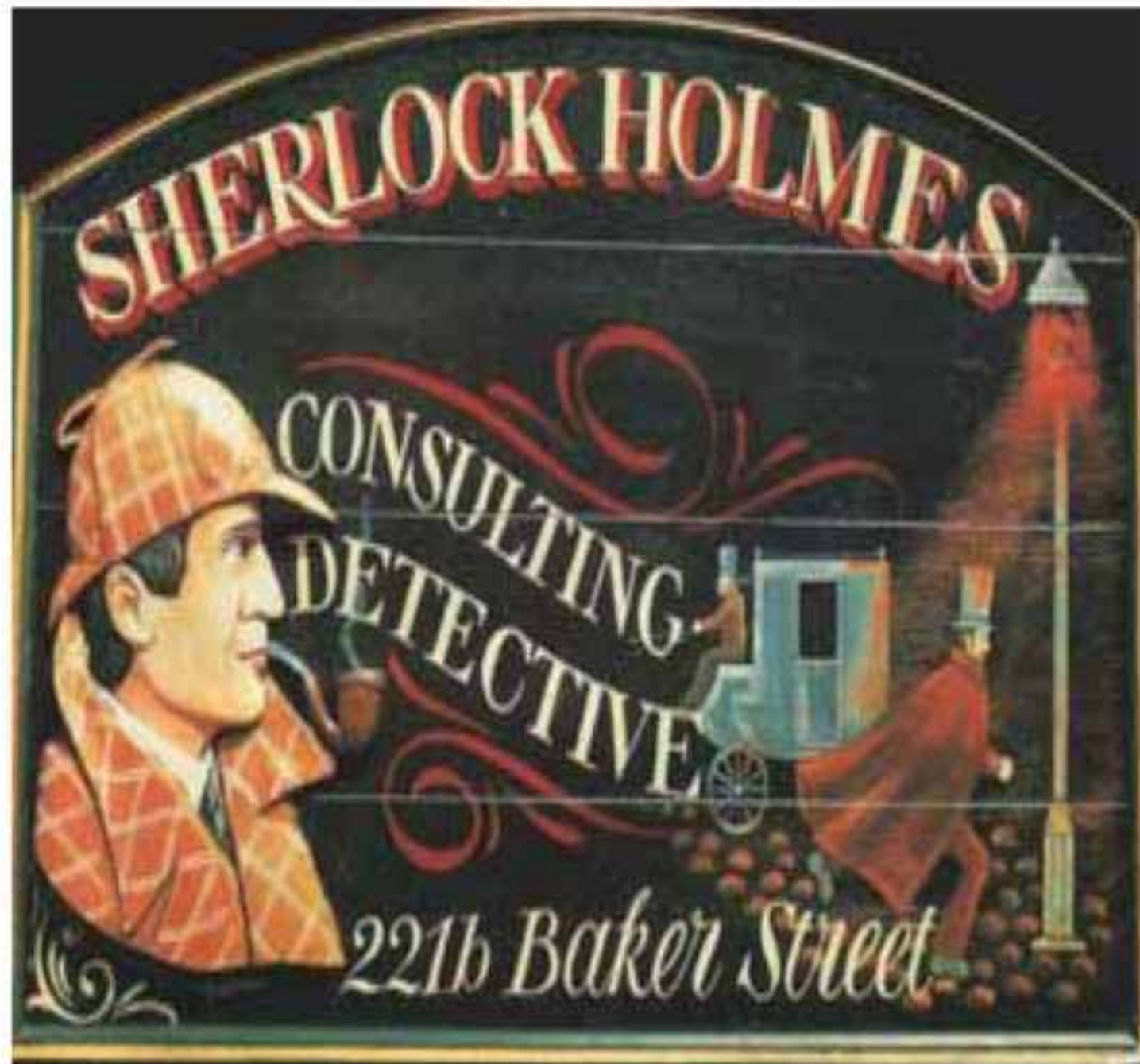


# Is the problem down to genes or environment ?

The evolutionary concept of 'thrifty genes'



Do we want a solution, and where can we find one ?







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The size of the diet industry around the world says  
“yes we want a solution”

Americans are estimated to  
spend around \$40 billion a year  
trying to lose weight



**The Right Fat Diet™**

Wholesome greens, fiber, enzymes,  
probiotics and essential fatty acids.



Do we want a solution, and where can we find one ?

Dieting is not necessarily a recognition of the health risks of obesity but that many cultures equate beauty with thinness



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Yo-yo dieting can impair your immune system

**BRIDGET  
JONES**  
**THE EDGE OF REASON**  
SAME BRIDGET. BRAND NEW DIARY.



# Dieting

Despite large amounts of hype associated with many of these diets they all do the same thing:

Significantly reduce your caloric intake...

....even the famous Atkins diet





# Dieting

At the end of a diet people tend to resume their original bad habits

Diets can also cause muscle loss

A better approach is to adapt your routine diet slightly



## Anti-obesity drugs

A wonder fat-busting drug is simply not on the horizon

Best expectation at present is a modest 5-10% weight loss in 50% of patients

This is enough to significantly reduce increased health risks



# Anti-obesity drugs

## Orlistat (Xenical)



Inhibits pancreatic lipases and blocks absorption of around one-third of fat consumed

Can cause mild to moderate gastrointestinal upset

## Anti-obesity drugs

Sibutramine  
(Meridia, Reductil)



Inhibits noradrenaline, serotonin and dopamine re-uptake in the brain and seems to act by reducing hunger cravings

Side effects include increased blood pressure, insomnia, constipation and a dry mouth



# Anti-obesity drugs

## Metformin



Improves glucose utilisation by raised sensitivity to insulin

Prescribed for T2 diabetes and polycystic ovarian syndrome

## Anti-obesity drugs

### Rimonabant (Accomplia)



Cannabinoid receptor blocker - claimed to offer combined therapy for obesity, drinking and smoking



# Bariatric surgery



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For treatment of morbid obesity surgery has the best success but carries significant risk

Patients can lose 70% of excess weight in 6-12 months

Weight loss is maintained for over 14 years

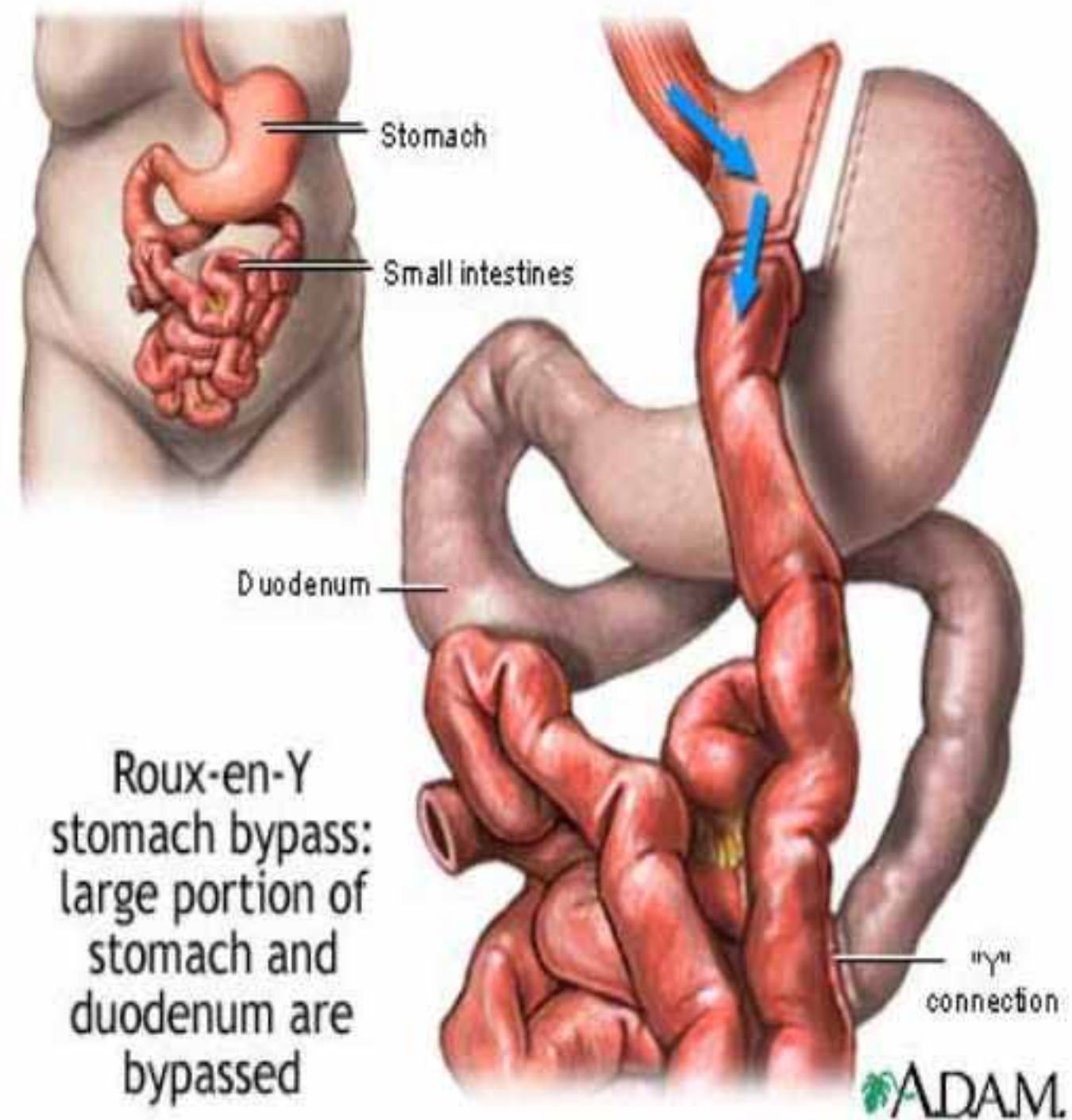




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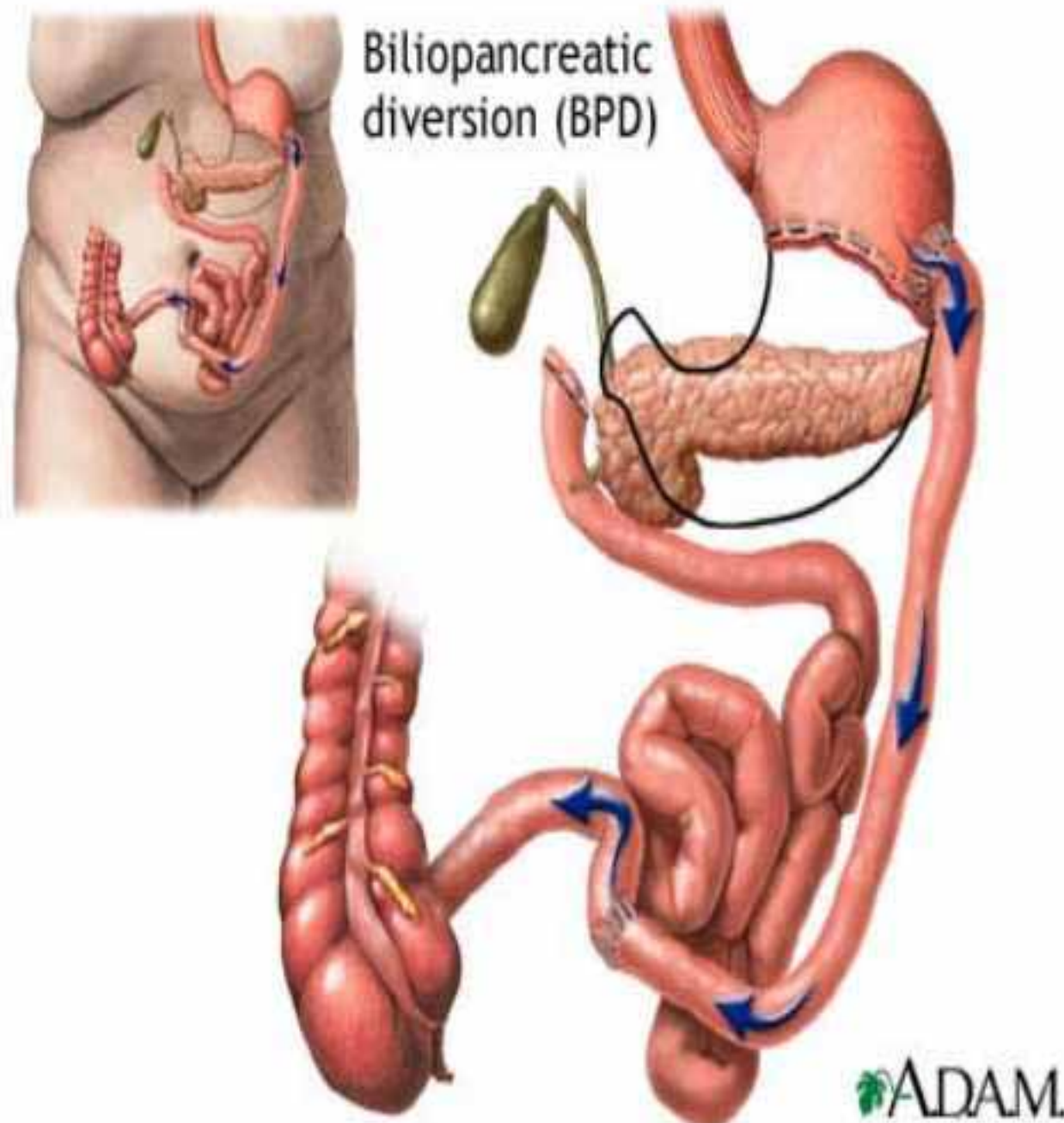
## Roux-en-Y gastric bypass

Reduces the size of the stomach so individuals feel full quickly and vomit if they overeat



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Another approach used is to shorten the intestine to decrease nutrient absorption





# Bariatric surgery

Last year there were 100,000 operations in the USA but only 200 on the NHS in the UK



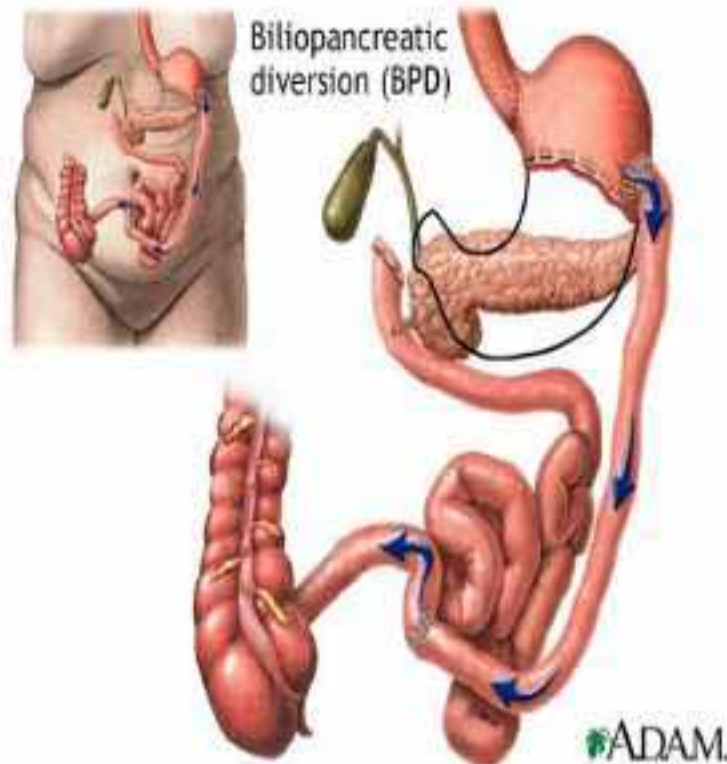
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House of Commons  
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## Obesity

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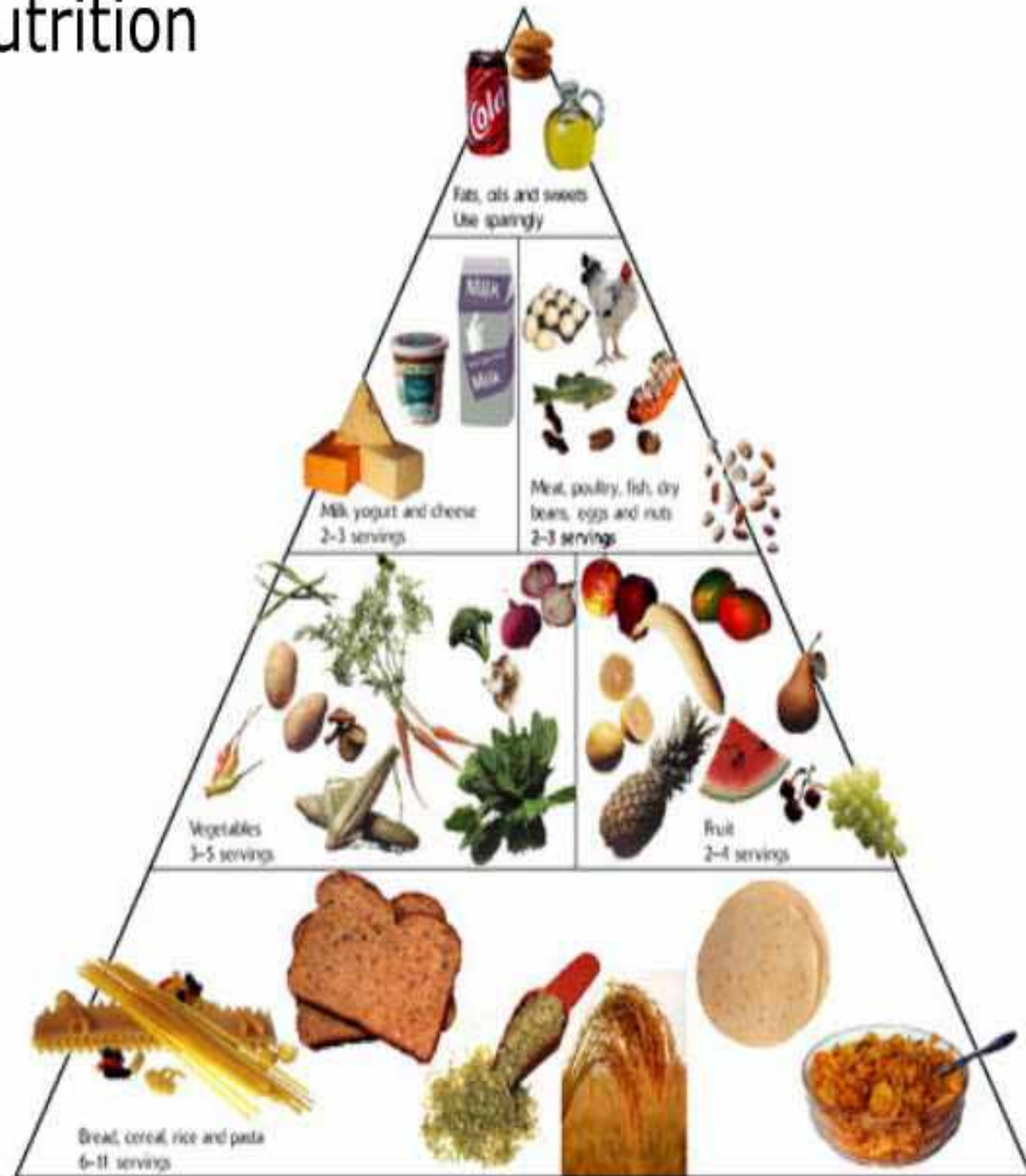
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# Government intervention is essential:

## Better education: Nutrition



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How to prepare meals from basic ingredients

Required by both  
children and adults







## Government intervention is essential:

Better food labelling: No more small print !

Simple visual guide to calorie and nutritional content

Traffic light system: Red = bad; amber = OK; green = good

Total:	Snack	Meal
Calories	xx Kcal	xx Kcal
Fat	xx gm	xx gm
Protein	xx gm	xx gm
Sugar	xx gm	xx gm
Salt	xx gm	xx gm





# Government intervention is essential:

## Better information: On content of prepared meals


Nutritional information			
	Per Meal Microwaved provides:	As sold 100g provides:	Ingredients
Energy	950k / 230kcal (Calories)	320k / 76kcal	Chunky Chicken Casserole with Vegetables: (Water, Vegetables (20%) (Peas, Carrots)*, Chicken (10%) (Contains Salt), Sweetcorn (10%), Tomato Purée (1%), Onions (1%), Maize Starch, Wheat Flour, Natural Flavouring, Caramelised Sugar, Salt, Reduced Sodium Salt, Yeast Extract), Potato Wedges: 29% (Potatoes, Sunflower Oil)
Protein	15.0g	5.1g	
Carbohydrate	32.0g	10.7g	
(of which sugars)	4.5g	1.5g	
Fat	4.2g	1.4g	
(of which saturates)	0.6g	0.2g	
Fibre	4.8g	1.6g	
Sodium	0.4g	0.1g	

# Government intervention is essential:

Better information: On content of prepared meals

Better menus in fast-food outlets

Food: facts and figures  
Updated May 2004



our food

MENU ITEM	ENERGY		PROTEIN		CARBOHYDRATE		SUGARS		SATURATES									
	(Kjoules)	(Kcalories)	(grams)		(grams)		(grams)		(grams)		(grams)		(grams)		(grams)		(grams)	
	Per Portion	Per 100g	Per Portion	Per 100g	Per Portion	Per 100g	Per Portion	Per 100g	Per Portion	Per 100g	Per Portion	Per 100g	Per Portion	Per 100g	Per Portion	Per 100g	Per Portion	Per 100g
Bacon and Egg McMuffin	1451	1027	346	245	20.0	14.2	26.1	18.5	1.1	0.8	18.0	12.8	8.9	6.3	1.9	1.3	2	1.5
Double Bacon and Egg McMuffin	1722	1110	412	265	24.5	15.8	26.3	16.9	1.0	0.7	23.2	14.9	11.0	7.1	1.9	1.2	2.5	1.75
Big Breakfast	2468	965	591	231	26.2	10.2	39.8	15.6	1.4	0.6	36.3	14.2	13.4	5.3	4.0	1.6	2.75	1
Big Breakfast Bun	2385	984	571	236	31.6	13.0	36.5	15.1	5.0	2.1	32.2	13.3	11.9	4.9	2.1	0.9	3.5	1.5
Egg McMuffin	1180	927	281	221	15.5	12.2	25.9	20.4	1.1	0.9	12.8	10.1	6.8	5.3	2.5	3.2	1.25	1
Hash Brown	577	1034	138	247	1.4	2.5	15.8	28.3	0.2	0.3	7.7	13.8	1.7	3.1	1.7	3.1	1	2
McBacon Roll	1466	1202	349	286	16.5	13.5	37.3	30.5	4.8	4.0	14.0	11.5	3.8	3.1	2.1	1.7	2.5	2
English Muffin (Buttered)	665	1056	157	250	5.4	8.6	25.7	40.7	0.8	1.3	3.7	5.9	2.0	3.2	1.9	2.9	0.5	0.75
English Muffin (Buttered) and Preserve	991	1066	234	252	5.5	5.9	44.7	48.1	19.8	21.3	3.7	4.0	2.0	2.2	1.9	2.0	0.5	0.5
Pancakes and Sausage	2838	1095	678	262	14.0	5.4	87.7	33.8	58.0	22.4	28.1	10.8	12.7	4.9	1.2	0.5	1.25	0.5
Pancakes and Syrup	2232	1066	532	254	5.1	2.4	87.7	41.9	57.8	27.6	15.9	7.6	8.2	3.9	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.25
Sausage and Egg McMuffin	1786	1009	427	242	24.4	13.8	25.9	14.7	1.3	0.7	25.0	14.1	11.3	6.4	1.9	1.0	2.25	1.25
Double Sausage and Egg McMuffin	2391	1055	573	253	33.3	14.7	25.9	11.4	1.5	0.7	37.2	16.4	15.9	7.0	1.9	0.8	2.75	1.25



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Also in restaurants, schools and hospitals









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Going to the gym and playing sport can be positive social experiences too





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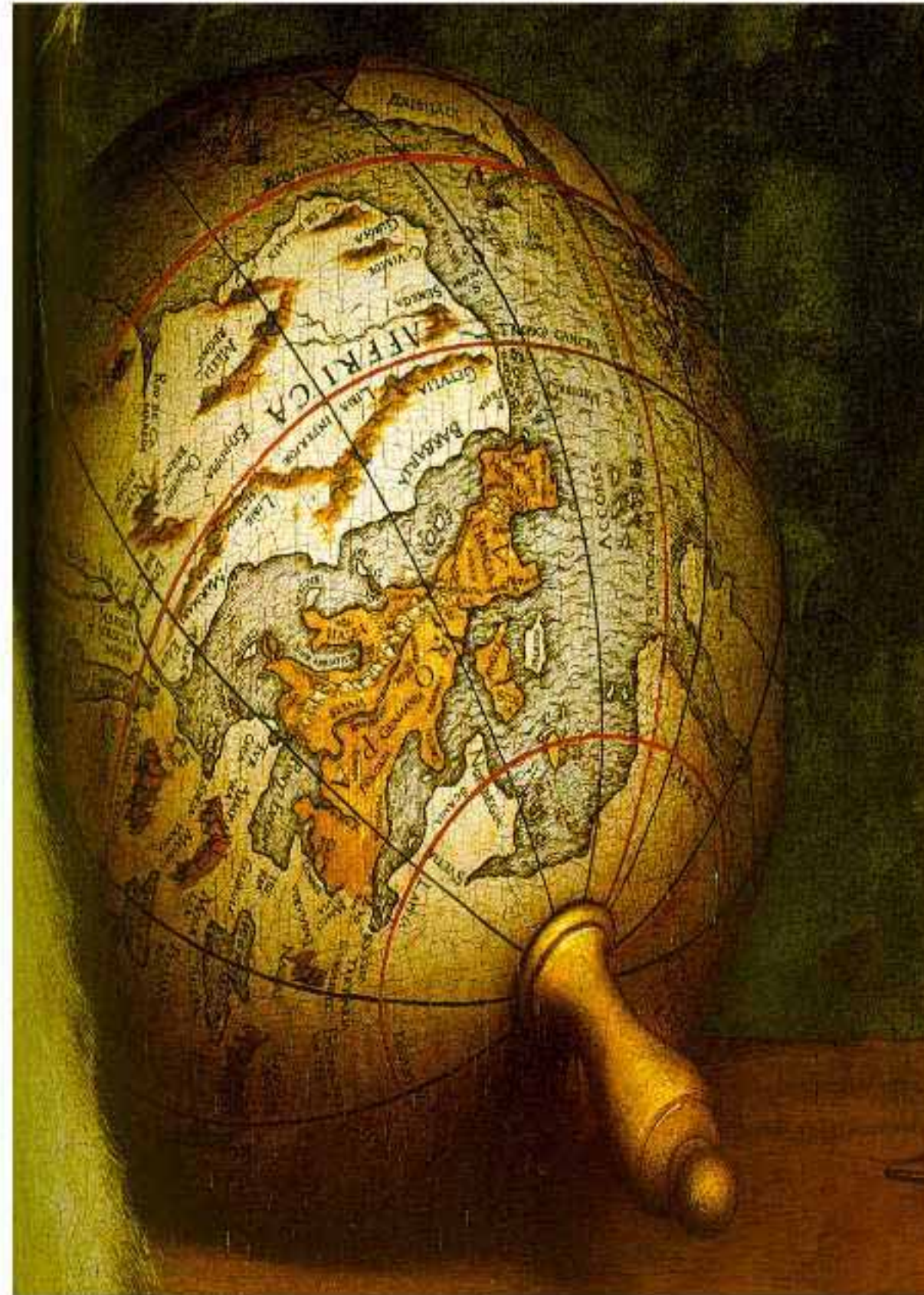
Try to do more active forms  
of routine tasks

Kcalories

Using TV remote control	<1
<b><i>Getting up to change TV channel</i></b>	<b>3</b>
Letting dog out of the back door	2
<b><i>Walking the dog, 30 minutes</i></b>	<b>125</b>
Using auto car wash	18
<b><i>Washing and waxing car, 1 hour</i></b>	<b>300</b>
Using a lift, 3 floors	<1
<b><i>Walking up 3 floors</i></b>	<b>15</b>
Sending email to colleague, 4 min	2
<b><i>Walking and talking to colleague, 4 min</i></b>	<b>6</b>
Shopping on-line, 1 hour	30
<b><i>Shopping, pushing trolley, 1 hour</i></b>	<b>200</b>
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# Global solution: reduce childhood obesity ?





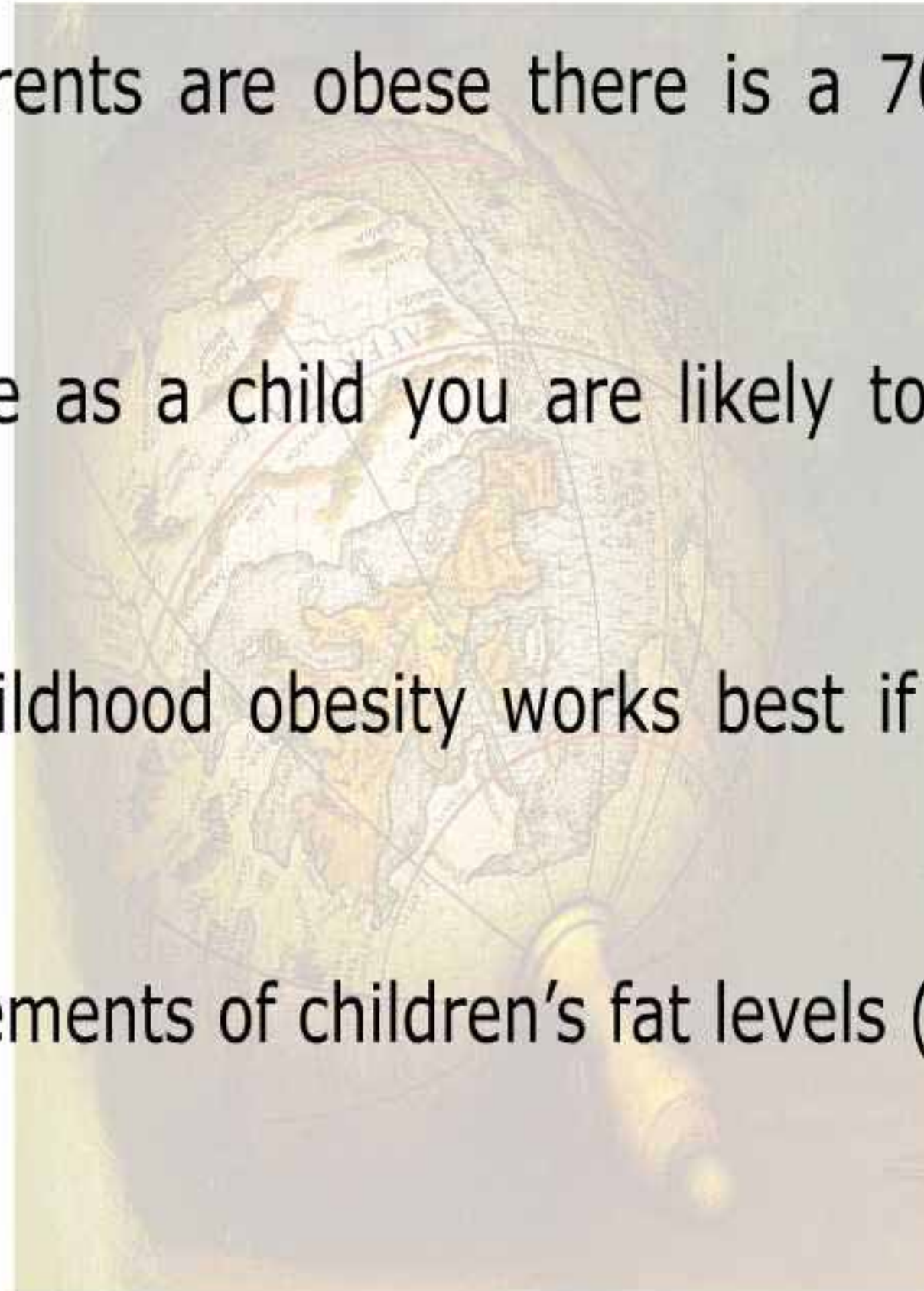
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If both your parents are obese there is a 70% likelihood you will be too

If you are obese as a child you are likely to have weight problems for life

Treatment of childhood obesity works best if whole family involved

Routine measurements of children's fat levels (BMI etc)



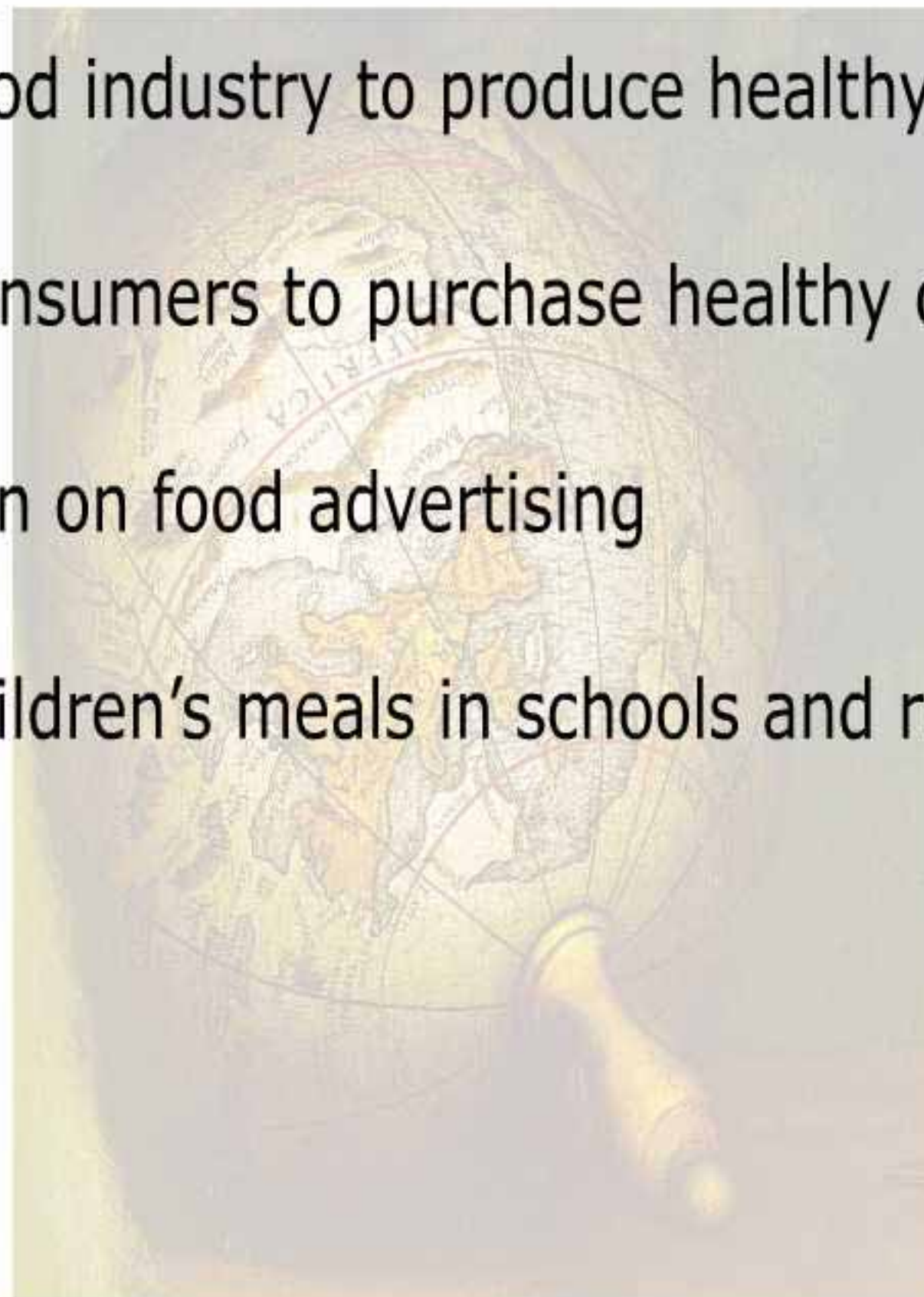
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Incentives for food industry to produce healthy options

Incentives for consumers to purchase healthy options

Tighter regulation on food advertising

Better quality children's meals in schools and restaurants





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Increase number of physical activity periods in school curriculum



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Obesity is caused by taking in more calories than we use

An extra 50 kcal a day will add a kilo that stays

We eat too much fat, salt and added sugar

Reduced activity is more responsible than increased calories



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Obesity is linked with heart disease, diabetes, cancer, osteo-arthritis, sleep apnea and psychological problems

Fat cells are hormone factories that in excess can damage health

Extra fat cells may be for life, not just for Christmas !

Dieting, surgery and drugs all have drawbacks

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Only effective National strategy requires Government intervention

Food industry needs encouragement to produce more healthy options

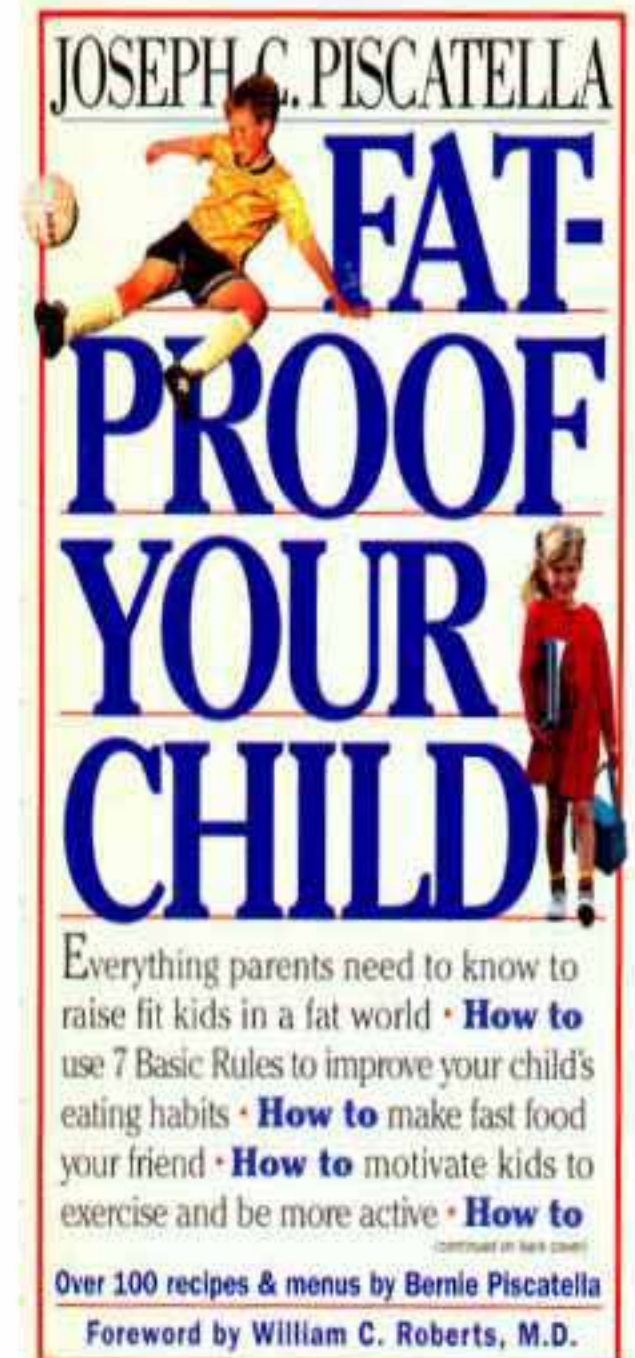
Food advertising needs better regulation

We need to get up and exercise more



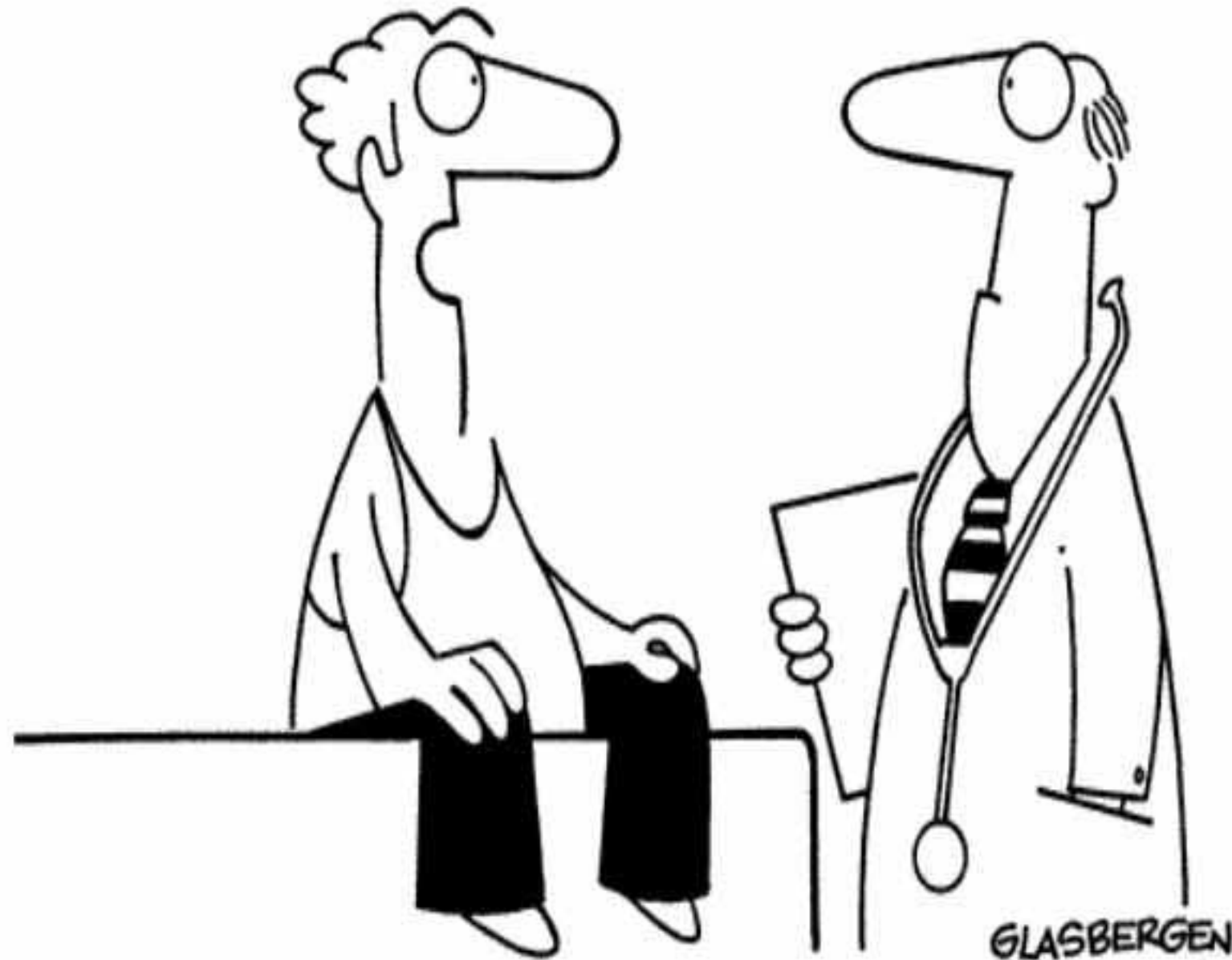
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The key battleground is dealing with childhood obesity



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