

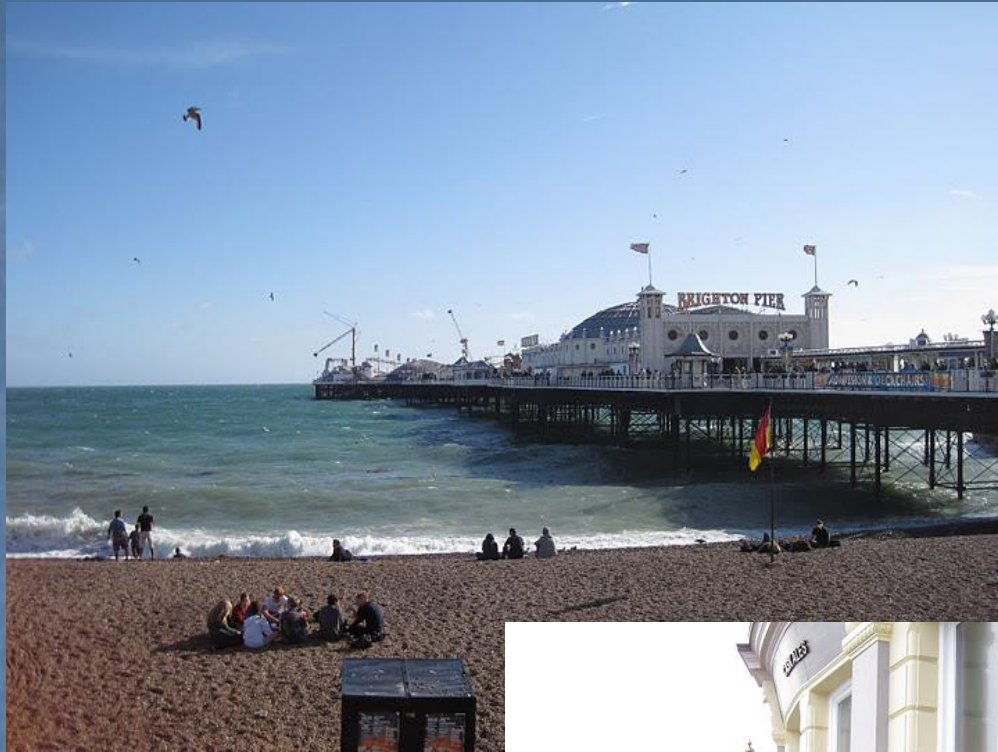
# Obesity

Beyond the „conservative“ approach

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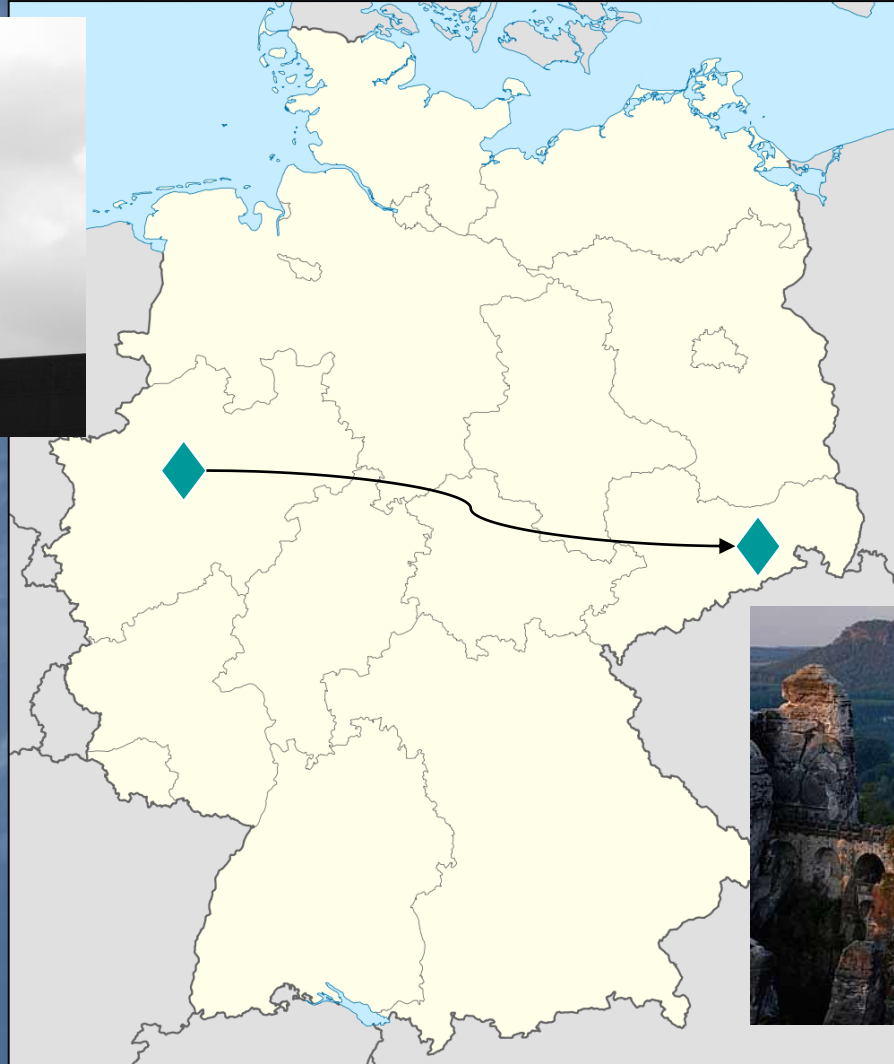
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# My way - from West to East





# Regulation of food intake

- Whether we are hungry or sated depends on a complex regulation on several levels within our body
- Attempts of medical influence on this regulation so far have not been successful



## Orbitofrontal Cortex

Information storage (taste, olfactory, sensoric und visual)

## Paralimbic Cortex (Amygdala)

Mapping of experiences

## Hypothalamus: N. arcuatus

### Promoting food intake:

NYP and AGRP System

MCH and Orexin expressing neurons  
(conveying feelings of lust and reward)

### Inhibiting food intake:

POMC and CART System

## N. accumbens

Satisfaction and reward  
(dopaminergic)

## Brain stem

Taste- and Trigeminusfunktion  
(Acceptance of „good“ and refusal of „bad“ food)

## Pituary Gland ACTH and TSH

## Periphery

### Gastrointestinal tract

-Hormonal signaling: Insulin, Ghrelin, GLP...  
-Vagal Afferences

### Fat tissue

Leptin level correlates with fat amount

# Obesity – the BMI

- Definition BMI ( $\text{kg}/(\text{size in m})^2$ )
  - BMI > 25: Overweight
  - BMI > 30: Obesity Grade 1 to 3

# New data on the worldwide Development

- **Lancet 2014; 384: 766-781:** „Global, regional and national prevalence of overweight and obesity in Children and adults during 1980-2013: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of disease“
- Inclusion of 1769 studies, surveys and reports from 183 countries (some self reports – bias correction)
- Increase in the prevalence of overweight and obesity combined during the time period was greater for children (47%) than for adults (27,5%)



# Global Development of overweight and obesity from 1980 to 2013

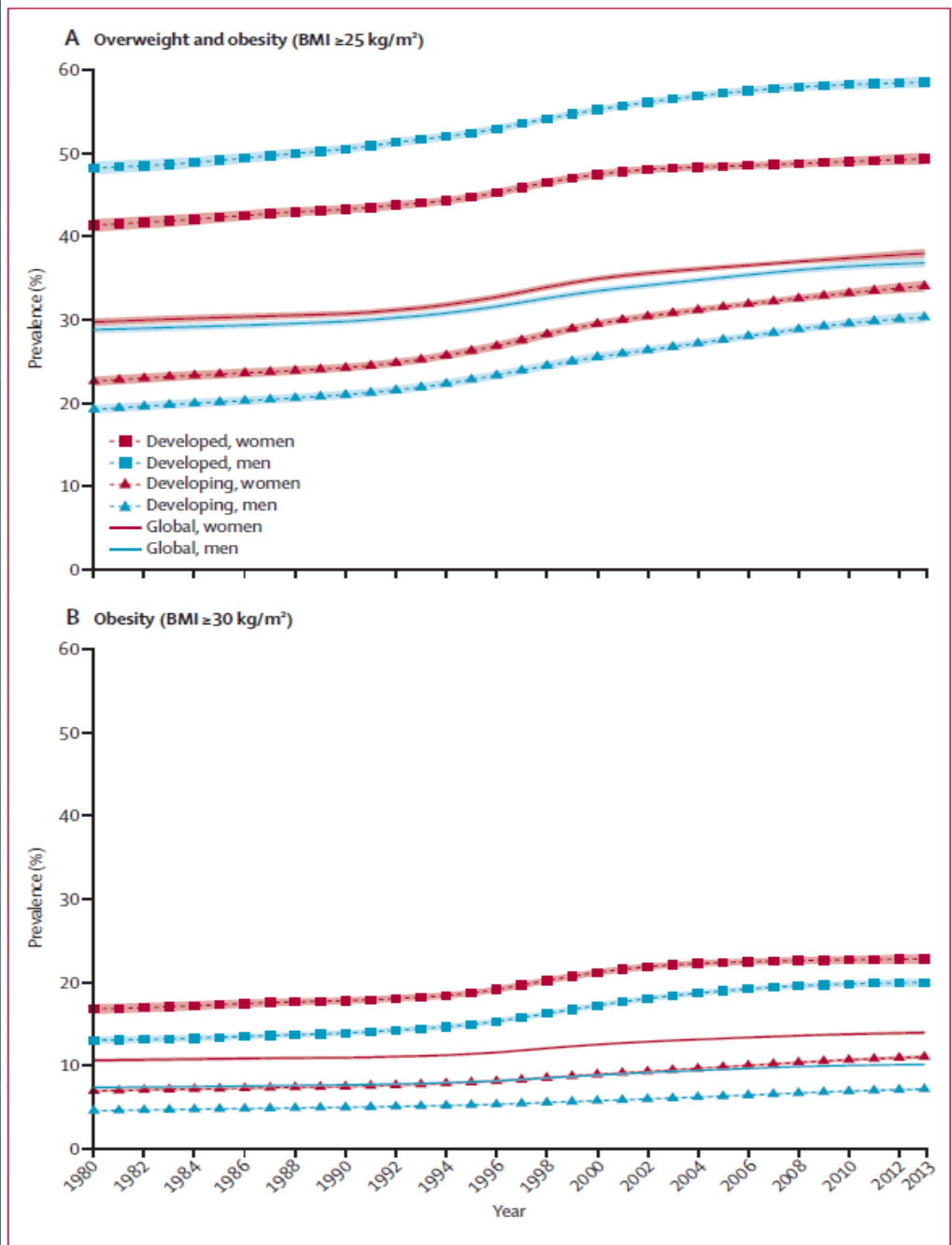


Figure 1: Age-standardised prevalence of overweight and obesity and obesity alone, ages  $\geq 20$  years, by sex, 1980–2013  
BMI=body-mass index.

# Prevalence of overweight and obesity in 2013 by age and sex

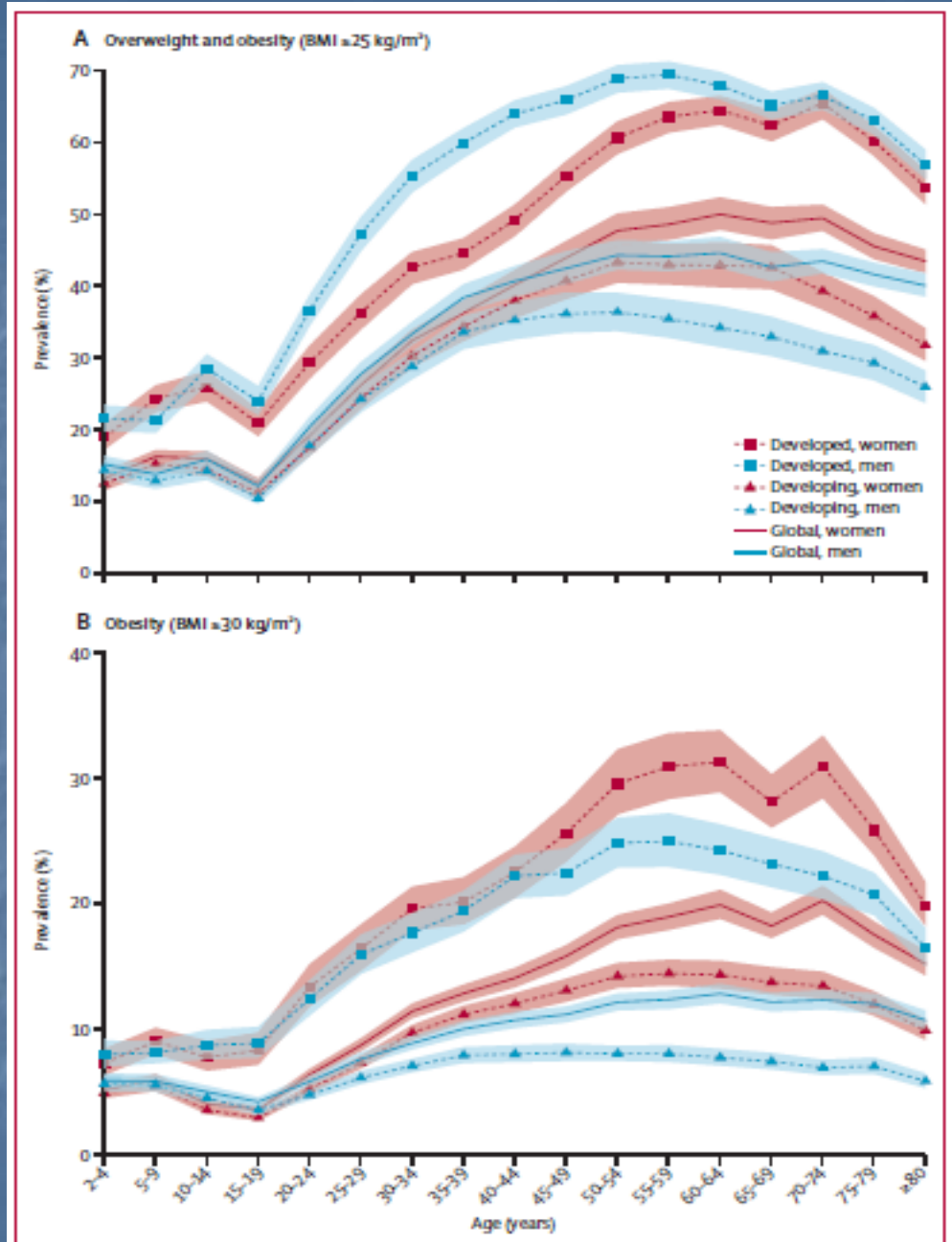


Figure 3: Prevalence of overweight and obesity and obesity alone, by age and sex, 2013  
BMI-body-mass index.

# Prevalence of overweight and obesity by age group and sex listed by single countries

	Boys <20 years		Men ≥20 years		Girls <20 years		Women ≥20 years	
	Overweight and obese	Obese	Overweight and obese	Obese	Overweight and obese	Obese	Overweight and obese	Obese
Central Europe	21.3 (20.0-22.7)	7.5 (6.9-8.1)	62.2 (61.1-63.3)	18.0 (17.2-18.8)	20.3 (18.9-21.6)	6.3 (5.8-6.9)	50.4 (49.2-51.5)	20.7 (19.8-21.7)
Albania	32.8 (28.5-37.3)	11.5 (9.2-13.9)	56.2 (53.6-58.7)	9.2 (8.2-10.2)	26.7 (22.9-30.5)	12.8 (10.3-15.8)	45.8 (43.3-48.5)	11.1 (9.9-12.4)
Bosnia and Herzegovina	17.2 (14.7-20.1)	10.1 (8.3-12.1)	57.3 (54.5-60.2)	15.4 (13.8-17.0)	22.7 (19.2-26.3)	11.6 (9.6-14.1)	51.9 (49.2-54.7)	20.4 (18.4-22.4)
Bulgaria	26.7 (22.9-30.8)	6.9 (5.6-8.5)	59.7 (56.9-62.2)	16.6 (14.9-18.5)	25.7 (21.9-29.9)	6.7 (5.3-8.3)	48.8 (46.1-51.7)	20.3 (18.3-22.5)
Croatia	29.5 (25.3-33.8)	7.6 (6.1-9.3)	65.5 (62.9-68.2)	19.9 (17.9-22.2)	19.7 (16.5-23.1)	5.6 (4.4-7.1)	51.0 (48.3-53.7)	19.6 (17.5-21.7)
Czech Republic	22.3 (19.1-26.3)	6.4 (5.2-7.7)	65.5 (62.9-68.2)	17.8 (16.0-19.6)	18.0 (15.0-21.0)	4.8 (3.8-6.1)	50.0 (47.2-52.7)	20.8 (18.8-22.9)
Hungary	29.5 (25.3-33.8)	7.6 (6.1-9.3)	65.5 (62.9-68.2)	19.9 (17.9-22.2)	19.7 (16.5-23.1)	5.6 (4.4-7.1)	51.0 (48.3-53.7)	19.6 (17.5-21.7)
Macedonia	22.3 (19.1-26.3)	6.4 (5.2-7.7)	65.5 (62.9-68.2)	17.8 (16.0-19.6)	18.0 (15.0-21.0)	4.8 (3.8-6.1)	50.0 (47.2-52.7)	20.8 (18.8-22.9)
Montenegro	22.3 (19.1-26.3)	6.4 (5.2-7.7)	65.5 (62.9-68.2)	17.8 (16.0-19.6)	18.0 (15.0-21.0)	4.8 (3.8-6.1)	50.0 (47.2-52.7)	20.8 (18.8-22.9)
Poland	22.3 (19.1-26.3)	6.4 (5.2-7.7)	65.5 (62.9-68.2)	17.8 (16.0-19.6)	18.0 (15.0-21.0)	4.8 (3.8-6.1)	50.0 (47.2-52.7)	20.8 (18.8-22.9)
Romania	22.3 (19.1-26.3)	6.4 (5.2-7.7)	65.5 (62.9-68.2)	17.8 (16.0-19.6)	18.0 (15.0-21.0)	4.8 (3.8-6.1)	50.0 (47.2-52.7)	20.8 (18.8-22.9)
Serbia	19.2 (16.5-22.5)	6.7 (5.5-8.1)	55.7 (53.5-58.2)	16.0 (14.5-17.4)	23.1 (19.8-26.7)	6.9 (5.6-8.4)	50.4 (47.8-52.8)	19.5 (17.7-21.3)
Slovakia	20.6 (17.5-23.8)	5.5 (4.5-6.7)	64.4 (61.8-66.9)	17.6 (15.7-19.5)	13.5 (11.0-16.4)	5.5 (4.3-6.9)	51.5 (48.9-54.1)	21.5 (19.3-23.7)
Slovenia	33.1 (29.4-36.9)	7.2 (5.9-8.6)	65.1 (62.3-67.6)	19.9 (17.9-22.0)	24.0 (20.7-27.3)	5.3 (4.3-6.4)	52.1 (49.1-54.8)	22.4 (20.2-24.9)
Eastern Europe	19.0 (16.7-21.4)	7.1 (6.0-8.4)	55.0 (52.8-56.9)	14.8 (13.7-16.0)	18.8 (16.5-21.2)	6.4 (5.4-7.6)	57.8 (55.9-59.7)	27.0 (25.3-28.7)
Belarus	19.0 (16.7-21.4)	7.1 (6.0-8.4)	55.0 (52.8-56.9)	14.8 (13.7-16.0)	18.8 (16.5-21.2)	6.4 (5.4-7.6)	57.8 (55.9-59.7)	27.0 (25.3-28.7)
Estonia	19.0 (16.7-21.4)	7.1 (6.0-8.4)	55.0 (52.8-56.9)	14.8 (13.7-16.0)	18.8 (16.5-21.2)	6.4 (5.4-7.6)	57.8 (55.9-59.7)	27.0 (25.3-28.7)
Latvia	19.0 (16.7-21.4)	7.1 (6.0-8.4)	55.0 (52.8-56.9)	14.8 (13.7-16.0)	18.8 (16.5-21.2)	6.4 (5.4-7.6)	57.8 (55.9-59.7)	27.0 (25.3-28.7)
Lithuania	19.0 (16.7-21.4)	7.1 (6.0-8.4)	55.0 (52.8-56.9)	14.8 (13.7-16.0)	18.8 (16.5-21.2)	6.4 (5.4-7.6)	57.8 (55.9-59.7)	27.0 (25.3-28.7)
Moldova	19.0 (16.7-21.4)	7.1 (6.0-8.4)	55.0 (52.8-56.9)	14.8 (13.7-16.0)	18.8 (16.5-21.2)	6.4 (5.4-7.6)	57.8 (55.9-59.7)	27.0 (25.3-28.7)
Russia	21.7 (18.5-25.0)	7.3 (5.8-9.2)	54.3 (51.5-57.1)	15.3 (13.8-17.0)	18.6 (15.5-21.9)	6.6 (5.2-8.3)	58.9 (56.3-61.4)	28.5 (26.1-30.9)
Ukraine	10.6 (8.8-12.6)	7.3 (5.9-8.9)	59.1 (56.3-61.8)	14.6 (13.0-16.2)	20.1 (16.8-23.8)	6.5 (5.1-8.0)	57.4 (54.3-60.2)	25.2 (22.8-27.9)

- Central Europe low: Albania

- Central Europe high: Hungary

- Eastern Europe low: Belarus

- Eastern Europe high: Russia, Latvia (esp. women obese)



	Boys <20 years		Men ≥20 years		Girls <20 years		Women ≥20 years	
	Overweight and obese	Obese	Overweight and obese	Obese	Overweight and obese	Obese	Overweight and obese	Obese
Western Europe	24.2 (23.1-25.2)	7.2 (6.7-7.6)	61.3 (60.5-62.2)	20.5 (19.9-21.1)	22.0 (21.0-23.0)	6.4 (6.0-6.8)	47.6 (46.8-48.4)	21.0 (20.4-21.7)
Andorra	15.9 (13.3-19.0)	9.3 (7.5-11.4)	34.4 (32.0-37.1)	10.6 (9.6-11.9)	18.4 (14.9-21.8)	9.5 (7.3-12.0)	36.1 (33.5-38.7)	7.2 (6.3-8.1)
Austria	18.9 (15.9-22.1)	10.3 (8.4-12.5)	59.7 (57.0-62.3)	18.4 (16.6-20.3)	16.3 (13.5-19.4)	7.8 (6.3-9.7)	42.8 (40.1-45.4)	17.4 (15.6-19.4)
Belgium	20.5 (17.7-23.6)	4.6 (3.7-5.5)	58.0 (55.2-60.8)	20.1 (18.0-22.1)	18.8 (16.0-21.8)	4.2 (3.3-5.1)	47.1 (44.3-49.9)	21.7 (19.5-24.1)
Cyprus	25.7 (21.9-29.6)	8.0 (6.5-9.9)	67.8 (65.0-70.6)	24.0 (21.8-26.5)	22.5 (18.9-26.2)	7.4 (5.9-9.2)	52.1 (49.1-55.1)	24.1 (21.7-26.6)
Denmark	19.7 (16.8-23.1)	8.7 (7.1-10.7)	59.2 (56.5-61.9)	19.6 (17.7-21.9)	19.4 (15.8-23.2)	5.9 (4.7-7.5)	44.7 (41.7-47.7)	19.9 (17.7-22.0)
Finland	26.0 (22.3-29.8)	9.2 (7.5-11.2)	62.2 (59.5-64.9)	20.9 (18.9-23.2)	21.1 (17.7-25.0)	6.6 (5.2-8.1)	50.4 (47.5-53.2)	22.3 (20.3-24.6)
France								21.7
Germany								24.7
Greece								21.4
Iceland								31.5
Ireland								24.7
Israel	31.0 (27.0-35.6)	13.9 (11.4-16.7)	60.4 (57.6-63.2)	21.4 (19.4-23.5)	26.6 (22.6-31.1)	11.3 (9.1-13.8)	52.7 (49.6-55.6)	24.8 (22.5-27.0)
Italy	29.9 (26.4-33.9)	8.4 (7.0-10.0)	58.3 (55.5-61.1)	18.6 (16.9-20.4)	24.3 (21.0-27.9)	6.2 (5.0-7.6)	41.4 (38.9-44.2)	17.7 (15.9-19.5)
Luxembourg	29.3 (25.3-33.4)	11.1 (9.2-13.5)	58.0 (55.1-60.8)	23.7 (21.3-26.3)	17.7 (14.5-21.1)	13.5 (10.9-16.4)	44.4 (41.6-47.2)	26.0 (23.6-28.7)
Malta	33.6 (29.3-38.0)	12.5 (10.3-14.9)	74.0 (71.6-76.4)	29.0 (26.4-31.6)	25.3 (21.6-29.3)	7.9 (6.3-9.6)	57.8 (55.0-60.6)	27.5 (24.9-30.1)
Netherlands	18.3 (15.7-21.3)	4.1 (3.4-5.0)	53.2 (51.1-55.4)	12.7 (11.6-14.0)	16.1 (13.4-18.9)	3.8 (3.0-4.7)	44.9 (42.3-47.5)	15.9 (14.4-17.4)
Norway	20.1 (17.2-23.0)	5.1 (4.1-6.3)	58.4 (55.7-61.0)	19.1 (17.1-21.4)	16.0 (13.4-18.7)	4.0 (3.1-5.0)	47.3 (44.4-50.2)	18.0 (16.1-20.0)
Portugal	28.7 (24.9-32.8)	8.9 (7.4-10.9)	63.8 (61.2-66.4)	20.9 (19.0-23.1)	27.1 (23.4-31.4)	10.6 (8.5-12.9)	54.6 (51.7-57.6)	23.4 (21.0-25.9)
Spain	27.6 (23.9-31.2)	8.4 (6.7-10.2)	62.3 (60.0-64.9)	20.2 (18.5-22.1)	23.8 (20.2-27.4)	7.6 (6.0-9.3)	46.5 (43.7-48.9)	20.9 (19.0-23.1)
Sweden	20.4 (17.5-23.4)	4.3 (3.6-5.3)	58.2 (55.6-61.0)	18.9 (17.0-21.0)	19.3 (16.5-22.5)	4.0 (3.2-5.0)	45.8 (43.2-48.5)	19.8 (17.7-21.9)
Switzerland	20.7 (17.4-24.4)	6.6 (5.4-7.9)	56.6 (53.7-59.4)	18.4 (16.5-20.1)	16.2 (13.4-19.4)	5.5 (4.3-6.8)	39.9 (37.0-42.9)	17.0 (15.3-18.8)
UK	26.1 (23.8-28.5)	7.4 (6.5-8.5)	66.6 (65.3-68.0)	24.5 (23.4-25.7)	29.2 (26.8-31.9)	8.1 (7.0-9.3)	57.2 (55.7-58.6)	25.4 (24.2-26.6)
Canada	25.5 (22.4-28.7)	10.0 (8.4-11.6)	64.5 (62.0-67.0)	21.9 (20.0-23.9)	22.0 (19.1-25.5)	8.8 (7.2-10.7)	48.5 (45.9-51.1)	20.5 (18.7-22.5)
USA	28.8 (26.4-31.4)	12.4 (10.8-14.0)	70.9 (69.2-72.5)	31.7 (30.0-33.4)	29.7 (27.2-32.5)	13.4 (11.7-15.3)	61.9 (59.8-63.8)	33.9 (31.8-35.7)
Kuwait								58.6 (55.7-61.4)
Qatar	33.5 (29.3-38.0)	18.8 (15.8-21.9)	75.7 (73.8-77.4)	44.0 (41.8-46.4)	22.1 (18.6-25.7)	15.5 (12.6-18.6)	78.5 (77.0-80.1)	54.7 (52.1-57.0)
Saudi Arabia	23.5 (20.2-26.8)	9.4 (7.8-11.2)	69.0 (67.1-70.7)	30.0 (28.4-31.8)	37.4 (32.8-42.5)	14.8 (12.2-17.7)	74.2 (72.3-76.0)	44.4 (42.4-46.5)
Tonga	34.5 (30.2-39.3)	8.3 (6.6-10.2)	83.5 (81.8-85.2)	52.4 (49.7-55.2)	52.6 (47.1-58.2)	14.0 (11.3-16.9)	88.3 (86.7-89.7)	67.2 (64.5-69.9)

- Western Europe low: Andorra

- Western Europe high: Iceland, Malta, UK (over 25% obese)

- Kuwait and Qatar: over 50% of the women are obese

# Obesity and Mortality – a paradoxon?

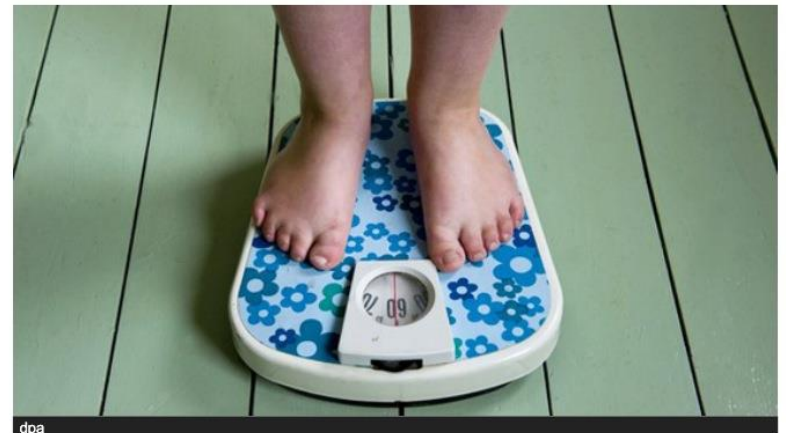
- Controversial data
- NEJM 2010; 363; 23 (1,5 Mio adults. 19-84 yrs)
- JAMA 2013; 309; 71-82 (97 studies, 2,8 Mio adults, „all cause mortality“)
- NEJM 2014; 370; 234-244



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## Adipositas-Paradoxon: Übergewicht senkt Sterblichkeit – ein wenig

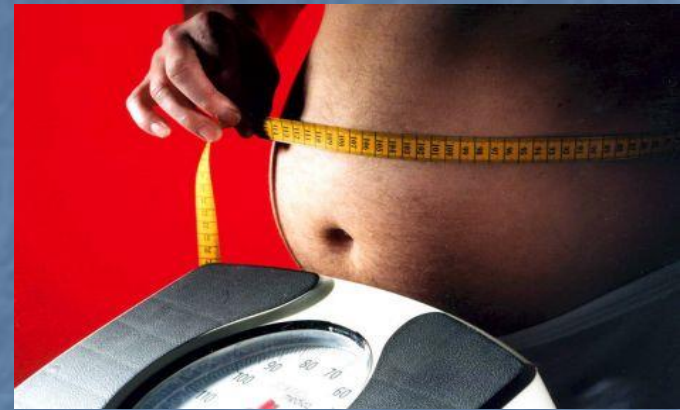
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Hyattsville – Übergewicht ist zwar ein Risikofaktor für Diabetes und Herz-Kreislauf-Erkrankungen. Dennoch haben übergewichtige Menschen ein vermindertes Sterberisiko. Dies zeigt jetzt erneut eine Meta-Analyse im US-amerikanischen Ärzteblatt (JAMA 2013; 309: 71-82).

# What determines the risk?

- Abdominal circumference (visceral vs. s.c. fat) – hormonal und proinflammatory activity of fat tissue (IL-1, IL-6, TNFa)
- „fatty liver“ as an underestimated risk factor





# More than a „fatty liver“

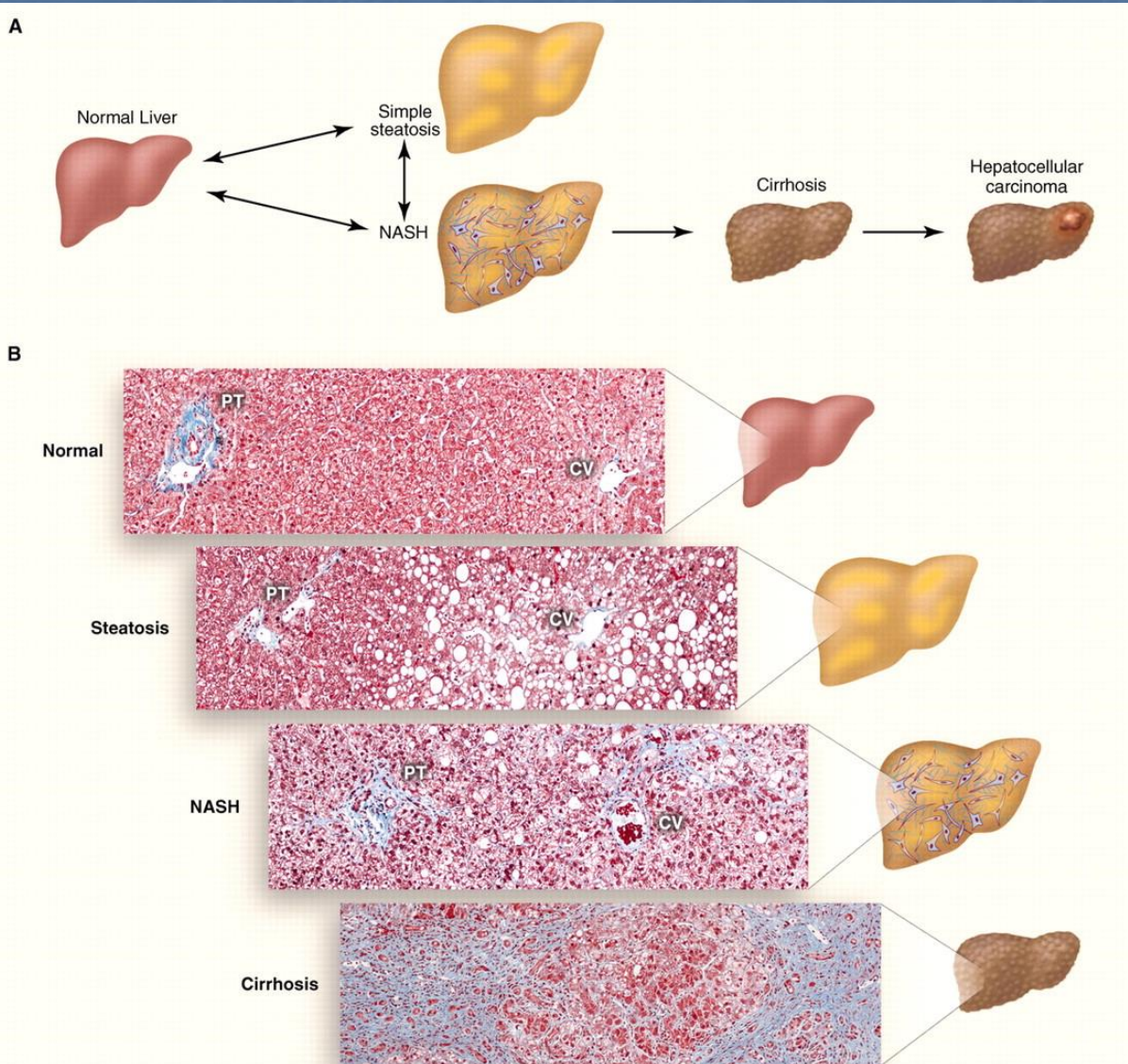


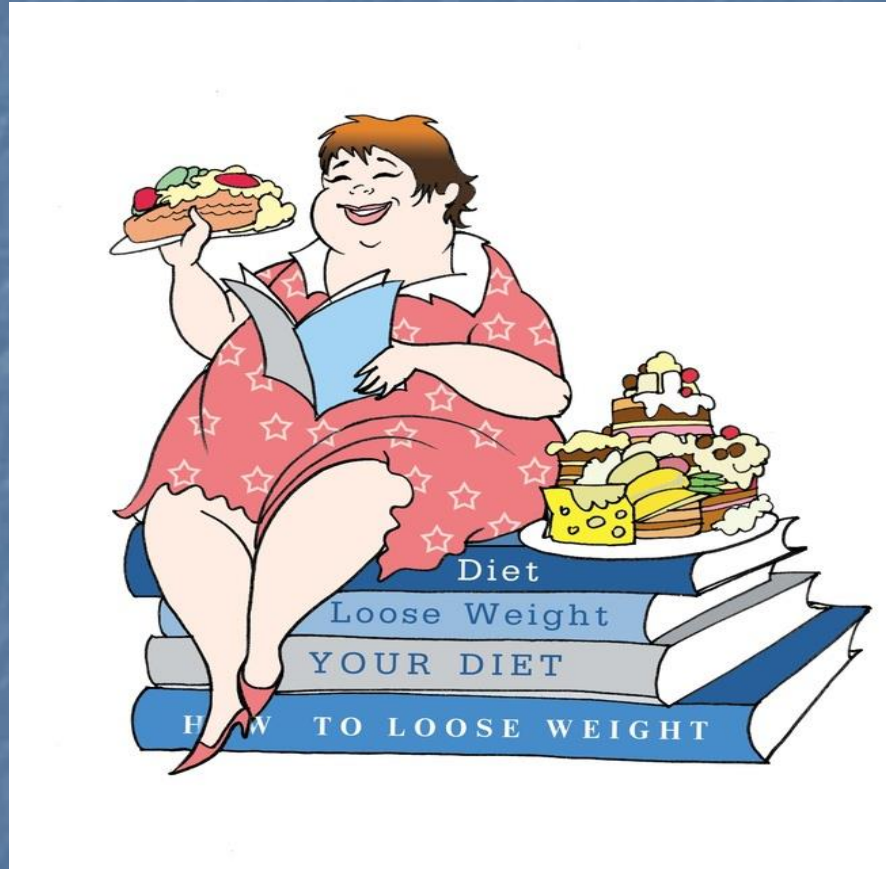
Abbildung: Makroskopisch-pathologisches Bild einer Leberzirrhose

# Some aspects on NAFLD and NASH

- NAFLD prevalence in Diabetes and obese Patients 50-75%, (general population 20-30%)
- Other risk factors:
  - genetic (PNPLA3 variant (gene product adiponutrin), TM6SF2 Mutation)
  - TGL level, Uric acid
- NASH (histology) and Fibrosis (fibro scan) increase mortality risk (cv, maligne (HCC))
- Increase in hepatocellular carcinoma incidence expected
- Therapeutic options:
  - Positive effect of antioxidant VitE (800IE/d) on NASH (PIVENS study)
  - Weight loss (5% body weight) and bariatric surgery (SOS Study evaluation)
  - Carbohydrate reduction in diet?



# Causes for obesity?

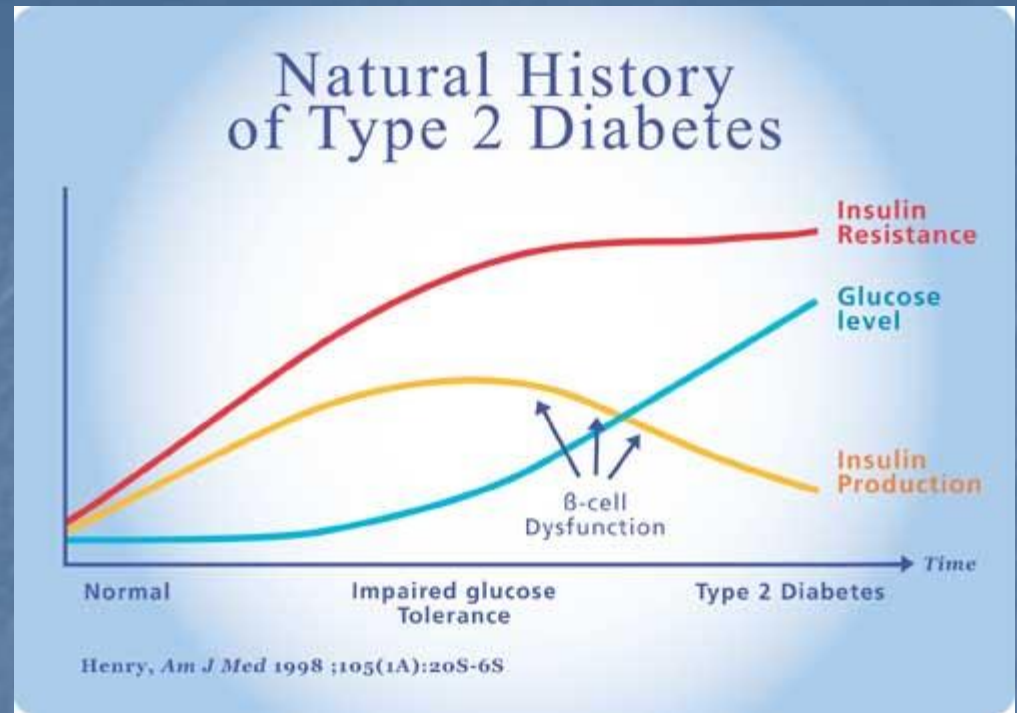


... more than calorie intake beyond consumption

# Causes:

## Hormones

The dominating problem of insulin resistance

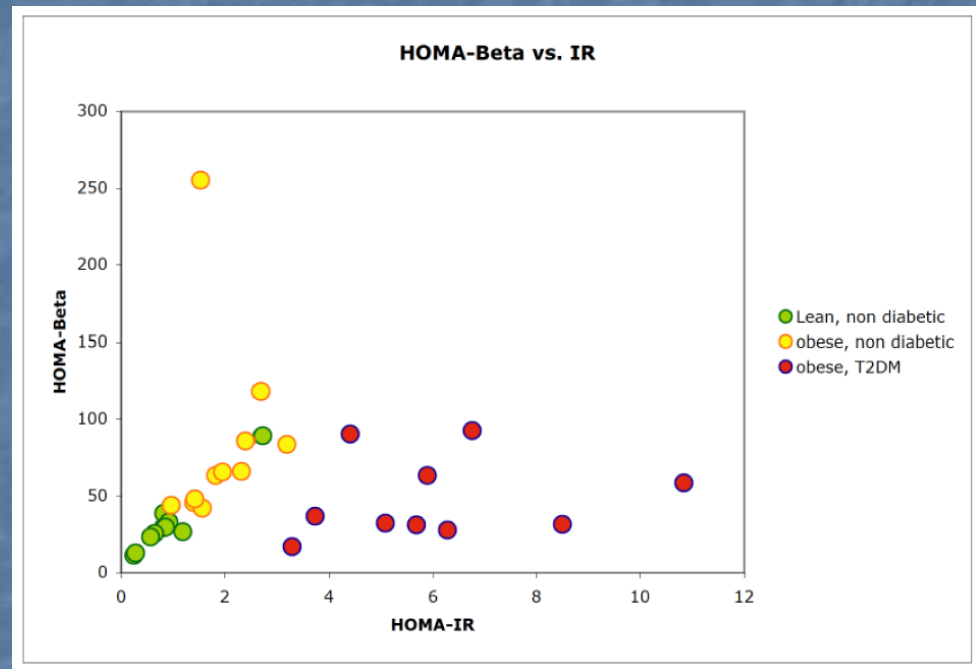


- Insulin resistance develops years before a diabetes becomes apparent
- Insulin is an anabolic signal to the body
  - Fat depot increase – weight loss becomes difficult
- Incretin based approaches and Metformin aim at the insulin resistance („off-label“ obesity treatment)



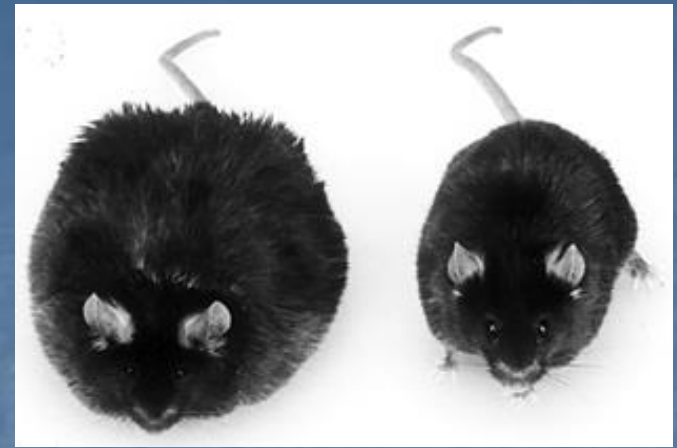
# The HOMA Index as an indicator for insulin resistance

- HOMA-IR and HOMA-beta calculated from serum insulin and glucose levels
- Not very commonly used - but sometimes helpful



Dr. J. Dietrich, Bergmannsheil Bochum,  
Germany, personal data

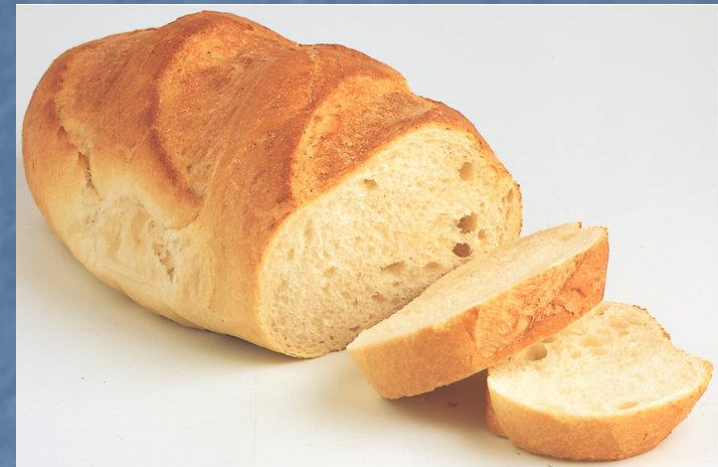
# Causes: Hormones



- Satiety hormone **Leptin** (fat tissue)
  - leptin deficient mice become obese (Zhang, 1994)
  - Problem or benefit?: Leptin resistance
  - we can eat beyond satiety – „dessert effect“
  - Permanent summer for the hibernater
- **Reward system:** intact or overactive?
  - **Dopaminergic System:** there are fewer Dopamin-2 Receptors in the Striatum in addiction and obesity patients, less satisfaction

# Causes: food processing

- Calorie charts do not say anything about the food accessibility
  - Energetic effort to break up cell walls or proteins
  - „Pre-digestion“ by preparation (chopping, mincing, boiling)
- Intestinal Microbiota?

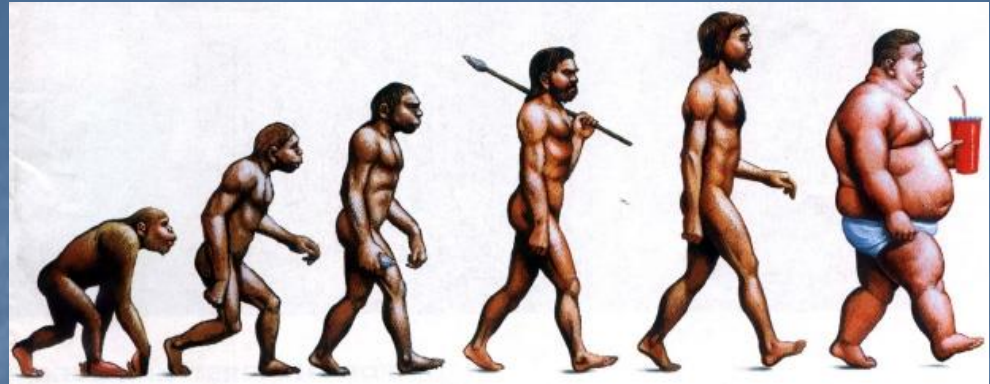




# Causes: mental and psychiatric aspects

- Psychoanalytic view: disturbed mother-child relationship - food makes up for lack of love and feelings of rejection
- Obesity is not classified as an eating disorder – but it is now considered a disease (German „Leitlinien“ 2014)
  - Disease - beyond the individual's responsibility?
  - Implication for treatment?
- 50% of the obesity patients have a relevant mental disorder
  - Eating disorders - Binge eating disorder, „Night eaters“
  - Psychiatric comorbidity (depression, PTSD)
  - Treating the psychic problem increases the success rate

# Causes: Evolutionary Success or Failure? Or both?



- We are much better protected against starving than against weight gain
- What leads to increased energy intake:
  - Large portions, variety, palatability, accessibility
  - „Sit down“ Lifestyle – we are no longer „hunters and gatherers“ but this is also an essential element of human progress
- Is obesity the price we have to pay?



Is conservative Obesity Therapy leading  
into a dead end?

Or

Which diet is the best?



# Obesity treatment: Questions to start

- Weight of family members?
- Time of weight gain?
  - Medication? Pregnancy? Pituitary gland? Quit smoking? Menopause? Other musculoskeletal problems?
- Personal life circumstances? Eating habits?
  - Example lorry/truck driver
  - Example „reward-in-the-evening eater“
- Motivation?
  - Can be complex – eg. „Feeding“ mother and appreciative son
  - Life threatening event („flipping the switch“)
- State of knowledge?
- Realistic goals?
  
- **Main message:** try to stay with the patient and identify the individual problem!

# Evaluating eating behaviour

- Free diary of food intake
  - Can help to identify individual problems and to correct unrealistic perceptions
  - Look at the home situation
- Food frequency list

Figure 2. Example of Food Frequency Questionnaire

	Never	Once per week	2-4 per week	5-6 per week	Daily	Once per month	Once per 3 months	Once per year
Milk, yogurt, regular fat (1 cup)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Milk, yogurt, lowfat (1 cup)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Spinach, kale, other green leafy vegetables (1/2 cup)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Carrots (1 medium)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beef (3 oz)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rice, white (1 cup)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rice, brown (1 cup)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cookies (2-2" diameter)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ice cream, regular fat (1/2 cup)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

DATE 23 10 1993 DAY OF WEEK SATURDAY		
BEFORE BREAKFAST		
Food/Drink	Description and Preparation	Amount
Orange Squash	Robinsons whole Orange-Sweetened	1 Glass
BREAKFAST		
Food/Drink	Description and Preparation	Amount
Beef Patty with onion	Homebaked cold Salt added.	3a.
Tea.	Typhoo	1 Cup
Milk	Skimmed	1 Dessertspoon
Sugar	White	1/2 Teaspoon.
MID MORNING - between breakfast time and lunch time		
Food/Drink	Description and Preparation	Amount
Coffee	Maxwell House Instant 1/2 Water 1/2 Skimmed milk	1 Mug.
Sugar	White	1/2 Teaspoons
Cake.	Homemade Date Cake.	1b.
LUNCH		
Food/Drink	Description and Preparation	Amount
Gimmon Steak	Micro waved	6oz.
Chips	Deep Fried in Oil (Crisp & Dry)	7a.
Peas	Birds Eye (Frozen)	12a.
Bread	local Bakery white unsliced	1/2 Slice 1/2 thick
Apple Pie	Homemade	3B
Sugar	White-sprinkled on	1 Teaspoon.
Custard	Birds - made with Skimmed milk	Small Fruit Dish.
TEA - between lunch time and the evening meal		
Food/Drink	Description and Preparation	Amount
Tea.	Typhoo - tea bag.	1 Mug
Milk	Skimmed	1 Dessertspoon
Sugar	White	1/2 Teaspoons
Biscuit	Chocolate Digestive Fox's	1

# Formula Diets



- 500-1200 kcal/day, via „shakes“ (often high protein)
- Danger: „Jojo“ effect
- Can be helpful for patients who need a fast initial success
- Can be used to replace single meals (little time)
  
- In Bochum, Germany: OPTIFAST Program starting with a 12 week Formula Diet and subsequent consolidation phase (in total 52 weeks for patients with BMI > 30)
- Mean weight loss:
  - first year - 20 kg
  - Second year + 10 kg



# „Weight loss with a Low-Carbohydrate, Mediterranean or Low-Fat Diet“ (NEJM, Jul 2008)

- The most cited study on comparing diet strategies
- People working in a research center in Israel, 322 participants (86% men), mean BMI 31 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, age 40-65 y., also including people with DM, CHD
- Regular group sessions and evaluation of diet adherence
- Data collected on
  - weight (1 x per month), blood pressure, lipids
  - High sensitive CRP, Adiponectin, Leptin
  - Blood glucose, insulin level, HbA1c

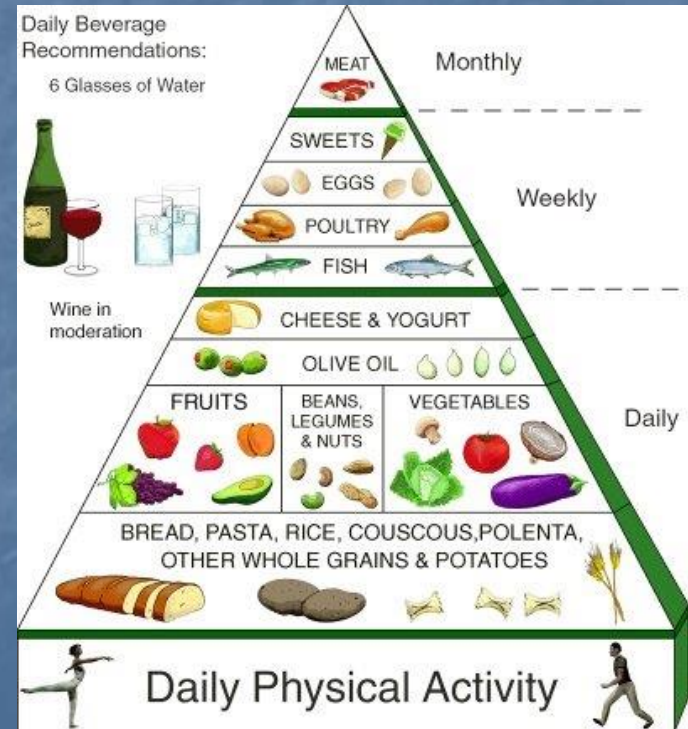
## ■ Low-Fat Diet

- 1500 to 1800 kcal/d
- Traditional food pyramid
- Max. 30% fat cal.
- Favours vegetables, fruit, dark grains



## ■ Mediterranean Diet

- 1500 to 1800 kcal/d
- Whole grains, olive oil and nuts (non animal fat)
- White meat: fish, chicken
- Approx. 40% fat cal.



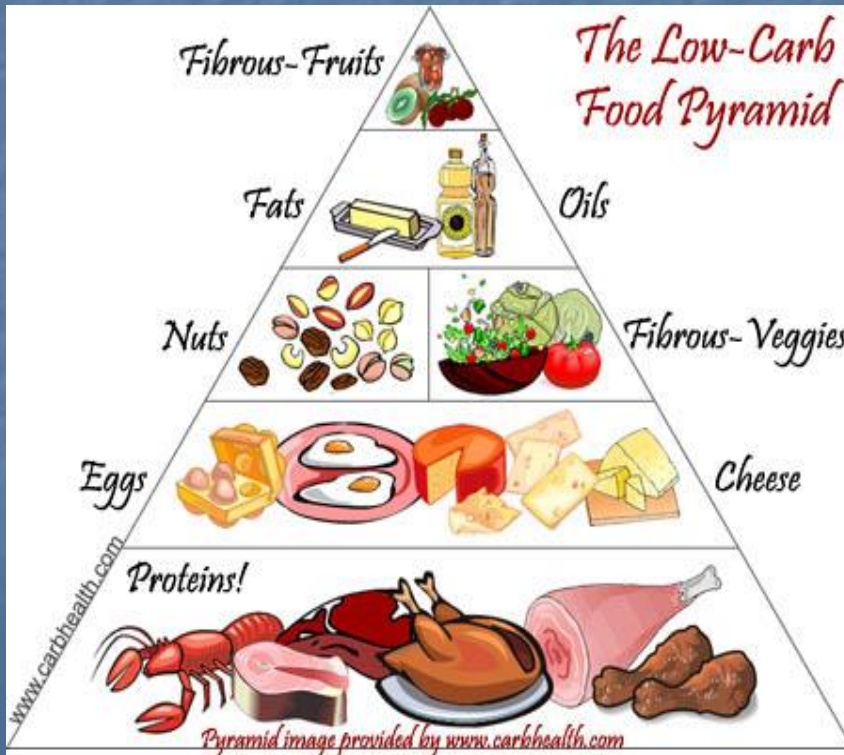


# Low Carbohydrate Diet

- Initially for 2 months < 20 g KH/d, then slow increase up to 120 g/d
- No calorie restriction
- Preferring vegetal fat

## Nutrition example (initial phase):

- Breakfast:
  - 1 walnut, 100 g double cream cheese
- Lunch:
  - Grilled chicken breast (no limit), cucumber, tomato, veg. spread
- Afternoon:
  - Turkey breast (2 slices)
- Evening:
  - Tuna in oil, avocado, fried eggs, cucumber, lettuce

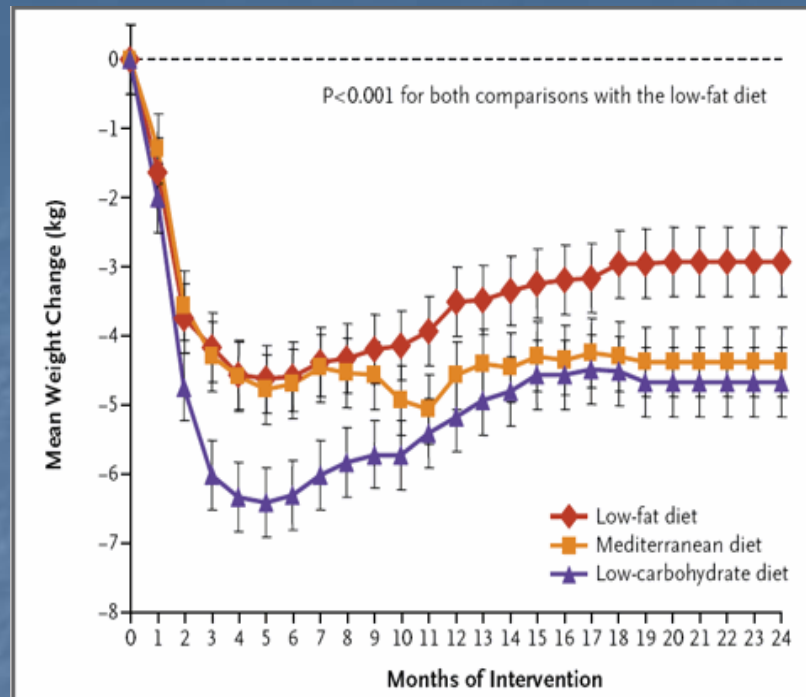
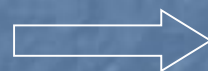




# Study results (NEJM, Jul 2008)

Weight development curve:

Most weight is lost within the first 6 months, then a slow weight gain starts again



- Weight loss between 4-5 kg after two years – no significant difference
- Positive effect on systolic blood pressure and lipid parameters in all groups
- Common conclusion: no diet is superior to the other one
- Other study (NEJM, Feb 2009): not the type of diet but the attendance to group sessions was associated with successful weight loss
- Actual conclusion: the diet adherence is the main problem

# A possibility?: “Slim in sleep“



- Fairly suitable in daily routine
- Two columns:
  - no carbohydrates after noon
  - Only three meals per day, at least 5 hours apart
- Insulin levels drop -> fat is burned
- Requires motivation and schooling





# Low carb mediterranean diet (LCMD) inhibits diabetes progress

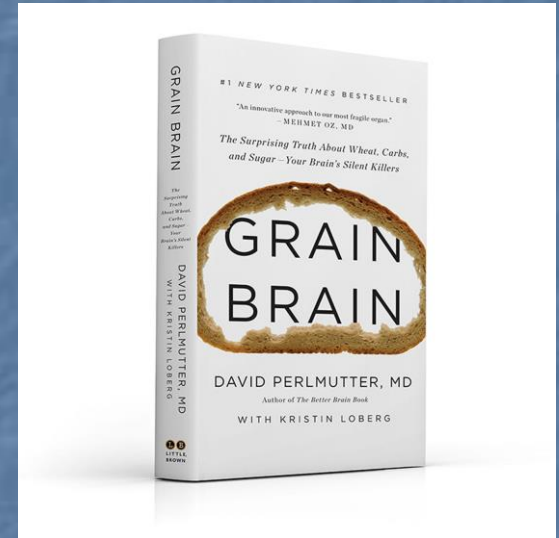
Diabetes Care 2014; 37: 1824-1830

- 215 overweight middle aged men and women with new diagnosed T2D were randomized to LCMD vs. low fat diet
- Primary end point: need of a diabetic drug or HbA1c > 7%
- Was reached in all participants after 6,1 yrs in the low fat group and after 8,1 yrs in the mediterranean group – **LCMD postpones the need for medication by 2 yrs**
- -> There is an effect of carb restriction on diabetes progress



# Low carb – more than a hype?

- There is quite good evidence for the success of low carb diets
- But there is also a lot of noise...
- My message:
  - It is not very realistic to eat less than 60 g carbohydrates per day continuously
  - But: give your insulin level a chance to drop from time to time!



# Dietary recommendations that are likely useful and practical (according to evidence)

- There is good evidence for the Mediterranean Diet concerning cardiovascular risk (NEJM 2013; 368(14))
  - Fat source should be mainly vegetal (olive oil, nuts)
  - Vegetables and whole grains are favorable
- Unsaturated fats (omega-3) are favorable
  - The evidence concerning diabetes incidence is not clear
- Milk products – Ericson (Swedish Study 2014): full fat milk products may be favorable compared to low fat products regarding diabetes incidence
- No more than 50% of kcal should come from carbohydrates (?)

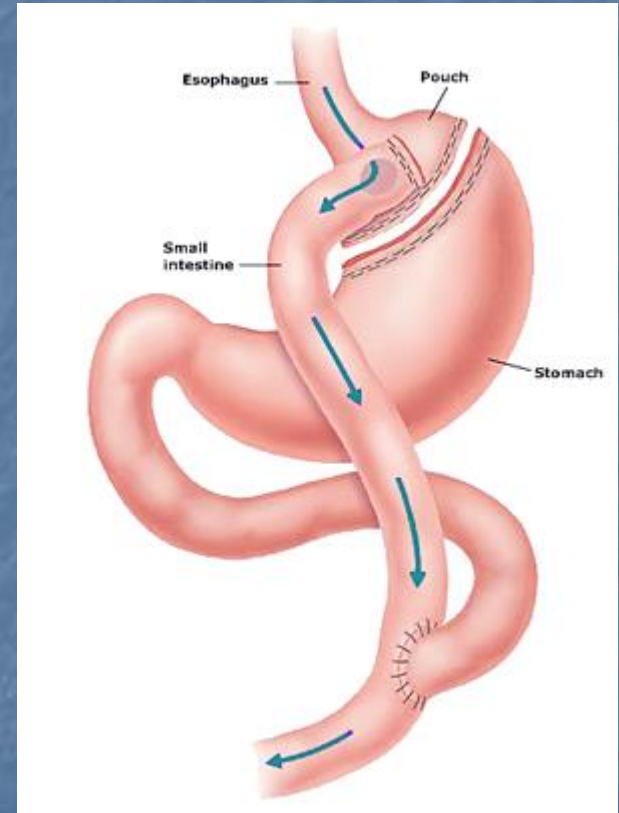
# Is the internist failing? – surgical options



Gastric band



Sleeve gastrectomy



Gastric bypass or  
biliopancreatic diversion

SOS Study: weight loss after bariatric surgery about **20% of body weight** after 15-20 years (J Intern Med 2013; 273(3), 219-234)



# Number of surgical procedures

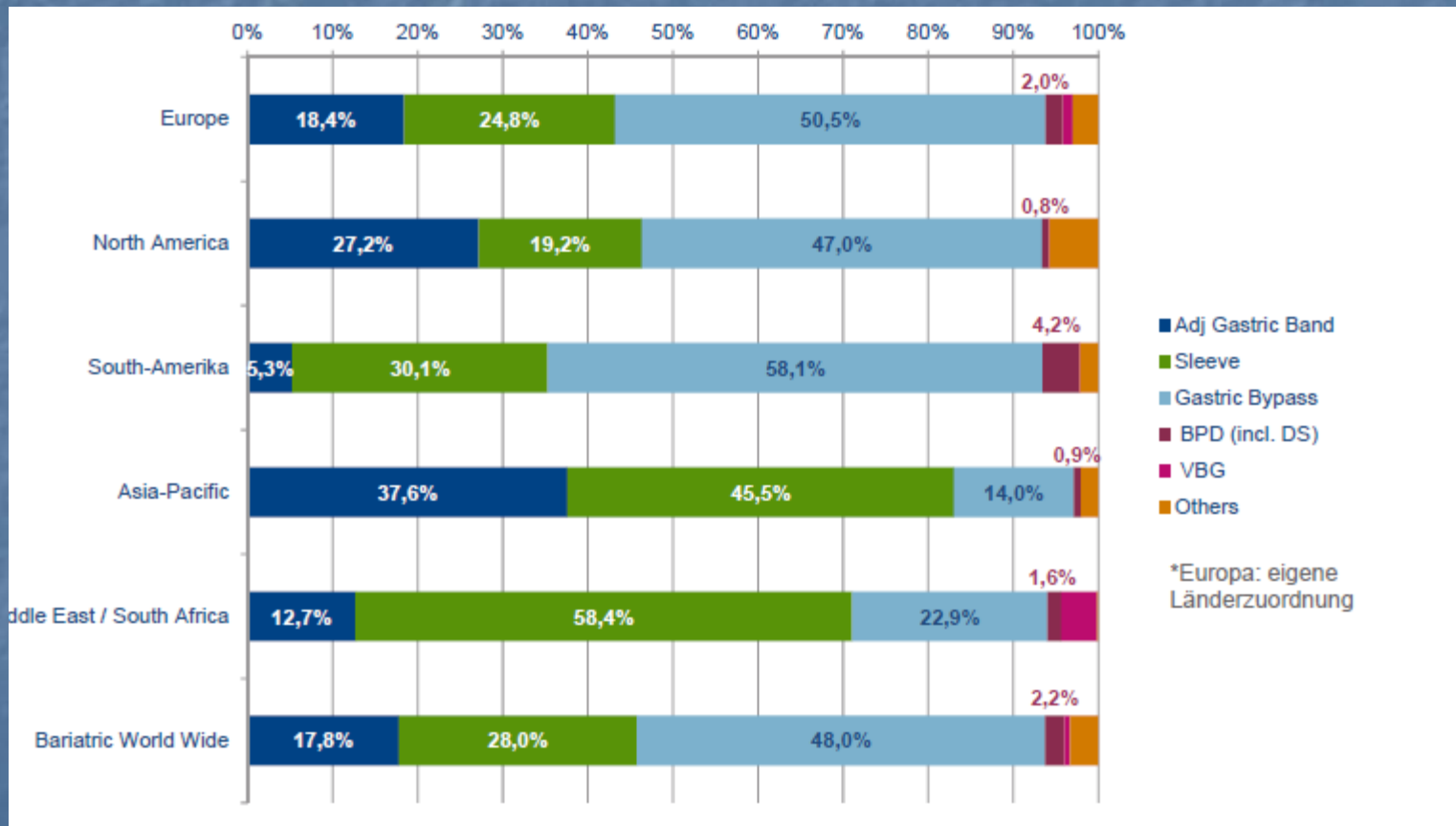
- differs a lot between countries
- Number of bariatric surgical interventions per 100.000 persons per year



Data kindly given by Dr. R. Meisterfeld, TU Dresden

# Preferential techniques vary

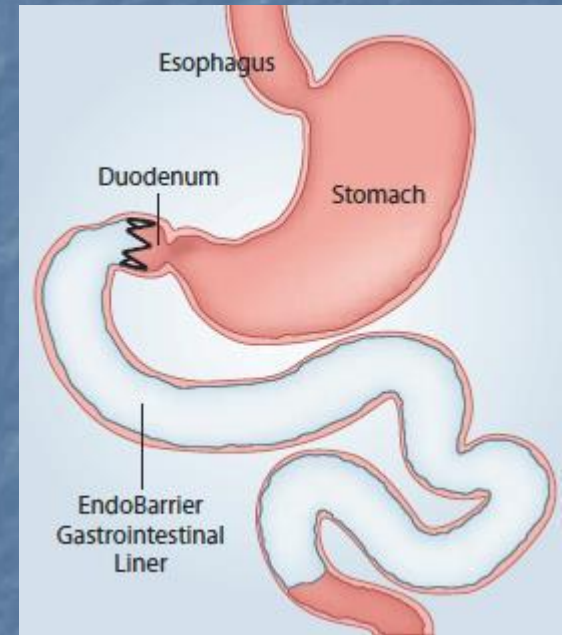
## ■ Procedures 2011 worldwide



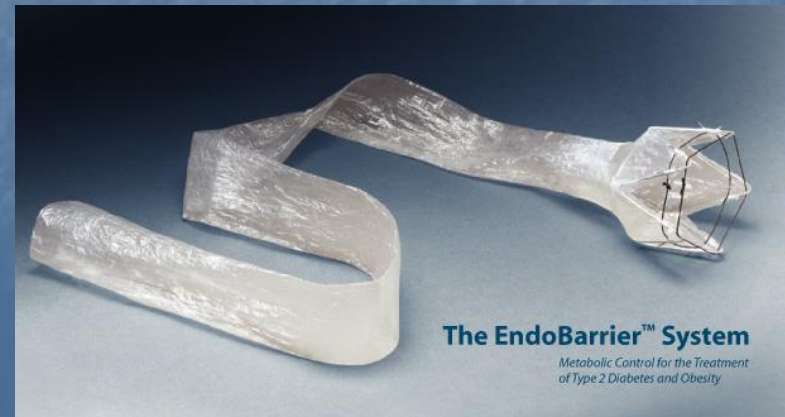
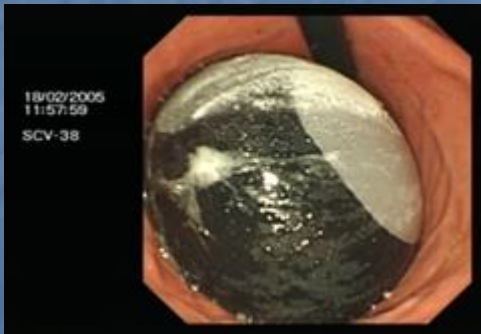
# „Internal“ temporary interventional options



Gastric  
Balloon



EndoBarrier





# Are we beside the point?: some social aspects

- Is a healthy behavior an obligation towards society?
  - I. Kant: enlightened absolutism: you can think whatever you want but you have to fulfill your duties as citizen
  - M. Foucault: The functioning of modern society depends on individual discipline (body control) – creation of categories is an instrument of social force
- Obesity and low social status (in developed countries)
  - Germany: little need to improve situation (no economic function)
  - Obesity as a „revenge“ to society – food is the only thing provided
  - UK: „junk food mothers“ against Jamie Oliver’s „feed me better“
- Between „cult of thinness“ and „size acceptance“:
  - Will dieting in adolescence promote obesity in adulthood?
  - Cult of thinness fits into achievement oriented society – picture of the good disciplined and successful member of society
  - active at any size?

# Gesundheitspark Bad Gottleuba



- Reconvalescence Hospital
- Founded in 1913 by the State Insurance of Saxony
- „Social legislation“, Bismarck 1890 – health insurance, pension, disability pension



# Weight was always an issue – Patients in Bad Gottleuba 1949

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Pat.	Überweisungsdiagn.	Festgestellte Magen-Darm- u. Harnkomplika-tionen	Zustand n.	Größe	Anf. Gew.	Entl. Gew.	Zun.	
56	J. Siegel-reinarb.	Dem Alter entsp. Arterienverkalkg. Zustand. Magen-peristaltisch. Gicht-schleimhautentzündg. Fehlend. Gallen-steinbildung. Spreiz-senk	Zustand n. Magenresekt. Anacide Gastritis	nein	167	60,2	60,7	0,7
57	J. Jäger-reinarb.	Chr. Magen-entzündg. Unterleibs-entzündg. Nerven-schwäche. Zahn-entzündg.	Druckverf. im	ein	165,5	43,0	46,3	3,3
58	J. Fabrik-arbeit.	Blous-entzündg.	Neura-th.	nein	166	52,5	54,4	1,9
59	J. Glas-macher	Emphysem-Hypoch. Nieren-Erkrankg. Zustand. Starke Unter-reichtigkeit	nein	nein	166	56,2	59,0	2,8
60	J. Schmidt	Zustand n. Magenresektion. Fehlen d. Speicheldrüsen. Gicht. Unter-reichtigkeit	Zustand n. Gallenresekt. Anacide Gastritis	nein	160,5	51,5	53,2	1,7
61	J. Fischer	Inanition, Hypo-tension, Zahn-mangel, Hypo-plasia cordis	nein	nein	180	56,8	60,5	3,7
62	J. Hand-drucker	Muskel- u. Kap-selwandrheumat. Knick-Spreiz-senkfuß, Blutar-mut. Arterien-verkalkung	nein	nein	165	54,4	59,8	5,4

Weight upon admission and discharge



# Obesity treatment in the „Gesundheitspark Bad Gottleuba“

## ■ Physical activity

- Walking, ergometer training, aqua fitness, fitness room
- Mostly endurance training, some weight training (equal evidence)
- Problems: joint trouble (danger of aggravation by exercise), skin lesions (water), lack of coordination (neuropathy), overestimation

## ■ Nutrition counselling

- Food diary evaluation, adaption to home situation
- Group schooling, practical training in kitchen

## ■ Psychotherapeutic elements

- Group session (60 min/week)
  - Individual pit falls, difficult situations (Stigma)
  - preparation for home situation
  - Discussion of surgical options
- If indicated individual psychotherapeutic support

## ■ Prescription for home sports activity through pension insurance



# Case example 1: Mr. S

- 53 yr old Patient
- History of severe Pancreatitis with Sepsis in 2009, pain in lumber spine, pension
- Upon admission:
  - Insulin dependend Type 2(?) Diabetes with massive Insulinresistance (over 300 IE per day), HbA1c 8,7%
  - Diabetic Nephropathy Grade 3 with GFR 37 ml/min
  - Body weight 126 kg, BMI 42 kg/sqm
- 5 week stay, high motiation, two carbohydrate reduced (40g) days per week
- Upon discharge
  - Insulin Doses reduced to 130 IE/d
  - Body weight 116 kg, BMI 39 kg/sqm





# Case example 2: Mr. R

- 45 yr old patient
- In wheelchair for 2 years, probably lumbar disc problem?
- Home situation:
  - wife as care giver
  - patient lived on first floor, slides down stairs
  - smoked 90 cig/d
- Acute Hospital stay (because of imbalanced DM) led to transfer into our clinic (3 week stay)
- Weight curve:
  - Highest weight (about 2 months before) 185 kg, BMI 62 kg/sqm
  - Weight upon admission 171 kg, BMI 57 kg/sqm
  - Weight upon discharge 163 kg, BMI 54,5 kg/sqm
- Can stand with help and take a few steps with crutches
- Indication for surgery?
- first step out of „paralysed“ home situation





# Our results

- 59 Pat. with main diagnosis obesity from 2013
  - Length of stay 27 d, mean BMI 48 kg/sqm
  - Mean weight loss 6,3 kg (1,6 kg/week)
- High decrease in insulin doses for diabetic patients
- Strong increase in mobility (ergometer, stairs)

Patient	weight upon admission (kg)	BMI upon admission (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	weight upon discharge (kg)	length of stay (days)	total weight loss (kg)	weight loss per week (kg)	weight loss in % of body weight (%)
1	105	35	101	21	-4,0	-1,3	-3,8
2	109	39	107	21	-2,0	-0,7	-1,8
3	117	42	113	27	-4,0	-1,0	-3,4
4	120	39	116	20	-4,0	-1,4	-3,3
5	122	47	115	35	-7,0	-1,4	-5,7
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55	202	62	189	34	-13,0	-2,7	-6,4
56	208	60	196	35	-12,0	-2,4	-5,8
57	210	66	200	35	-10,0	-2,0	-4,8
58	215	61	211	21	-4,0	-1,3	-1,9
59	238	73	220	28	-18,0	-4,5	-7,6
average	149	48	143	27	-6,3	-1,6	-4,3
standard deviation	27	8	25		3,6	0,8	2,0

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Prag 2013

# In the end – what is helpful?

- „overweight“ is probably no more than a stigma
- Probably the actual health risk (cv, DM, NASH) is more determined by other aspects (esp. physical activity) than by the BMI
- Knowing about the anabolic Insulin effect helps when considering dietary concepts – low carb?
- Help the patients to find the way from „dieting“ to dietary improvement – and not to stay by themselves
- Knowing about the limits of conservative obesity treatment helps patient and doctor to stay realistic in expectations
- Know your own thoughts and feelings – keep countertransference in mind

**NO BODY IS PERFECT**







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