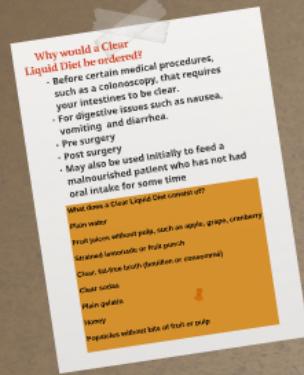


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basic nutrition

**-simple information for food
you put into your mouth**



You Tube



**do you what goes into your mouth?
what diets are for you?**

Nutritional Assessment

- Detailed evaluation and interpretation of multiple parameters and seeks
- to define the risk of developing nutrition-related medical complications

Four elements of a nutritional assessment:

- Anthropometric
- Biochemical
- Clinical
- Dietary

Anthropometrics

- *Objective measuring, recording, and analyzation of specific dimensions of the body
- *Can be used to compare between individuals, or used as a baseline for weight loss or weight gain in the individual

	Centenarians	Elderly	Young	Obese
Age (years)	101.1 ± 2.03	66.03 ± 0.85***	26.04 ± 7.6***	41.63 ± 12.42***
BMI (kg/m ²)	23.19 ± 0.49	26.31 ± 0.6	21.52 ± 0.3	32.71 ± 0.8***
Systolic BP (mm Hg)	129.5 ± 2.35	143. 4 ± 3.76	119.8 ± 1.27	151.8 ± 4.2***
Diastolic BP (mm Hg)	80.9 ± 1.2	87.6 ± 1.4	75.2 ± 1.3	93.9 ± 2.0***
Cholesterol (mg/dl)	176.4 ± 4.0	232.4 ± 6.6***	176.1 ± 1.2	227.8 ± 6.7***
HDL (mg/dl)	61.4 ± 1.9	69.9 ± 3.4	78.7 ± 1.2***	58.3 ± 2.5
LDL (mg/dl)	96.0 ± 3.1	137.7± 8.3***	68.7 ± 1.2***	145.9 ± 5.6***
TG (mg/dl)	94.4 ± 5.1	123.8 ± 12.0	75.5 ± 0.8	130.2 ± 7.1***
Fasting insulin (μU/ml)	5.6 ± 0.43	7.8 ± 1.1	14.12 ± 1.6***	33.8 ± 4.9***
Fasting glucose mmol/l	5.5 ± 0.3	4.9 ± 0.1	4.05 ± 0.1*	6.72 ± 0.4
HOMA index	1.47 ± 0.2	1.76 ± 0.3	2.33 ± 0.3	11.18 ± 1.7***

Includes

- * Weight
- * Height
- * Body Mass Index (BMI): used to estimate the body-fat mass, and gives you an indication if you are underweight, healthy weight, overweight, or obese.
- *Body circumference measurements of the waist, hips, chest, upper arms and legs.
- *Body fat percentage: measured by taking skin fold measurements.

Biochemical Data

- *Laboratory tests on blood and urine to determine nutritional excesses or deficiencies.
- *A comprehensive nutrition panel tests for a variety of vitamins and minerals, amino acids, antioxidants, carbohydrate metabolism, and fatty acids.
- *Blood sugar tests may be taken to measure for elevated blood sugar levels which can serve as a sign of diabetes.
- *Many nutrients can cause adverse effects if used to the point of toxicity or deficiency.

	<i>Ante-mortem</i>	<i>Commencement of rigor mortis</i>	<i>Completion of rigor mortis</i>
Glycogen	Varies	Low	Low
Creatine phosphate	25mM	Low	0mM
ATP	5mM	1.0mM	0.1 to 0mM
Calcium ions	< 10 ⁻⁷	10 ⁻⁶	10 ⁻⁴
pH	~7.2	~5.9	~5.5

Note: (mM = millimoles per litre)

Clinical Data

- *Includes the medical history
- *Past and current chronic and acute diseases or illnesses (some diseases inhibit the body from absorbing certain nutrients which can lead to a nutrient deficiency).
- *Current medications being taken: includes over the counter as well as physician prescribed medications (ex. antacids, antibiotics, diabetic medications, heart medications, diuretics, hypertension medications, laxatives).
- *Family history of diseases and illnesses.
- *Use of vitamins, minerals, or herbal remedies.
- *Recent weight fluctuations (weight gain or weight loss)
- *The presence of mouth sores, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, bed sores, malnutrition, dehydration, gas, frequent heartburn, etc.



Dietary Data

- *Also includes questions about the individuals lifestyle.
- *Current presence of any specialized nutritional diet orders (including food consistencies, portion sizes, or diets with specialized nutrient diets)
- *The patient's living environment (including whether the patient lives alone or with another person, who prepares the meals)
- *Can they feed themselves independently or do they require assistance? Do they require any special devices when eating?
- *Frequency of exercise
- *Do they still have their natural teeth or do they wear dentures? If they still have their natural teeth, what is the condition of their teeth (any presence of bleeding or swelling)

