Use of a Case-specific Recommendation for Fruit and Vegetable Intake in Health Behavior Research



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The Healthy Lifestyles Study

○ Aim:

Describe perceived influences on diet, physical activity

Target population:

Low-income adults in two rural WI counties

Data collection methods:

Survey interviews, focus groups

 \circ Independent variables:

Self-efficacy, barriers, social support, perceived environment

• Outcome variables:

Meets/does not meet recommendation





- Prevalence of "5-a-day" fruit and vegetable (FV) intake
- MyPyramid system and algorithms
- \circ Case-specific FV recommendation
- Comparison of "5-a-day", case-specific measure
- Concluding thoughts

5-a-day Intake of Fruits and Vegetables, Adults, Nationwide, 2007



BRFSS, 2007

5-a-day Intake of Fruits and Vegetables, Adults, Nationwide, 1996 - 2007



5-a-day Recommendation



New Recommendation



Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005

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MyPyramid Interface



Sample Food Intake Patterns

Daily Amount of Food (cups) from Each Group			
Calorie Level	1600	2400	3200
Fruits	I.5 c.	2 c.	2.5 c.
Vegetables	2 c.	3 c.	4 c.
Grains	5 ozeq	8 ozeq	10 ozeq
Meat, Beans	5 ozeq	6.5 ozeq	7 ozeq
Milk	3 c.	3 c.	3 c.
Oils	5 tsp	7 tsp	ll tsp

c. = cups oz.-eq = ounce equivalents

Britten, Marcoe, Yamini, & Davis, 2006; USDA, 2005

Daily Cups of Fruits and Vegetables, By Calorie Level

Calorie Level	1400	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400	2600	2800	3000
Fruits	I.5 c.	I.5 c.	I.5 c.	2 c.	2 c.	2 c.	2 c.	2.5 c.	2.5 c.
Vegetables	I.5 c.	2 c.	2.5 c.	2.5 c.	3 c.	3 c.	3.5 c.	3.5 c.	4 c.
Total	3 c.	3.5 c.	4 c.	4.5 c.	5 c.	5 c.	5.5 c.	6 c.	6.5 c.

c. = cups

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Daily Servings of Fruits and Vegetables, By Calorie Level



Survey Questions on FV Intake

 A serving of vegetables is a half-cup of any vegetable (not including potatoes) or I cup of salad greens. In the past week, how many average daily servings of vegetables did you usually eat?

 A serving of fruit is defined as one piece of fruit or 6 ounces of 100% fruit juice. In the past week, how many average daily servings of fruit did you eat, including 100% juices?

Outcome Variables for Healthy Diet

\circ 5-a-day standard

• Case-specific standard based on MyPyramid?

Healthy Eating Index

- \circ Measure of adherence to 2005 guidelines
- \circ 8 dietary components
- Total Score 0 100
- Scoring based on density: cups per 1000 kcal

Creating Case-specific Recommendation

- Calculate estimated energy requirements (EERs)
- Classify participants into food intake patterns
- Compare self-reported FV servings to recommended



Women ≥ 19 years	354 – (6.91 x age) + PA(9.36 x weight + 726 x height)		
Men ≥ 19 years	662 – (9.53 x age) + PA(15.91 x weight + 539.6 x height)		
	Physical activity (PA) coefficient		
	Sedentary ^a	Low active ^b	Active ^c
Women ≥ 19 years	1.00	1.12	1.27
Men ≥ 19 years	1.00	1.11	1.25

^a Physical activity limited to activities of daily living

^b Equivalent of walking about 1.5 - 3 miles per day at 3 - 4 miles per hour

^c Equivalent of walking more than 3 miles per day at 3 - 4 miles per hour

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Example of Calculating "Healthy Diet" ratio

I. Estimated Energy Requirements (EER) formula for female, age 19 or older
EER = 354 - (6.91*age) + PA coefficient(9.36*weight + 726* height)

- 2. EER for 54-year-old active female, weight 150 lb., height 5 ft. 4 in. EER = 354 – (6.91*54) + 1.27(9.36*68.18 + 726*1.63) = 2294 calories
- 3. Fruit and vegetable recommendations for 2200-calorie dietary intake pattern **Recommended daily intake = 2 c. fruit + 3 c. vegetables**
- 4. Conversion of cups to serving units
 (2 c. fruit x 2 servings/c.) + (3 c. vegetables x 2 servings/c.) = 10 servings
- 5. Self-reported daily intake of fruits and vegetables
- 2 servings fruit + I serving vegetables = 3 daily servings fruit and vegetables
- 6. Healthy Diet ratio
- 3 reported servings fruit and vegetables/10 recommended servings = 0.30

Demographics

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Characteristic	n	%
Age		
less than 30	39	28.5
30-49	53	38.7
50-69	32	23.4
70 or older	13	9.5
Gender		
Female	78	56.9
Education		
High school or more	72	52.5
Employment		
Working	69	50.3
Health insurance		
	58	41.9
Any None	58 79	58.1
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Daily FV Servings

Daily Servings

	Fruits (n = 136)	Vegetables (n = 137)
Mean	2.4	1.8
Median	2	2
s.d.	2.1	I.4
Range	0 – 9	0 - 7

"5-a-day" FV Consumption

Distribution of "5-a-day"

	n	%
< 5 servings	86	63.7
≥ 5 servings	49	36.3
Total	135	100.0

MyPyramid FV Recommendations

Recommended Daily Servings

	Fruits (n = 119)	Vegetables (n = 119)
Mean	4.2	6.3
Median	4	6
s.d.	0.7	1.2
Range	2 – 5	3 - 8

MyPyramid Combined FV Recommendations

Total Recommended FV Servings (n = 119)

Mean	10.5
Median	10
s.d.	1.9
Range	5 – 13

Difference between Recommended and Self-reported Servings



Distribution of "Healthy Diet" Ratio (intake/recommended)



"Healthy Diet" Ratio (intake/recommended)

"Healthy Diet"	ratio
(n = 118)	

Mean	0.41
Median	0.36
s.d.	0.31
Range	0 – I.4

Comparison of Measures





\circ Limitations

- Reliability, validity not established
- Potential mis-estimation of FV intake, EERs
- Convenience sample
- \circ Advantages
 - Up-to-date
 - Interpretable
 - Feasible
 - Simple



Create separate ratios for fruits and vegetables
 Apply process to other key food groups
 Use ratio in gender comparisons

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