## 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


- Independent variables:

Self-efficacy, barriers, social support, perceived environment

- Outcome variables:

Meets/does not meet recommendation

## Road Map

- Prevalence of " 5 -a-day" fruit and vegetable (FV) intake
- MyPyramid system and algorithms
- 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



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## 5-a-day Recommendation



## New Recommendation



## MyPyramid Interface



## Sample Food Intake Patterns

| Daily Amount of Food (cups) from |  | Fach Group |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Calorie Level | 1600 | 2400 | 3200 |
| Fruits | 1.5 c. | 2 c. | 2.5 c. |
| Vegetables | 2 c. | 3 c. | 4 c. |
| Grains | 5 oz. -eq | 8 oz.-eq | 10 oz.-eq |
| Meat, Beans | 5 oz. -eq | 6.5 oz.-eq | 7 oz.-eq |
| Milk | 3 c. | 3 c. | 3 c. |
| Oils | 5 tsp | 7 tsp | 11 tsp |

c. $=$ cups
oz.-eq = ounce equivalents

## Daily Cups of Fruits and Vegetables, By Calorie Level

| Calorie Level | 1400 | 1600 | 1800 | 2000 | 2200 | 2400 | 2600 | 2800 | 3000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fruits | 1.5 c . | 1.5 c. | 1.5 c | 2 c . | 2 c. | 2 c . | 2 c . | 2.5 c. | 2.5 c. |
| Vegetables | 1.5 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

## Daily Servings of Fruits and Vegetables, By Calorie Level



Vegetables
■ Fruits

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

- 5-a-day standard
- Case-specific standard based on MyPyramid?


## Healthy Eating Index

- Measure of adherence to 2005 guidelines
- 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


## EER equations

Women $\geq 19$ years

$$
354-(6.91 \times \text { age })+\mathrm{PA}(9.36 \times \text { weight }+726 \times \text { height })
$$

$$
\text { Men } \geq 19 \text { years }
$$

$$
662-(9.53 \times \text { age })+\mathrm{PA}(15.9 \mid \times \text { weight }+539.6 \times \text { height })
$$

Physical activity (PA) coefficient
Sedentary ${ }^{\text {a }}$ Low active ${ }^{\text {b }}$ Active ${ }^{c}$
Women $\geq 19$ years ..... 1.00
1.12 ..... 1.27
Men $\geq 19$ years ..... 1.00
I.II ..... 1.25
a Physical activity limited to activities of daily living
${ }^{\text {b }}$ Equivalent of walking about $1.5-3$ miles per day at $3-4$ miles per hour
${ }^{\text {c }}$ Equivalent of walking more than 3 miles per day at $3-4$ miles per hour

## Example of Calculating "Healthy Diet" ratio

I. Estimated Energy Requirements (EER) formula for female, age 19 or older $E E R=354$ - (6.9I*age) + PA coefficient(9.36*weight + 726* height)
2. EER for 54-year-old active female, weight 150 lb ., height 5 ft .4 in . $E E R=354-(6.9 \mid * 54)+I .27(9.36 * 68.18+726 * I .63)=2294$ 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 $\times 2$ servings/c.) + (3 c. vegetables $\times 2$ servings/c.) = | 0 servings
5. Self-reported daily intake of fruits and vegetables

2 servings fruit + | serving vegetables = 3 daily servings fruit and vegetables
6. Healthy Diet ratio

3 reported servings fruit and vegetables/l0 recommended servings = 0.30

## Demographics

> Total $N=137$

| 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 |  |  |
| Any | 58 | 41.9 |
| None | 79 | 58.1 |

## Daily FV Servings

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$$
\begin{array}{rr}
\text { Fruits } & \text { Vegetables } \\
(\mathrm{n}=136) & (\mathrm{n}=137) \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

Mean
2.4
1.8

Median
2
2
s.d.
2.1
I. 4

Range $\quad 0-9 \quad 0-7$

## "5-a-day" FV Consumption

## Distribution of "5-a-day"

$n \quad \%$

| $<5$ servings | 86 | 63.7 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $\geq 5$ servings | 49 | 36.3 |
| Total | 135 | 100.0 |

## MyPyramid FV Recommendations

## Recommended Daily Servings

| Fruits | Vegetables |
| ---: | ---: |
| $(\mathrm{n}=119)$ | $(\mathrm{n}=119)$ |

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 <br> ( $\mathrm{n}=119$ )

Mean
Median
s.d.

Range
$5-13$

## Difference between Recommended and Self-reported Servings



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



## "Healthy Diet" Ratio (intake/recommended)

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { "Healthy Diet" ratio } \\
& (\mathrm{n}=118)
\end{aligned}
$$

Mean
0.41

Median
0.36
s.d.
0.31

Range
$0-1.4$

## Comparison of Measures



## Discussion

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


## Applications

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


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