A Lifestyle Medicine Approach to Pediatric Obesity in the Medical Home



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Objectives

- Describe commonly-identified clinical practice challenges with pediatric obesity
- Outline the guiding, evidence-based principles for this approach
- Define Lifestyle Medicine
- Introduce the application of this innovative approach in primary care



Big Challenges = Big Opportunity for Innovation

Pediatric obesity is our top chronic disease and increased with COVID

We lack a consistent approach among providers

 Provider burnout - time constraints, complexity, barriers to care, patients not following through with plan





"Don't tell me to improve my diet. I ate a carrot once and nothing happened!"

We need different tools and a fresh approach





Our Approach Centers Around 3 Main Ideas

Recognizing Stage of Change



Provider as a coach mostly and expert sometimes, using motivational interviewing techniques

Lifestyle Medicine: <u>Treating the root causes of chronic disease</u> through a holistic view of the patient and their disease.



"The Drawing Board": Principles Behind the Innovation

- Obesity must be viewed as a complex, chronic disease "a marathon, not a sprint"
- The medical home is demonstrated to be the most effective setting to manage chronic disease
- AAP IHCW created an excellent framework for approaching overweight/obesity
- Motivational Interviewing is evidence-based and shown to be effective in children and families with obesity
- Lifestyle Medicine provides a comprehensive, evidence-based model for prevention and treatment of chronic disease



What IS Lifestyle Medicine?



LIFESTYLE MEDICINE FOCUSES ON 6 AREAS TO IMPROVE HEALTH

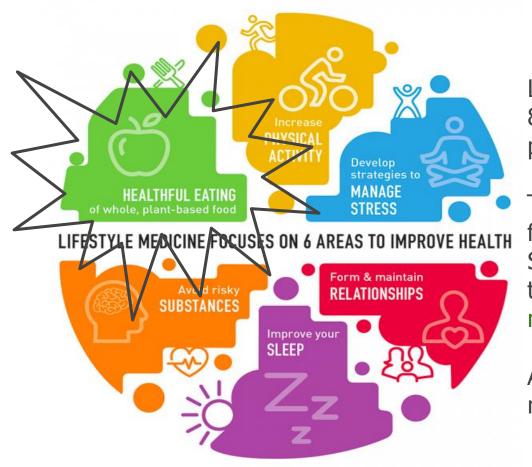


Lifestyle Medicine involves the use of evidence-based therapeutic approaches to prevent, treat, and often reverse chronic disease by replacing unhealthy behaviors with positive ones.

Almost all clinical practice guidelines for the top chronic diseases support lifestyle as the first line of treatment.

Lifestyle Medicine addresses the ROOT CAUSES of chronic disease through these 6 pillars.

www.lifestylemedicine.org



Lifestyle factors account for 80% of disease and 50% of premature death.

The most impactful lifestyle factor is moving away from the S.A.D (standard american diet) toward whole food, plant-based nutrition

A message of abundance, nourishment, longevity.

Lifestyle Medicine is a holistic approach that can incorporate and enhance existing efforts/resources











Where Do We Start?

When it comes to BEHAVIOR CHANGE → Re-Define our Role as Providers

Do we meet our patients right "where they are"? → stage of change

Do we know both <u>how and when</u> to help our patients set goals?

Do we feel comfortable serving more as a coach than an expert? (positive psychology, MI)



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When it comes to Behavior Change → Re-Define Success

Measure success in health behavior change from any of the 6 pillars of Lifestyle Medicine and in any order that works best for the patient/family.

Remember that positive health behavior change can lead to significant improvements in health and well being even with little to no change in body

weight.



Create a Management Flow

- 1. Elevated BMI is noticed at a WCC or Sick Visit
- 2. Mention this with sensitivity and genuine concern (+/- note comorbidities and FH)
- 3. Get an early sense of patient/family readiness or interest
- 4. Agree on a <u>separate follow-up appointment</u> to discuss in more detail, if there is interest. If not, briefly express your concern and willingness to support when they are ready. Ask permission to "check back in" about this at a WCC. Build an alliance.
- 5. Order standard labs if possible (which creates another opportunity to discuss)



A Brief Look at Our Flow/Approach

Determine BMI classification
Screen for Comorbidities
Assess FH

Determine Stage of Change
Determine Need for Labs
Determine Follow up Plan



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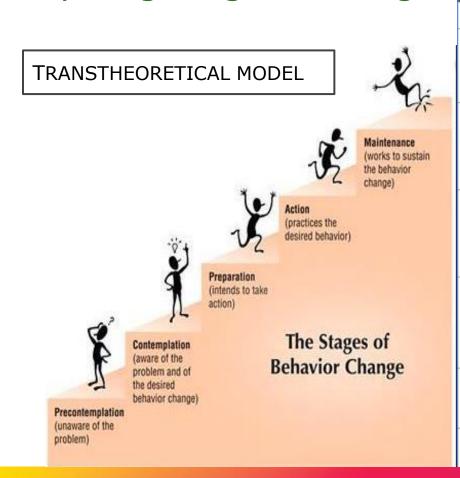
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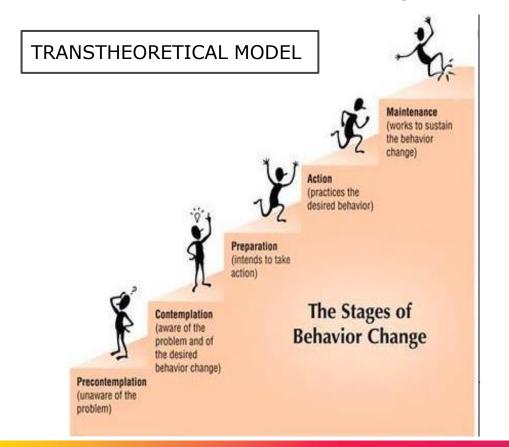
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Everything Hinges on Stage of Change



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STAGE	PATIENT
PRECONTEMPLATION	"I am <u>not thinking about making a change</u> at all (now, or within 6 months)"
CONTEMPLATION Starting readiness	"I am thinking about making a change within the next 6 months"
PREPARATION readiness	" am thinking about making a change within the next month, and/or preparing to make a change"
ACTION *High risk of relapse, high support often needed	"I have <u>started a change in the last 6 months</u> . I have not hit target change goals or haven't hit it consistently for 6 months."
MAINTENANCE	"I have been successfully making the target change for more than 6 months."
RELAPSE	"I made a change for more than 6m but I am not now doing so."

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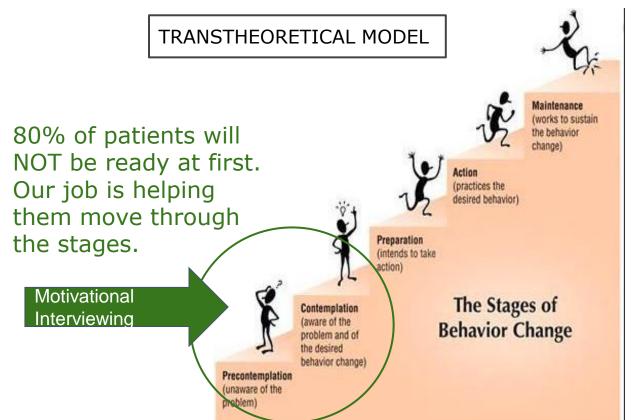
This model the ENTIRE visit including A/P and Follow-Up.

<u>Frees providers</u> to "meet the patient where they are." Notes should clearly reflect the stage of change.

More effective, more efficient

More satisfying for patient and provider

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"Change Talk" (Motivational Interviewing)

Evidence-based supportive counseling style that is empathetic, supportive, flexible and affirming

- >7 y/o (operational thinking) with small adjustments
- Teens and Parents of younger patients

Designed to strengthen motivation for change, to help patients resolve their own ambivalence, and help them find their own reasons for change

Supports self-efficacy and self-determination

Gives providers tools to "Roll with Resistance" in a supportive style when patients are not ready or even clearly resistant

Open-Ended Questions

Affirmations

Reflections

Summaries



Motivational Interviewing: Keep Learning!

Change

<u>AAP Change Talk App:</u> Get started with an excellent series of 3, 12 minute interactive case studies

<u>AAP IHCW Webinar</u>: Telehealth and Obesity Free under professional resources, 30 mins

Motivational Interviewing for Overweight Children: A Systematic Review

"MI, compared to usual care, revealed positive effects for parent influence on young child anthropometric measures when applied." Pediatrics Volume 146, no 5, Nov 2020



"People are generally better persuaded by the reasons which they have themselves discovered, than by those which have come into the minds of others" Blaise Pascal (1600s)



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Algorithm correlates with a family intake survey and EHR visit template.





Welcome to the Rica Salud "Rich Health" Club!

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver." Mahatma Gandhi

We want to support your healthiest life! Join us for 7 months of coaching and support at the Center for Pediatric Medicine.

Sample Schedule (Combination of in-person and telehealth appointments)

Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7
Physician Intake	Registered	Registered	Physician	Registered	Registered	Maintenance Planning
	Dietician	Dietician		Dietician	Dietician	With Physician

- Eat foods that treat and prevent illness
- Learn to read labels and plan healthy meals
- Move more for your brain and body
- Reduce Stress
- ♣ Sleep Well
- Connect with your community





Eat Abundantly Choose "full plate" foods high in nutrients, low in fat and calories, filling with fiber
Aim for 5 fruits and veggies per day. Track this for a week
Learn what the healthiest communities in the world eat
Understand a food label
Plan Ahead for Success Avoid "environmental triggers" by keeping your available choices at home healthy
☐ Plan ahead for healthy meals with "meal prepping" each week
☐ Create lists of your go-to healthy snacks and keep them available
☐ Keep a food/drink log for a week to notice patterns and consider changes
Learn healthy tips for eating at a restaurant
Eat on a Budget Learn healthy swaps
Consider what to eliminate from your food budget
Learn community resources to save money
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Learn the Psychology of Healthy Eating Discover your WHY for eating. Keep a diary for a week to notice patterns.
Set SMART goals and rewards
☐ Discuss ways to find support
Learn positive parenting and modeling with nutrition changes
☐ Discover Ellyn Satter's "Division of Responsibility"
Learn to look for success in many places other than the scale
Learn Healthy Cooking ☐ Prepare quick and healthy meals at home
Adjust your family's favorite dishes to increase health benefit
☐ Cooking with your child

Family Intake Survey



Center for Pediatric Medicine

RICA SALUD Program Family Intake Form

Child's Past Medical History (check or circle)

ADHD Fatty Liver Disease Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome Anxiety Gallbladder disease Kidney Disease Asthma GERD (reflux) Muscle or Joint Aches/Pains Constipation Heart Disease Obstructive Sleep Apnea Depression High Blood Pressure Poor exercise tolerance Diabetes/Prediabetes **High Cholesterol**

Does your child have any of these sleep issues? (circle any)

Screen use in bedroom Difficulty waking in the morning

Snores or Pauses

Screen time 1 hour before bedtime

< 8 hours of sleep a night
Frequent night awakenings

Difficulty falling asleep

Regular bedtime

Family History: Child's Parents, Grandparents, Siblings (check or circle)

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Fatty Liver Disease Obstructive Sleep Apnea (had sleep study)

Gallbladder disease Overweight/Obesity

GERD (reflux)

Poor exercise tolerance



Rica Salud Intake Form page 2		
Major Life Changes or Stressors	(circle any)	
Foster care placement	Parent or caregiver with	Neglect
Loss/grief	mental disorder	Bullying
Stress within family at home	School stress	Recent move
Parental separation	Parent or caregiver incarceration	Worry about not having
Parental divorce	Abuse	enough food
	710-00-0	Other:
Activity		
How would you describe your chir	ld's activity level? (circle one)	
not active (but interested) not	active (currently not interested)	rarely active
moderately active very active	comments:	
What kinds of activities does your	r child take part in currently? (circle	any)
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Center for Pediatric Medicine

Healthy Lifestyle visit for Elevated BMI

@NAME@ is a @AGE@ @SEX@ who presents for elevated BMI. Visit # {visit:38641}

History provided by {hx:25857}. {Histories reviewed:19316}

What are your primary health concerns today? ***

Significant Past Medical History/Comorbid Conditions:

{obesity comorbid:38152}

PATIENT HISTORY

{obesity comorbid MH:38153}

SLEEP

Sleep Issues? Yes to the following:

- {sleep:38372}

{social determinants health:38375}

Counseled on recommended sleep per day {sleep by age:38373}

FAMILY HISTORY Significant Family History:

{obesity FH:38152}

STRESSORS Major life changes or stressors? Yes to the following, suggests exacerbating factors.

{stressors:38374}

Substance and Social Determinants of Health Screening: Yes to the following:

Determine Readiness to Change: drives the visit discussion/education/plan Are you considering making some healthy lifestyle changes? {no/yes:19197::"no"."yes"}

{readiness to change:38385}

Brief Focused Diet History (24 hour AND/OR "usual")

Breakfast (note School/Home): ***

Lunch (note School/Home): ***

Dinner: *** Snack: ***

How many servings of fruits and vegetables do you eat in a day? ***

How many drinks per day of ANYTHING except plain water? (list others) *** How many times a week do you eat out or get take-out at a restaurant or guickie mart? ***

How many times a week to do sit down together and eat a home cooked meal? *** Activity

How would you describe your child's activity level? {activity level:38381}

What kinds of activities does your child prefer to keep his/her body moving? {activity preference:38382}

How many days per week is your child moderately or vigorously active? {days per week active:38635}

How many minutes per day does your child have moderate or vigorous activity? {minutes activity:38383} Do you (as a parent/quardian) have any regular exercise habits? {parent activity:38384}

Review of Systems @ROSBYAGE@

{Blank single:19197::"As above", "There were no other complaints and all systems were reviewed and negative except as mentioned."}

Objective

Weight @LASTENCWT@ @WFA@ Height @LASTENCHT@ @SFA@

@BMIFA@

If >99th% BMI: {BMI>95:38636}

BMI

ASSESSMENT

{followup:38386}

@BMI@

Use Obesity Smart Set as needed for labs. Connect 4 Health, referrals, handouts

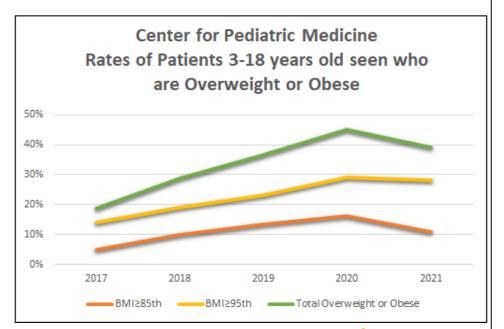
Provided printed copy to patient {Goals according to readiness:38639}

Today's Educational Topic(s): (matched to readiness, handouts should match)

@NAME@ is a @AGE@ @SEX@ with @BMI@ {w/wo:19197::"with","without"} related comorbidity. Currently in {phase:38640} phase of readiness to make healthy changes.

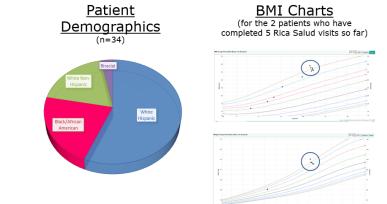
Schedule Follow Up:

Where We Stand



Brief overview of recruitment since January 2021

By June, we had enrolled 34 children ages 3-16 years old in the program so far. Median age of 12. 56% of recruited patients identify as Latinx; this is in comparison to our general population where about 35% overall identify as Latinx.





Data from Submitted Abstract to 2021 LM Conference "Rica Salud, a Bilingual Lifestyle Medicine Program in a Federally-Funded Pediatric Medical Home" Prisma Health IRB Pro00108260

Summary

- Recognize BMI and comorbidities
- Determine Readiness to Change
- Be the Coach (MI early, positive psychology) keep the "expert" to a minimum and put the patient in the driver seat
- Aim for a plan that defines above and FITS the stage of change



BIG TAKE-HOME POINTS

- ★ Identify Readiness to Change It informs the whole visit
- ★ Try Motivational Interviewing Your patients will thank you!
 - ★ Set SMART/TAF Goals in "Action" Phase
- ★ Remember HABITS are the best predictor of long-term outcomes
 - ★ Always end on a positive note!

