Scope

• Dietary/physical activity (PA) behaviors
  – Motivators/facilitators/barriers
    • Recommended dietary and PA behaviors
  – Interventions to help people improve adherence to dietary and PA recommendations
    • Models of individual and small group dietary and lifestyle behavior change interventions:
      – Behavioral change strategies and intervention characteristics
      – Innovations in modes of intervention for individual dietary and lifestyle behavior change
Scope

Contextual Factors
- Acculturation
- Household Food Insecurity

Behaviors
- Sedentary behaviors
- Eating Out
- Family shared meals
- Self-monitoring
- Food/menu label use
- Sleep

Outcomes
- Diet, Physical Activity
- Weight/anthropometry outcomes
- Chronic disease risk/biomarkers
Key Topic Areas

- Sedentary Behavior Including Screen Time
- Acculturation
- Eating Out
- Mobile Health
- Self-monitoring
- Household Food Insecurity
- Family Shared Meals
- Sleep
- Food/Menu Use
Experts & Consultants

**Invited Experts** (March to July 2014)
None

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  - Dean, College of Public Health and Health Professions
  - The Robert G. Frank Endowed Professor of Clinical and Health Psychology University of Florida
Questions Addressed Today

Acculturation

1. What is the relationship between acculturation and measures of dietary intake?
2. What is the relationship between acculturation and body weight?
3. What is the relationship between acculturation and risk of cardiovascular disease?
4. What is the relationship between acculturation and risk of type 2 diabetes?
5. What is the relationship between acculturation and prevalence of breast, prostate, lung, colon cancer and total cancer mortality?
6. What is the relationship between acculturation and risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes including low birth weight, very low birth weight, small for gestational age, prematurity, preeclampsia, and eclampsia?

Note: Acculturation measured by scales or simple proxies for acculturation

SC 3: Diet and Physical Activity Behavior Change
Questions Addressed Today

Eating Out

7. What is the relationship between eating out and/or take away meals and body weight in children and adults?

Mobile Health

8. What is the relationship between use of mHealth technology (e.g. cell texting, i-phones/tablets apps), alone or in combination with traditional group sessions or face-to-face counseling, and dietary behaviors (foods, food groups, dietary quality indices, macronutrient intakes and proportions)?

9. What is the relationship between use of mHealth technology alone or in combination with traditional group sessions or face-to-face counseling, and body weight?
Acculturation
Acculturation Background

Acculturation refers to the

• Process by which immigrants adopt the attitudes, values, customs, beliefs, and behaviors of a new culture

• Gradual exchange between immigrants’ original attitudes and behavior and those of the host culture


**Analytical Framework: Acculturation**

**Target Population**
Children (2 to 18 years) and adults, healthy and at risk for chronic disease

**Intervention/Exposure**
Acculturation measured by acculturation scales, or proxies for acculturation (time of living in the US, language preference, place of birth)

**Comparator**
Different levels of acculturation
Examine by age, gender, ethnic/racial group

**Intermediate Outcomes**
- Diet quality indices
- Foods/food groups
- Macronutrient intakes/proportions
- Patterns of physical activity
- Physical activity and sedentary behavior
- HTN, BP
- Triglycerides
- LDL-C, HDL-C (including TC:HDL & LDL:HDL)
- BMI, BMI z-score
- Weight change, % body fat mass
- Child growth indices
- Glucose Intolerance
- Insulin Resistance
- LBW, VLBW, SGA
- Anemia in pregnancy

**Key Confounders**
- Age
- Gender
- Movement from urban to rural areas or vice versa
- Ethnicity/race
- SES/socioeconomic position
- Physical activity
- Nutrient/energy density of diet
- Total energy intake
- Health care access

**Endpoint Health Outcomes**
- Incidence of healthy weight, overweight, obesity
- Incidence of CVD, CVD-related death, stroke, myocardial infarction
- Incidence of T2D
- Cancer (total mortality; incidence of breast, prostate, colon and lung)
- Incidence of eclampsia and preeclampsia, prematurity
Acculturation
Literature Search: Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

- English language peer-reviewed articles published 2004 –2014
- Human subjects > 2 y
- Healthy or with elevated chronic disease risk (excluded studies with all subjects diagnosed with disease)
- Studies conducted within the United States
- Prospective cohort, cross sectional studies, randomized or non-randomized controlled trials
  - Observational studies > 500 subjects
- Multidimensional or multiple proxies (e.g., length of residence, language preference, place of birth) for acculturation utilized
- Diet quality, body weight, CVD, T2D, cancer and pregnancy outcomes
Acculturation Literature Search Results

Articles identified through database searching (n=580) (PubMed, Embase, Cochrane, Navigator) →

Articles screened (Title) (n=336) → Articles excluded (n=244)

Articles screened (Abstract) (n=93) → Articles excluded (n=243)

Full-text articles reviewed for eligibility (n=29) →

Hand search (n=0) →

Studies included in systematic review:
- Dietary Intake (n=17)
- Body Weight/BMI (n=16)
- CVD (n=5)
- Type 2 Diabetes (n=4) →

Full-text articles excluded (n=64)

SC 3: Diet and Physical Activity Behavior Change
Acculturation and Dietary Intake

1. What is the relationship between acculturation, as measured by acculturation scales or proxies for acculturation, and measures of dietary intake?
Acculturation and Dietary Intake
Description of the Evidence

• 17 studies were included in this review:
  – **Study design**: 15 cross-sectional, 2 longitudinal studies
  – **Population**: 10 Latino/Hispanic populations (5 in Mexican Americans); 6 Asian populations; 1 study included both Asian and Latino/Hispanic populations; 2 studies in children; 3 studies exclusively in women
  – **Location**: 1 national and 1 US-Mexico border state study, 10 California studies, one each from Massachusetts, Hawaii, New York, a Midwestern city
  – **Risk of bias**: related to exposure and outcome measures
Acculturation and Dietary Intake
Description of the Evidence

- Acculturation measures differed substantially
  - Multidimensional acculturation scales used in 7 studies with Latino/Hispanic populations and 4 studies with Asian populations
  - Acculturation proxies used in 4 studies with Latino/Hispanic populations and 2 studies with Asian populations

- Dietary intake primarily assessed using short screening tools

- Outcomes assessed
  - Fruit/vegetable intake
  - Sugar sweetened beverages
  - Fast foods
  - Meat
  - Alcohol
Acculturation and Dietary Intake

Draft Key Findings

• In adults of Latino/Hispanic national origin, cross-sectional evidence suggests that higher acculturation to the US is associated with lower adherence to dietary guidelines.
  – Among adults of Latino/Hispanic national origin, primarily women and those of Mexican origin, higher acculturation is consistently associated with lower fruit and vegetable intake, as well as higher intake of fast foods, and sugar sweetened beverages.
  – In children and youth of Latino/Hispanic national origin, emerging evidence from two cross-sectional studies suggests an association between acculturation and diet behaviors.
    • A study with 3-5 year olds (proxied by caregiver acculturation) indicated an association with higher sweets intake and a study among adolescents, indicated an association with higher intake of fast foods.
Acculturation and Dietary Intake

Draft Key Findings

• Among Asian populations, emerging evidence from a very small number of cross-sectional studies suggests that higher acculturation to the US is associated with lower adherence to dietary guidelines.
  – A limited number of studies among Asian populations (mainly Korean, Chinese and Filipino) suggest higher acculturation is associated with higher fast food, as well as lower soy and traditional food consumption.

• Insufficient evidence is available among children, Asians in general, and those of Latino/Hispanic national origin regarding the association between measures of acculturation and dietary intake.
Acculturation and Dietary Intake

Conclusion Statement

- Limited evidence from cross-sectional studies suggests that in adults of Latino/Hispanic national origin, particularly women and those of Mexican origin, higher acculturation to the US is associated with lower fruit and vegetable intake, as well as higher intake of fast foods and sugar-sweetened beverages.

  - Insufficient evidence is available among children, Asians in general, and among populations for diverse Latino/Hispanic national origin, regarding the association between measures of acculturation and dietary intake.

DGAC Grade: Limited
2. What is the relationship between acculturation, as measured by acculturation scales or proxies for acculturation, and body weight?
Acculturation and Body Weight
Description of the Evidence

• 12 studies were included in this review:
  – **Study design**: 11 cross-sectional, 1 longitudinal study
  – **Populations**: 7 Asian populations, 5 Latino/Hispanic populations (4 Mexican American and 1 Puerto Rican); adults (~35-75 y); 4 studies analyzed by gender
  – **Location**: 2 national sample; 5 from California, one each from Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York; 2 studies included samples from country of origin (Vietnam and Korea)
  – **Risk of bias**: related to exposure/outcome measures; lack of adjustment for energy intake and physical activity
Acculturation and Body Weight
Description of the Evidence

• Acculturation measures differed substantially
  – Multidimensional scales used in 5 studies with Asian populations and 1 study with Latino/Hispanic population
  – Proxy measures used in 4 studies with Latino/Hispanic populations and 2 studies with Asian populations
  – One study used both an acculturation scale and proxies

• Self-reported measures of height and weight used in 5 of 12 studies

• Outcomes assessed
  – Body weight
  – Waist-hip ratio
  – Prevalence of overweight/obesity

SC 3: Diet and Physical Activity Behavior Change
Acculturation and Body Weight

Draft Key Findings

• Among Asian populations, the relationship between acculturation and higher body weight appears positive, but results are not consistent.

• Among Latinos/Hispanic populations, the association has been documented mostly among women of Mexican origin.
Acculturation and Body Weight

Draft Conclusion Statement

- Limited evidence suggests that there is a relationship between higher acculturation to the US and body weight status.
  - This relationship may vary by national origin and gender.

DGAC Grade: Limited
3. What is the relationship between acculturation, as measured by acculturation scales or proxies for acculturation, and risk of cardiovascular disease?
Acculturation and Risk of CVD
Description of the Evidence

- 6 studies were included in this review:
  - **Study design:** 6 cross-sectional studies
  - **Populations:** 5 Latino/Hispanic populations and 1 multicultural population; adult men and women (40-60 y)
  - **Location:** data predominately derived from large, multi-state or national data sets
  - **Risk of bias:** related to exposure/outcome measures
Acculturation and Risk of CVD
Description of the Evidence

• Acculturation measures differed substantially
  – 3 studies used differing multidimensional scales
  – 3 studies utilized acculturation proxies including: duration of US residence, language, and place of birth

• Outcomes assessed
  – Number of CVD risk factors
  – Blood lipid levels
  – Blood pressure
  – Hypertension
  – Self-reported CHD or stroke

SC 3: Diet and Physical Activity Behavior Change
Acculturation and Risk of CVD

Draft Key Findings

• 3 studies found a positive relationship between language acculturation and elevated blood lipid levels, but results varied by acculturation indicator.

• 2 studies assessed the association between acculturation and blood pressure in Latino/Hispanic populations and no association was found.

• 2 studies assessed the relationship between acculturation and hypertension in Latino/Hispanic and a multicultural population and found no association.
Acculturation and Risk of CVD

Draft Key Findings

- 2 studies suggest a positive association between language acculturation and overall CVD risk, but results varied as a function of language acculturation indicator used.

- The studies used different methods to assess acculturation including three studies which used multidimensional scales and 3 studies that relied on the assessment of acculturation proxies.

- The preponderance of evidence was in Hispanic/Latino populations and predominately Mexican American populations, but other Hispanic/Latino national origin groups were represented.
Acculturation and Risk of CVD

**Draft** Conclusion Statement

- There is limited evidence from a small number of cross-sectional studies conducted in Latino/Hispanic populations suggesting a positive relationship between language acculturation and elevated blood lipid levels and no relationship between acculturation and blood pressure.

- Insufficient evidence is available for other race/ethnic populations and among children for these outcomes and other CVD outcomes.

**DGAC Grade: Limited**
Acculturation and Risk of Type 2 Diabetes (T2D)

4. What is the relationship between acculturation, as measured by acculturation scales or proxies for acculturation, and risk of type 2 diabetes?
Acculturation and Risk of T2D
Description of the Evidence

• 4 cross-sectional studies were included in this review:
  – 2 studies used NHANES data (Hispanic/Latino subjects)
  – 1 study used Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA) (Mexican, other Hispanic and Chinese)
  – 1 study used the Boston Puerto Rican Health Study

• Risk of bias: use of acculturation proxies and failure to test for effect modification by healthcare access

• Outcomes assessed
  – Elevated blood glucose
  – Pre-diabetes
  – Diabetes prevalence
Acculturation and Risk of T2D

**Draft Key Findings**

- The studies used different methods to assess acculturation.
  - 4 different multidimensional scales were used and 1 study relied on the assessment of two acculturation proxies.
  - All measures took into consideration language usage.
Acculturation and Risk of T2D

Draft Conclusion Statement

- Conclusions regarding the relationship between acculturation and type 2 diabetes cannot be drawn.
  - This is due to limited evidence from a very small number of cross-sectional studies, and study populations, and limitations in acculturation assessment methodology, effect modifiers, and outcomes measured.

DGAC Grade: Grade not assignable
Acculturation

Draft Research Recommendations

- Prospective cohort studies that begin during childhood and continue across the lifespan.
- Examine immigrant populations from other regions and countries throughout the world.
- Include research measured rather than self-reported chronic disease outcomes.
- Explore potential effect modifiers such as gender, country of origin, urban versus rural location of origin, education level and level of health care access.
- Development of tools to assess multidimensional acculturation across multiple cultural groups.
Acculturation and Dietary Intake

Draft Implication Statement

• Acculturation provides important information about:
  – Dietary habits
  – Risk of excessive body weight
  – Cultural aspects including language preferences

• Acculturation research has important implications for
  – Dietary Guidelines dissemination
  – Dietary Guidelines implementation

SC 3: Diet and Physical Activity Behavior Change
Acculturation

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Discussion

SC 3: Diet and Physical Activity Behavior Change
Eating Out
Eating Out Question

7. What is the relationship between eating out and/or take away meals and body weight in children and adults?

NEL Systematic Review to update 2010 DGAC
Eating Out

Background

2015 Systematic Review Question:
• What is the relationship between eating out and/or take away meals and body weight in children and adults?

2010 Systematic Review Questions:
• What is the relationship between eating out and adiposity in children?
• What is the relationship between eating out and body weight in adults?

Rationale for change:
• Increased popularity in take away meals lead to inclusion of this concept in the 2015 systematic review question. The 2015 DGAC is interested in exploring the impact of eating out at a range of food outlets (i.e., quick serve, casual, formal restaurants, grocery take out).
• Review targets both children and adults and data will be evaluated by age group. This change was made to promote efficiency.
Analytical Framework: Eating Out

**Target Population**
Children (2 to 18 years) and adults, healthy and at risk for chronic disease

**Intervention/Exposure**
Frequency of eating out or take away food meals
Types of food outlets when eating out or food taken home (i.e., quick serve, casual, formal restaurant)

**Comparator**
Different types of food outlets
Different frequency of meals eaten out or as take away meals

**Intermediate Outcomes**
Adults:
- BMI
- Waist circumference
- Weight change
- % body fat mass

Child growth indices:
- Weight-for-age, Length/stature-for-age, weight for stature
- BMI-for-age, BMI z-score

**Endpoint Health Outcomes**
• Incidence of healthy weight, overweight, obesity

**Key Confounders**
- Total energy intake
- Dietary intake
- BMI
- Age
- Race/ethnicity
- Sex
- SES
- Physical activity
- Baseline overweight status (longitudinal studies)
- Familial factors, e.g., family connectedness and weight-specific pressures within the home
- Parent employment status
- Parent work-life stress

**Key Definitions:** Eating out and take away meals -- NEL will document authors’ definitions, types of food outlets and take-away foods
Eating Out

Literature Search: Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

- Human subjects > 2 y
- Healthy or with elevated chronic disease risk (excluded studies with all subjects diagnosed with disease)
- International population from high or very highly HDI countries
- Prospective cohort, randomized controlled trials, crossover trials, non-randomized controlled trials
- Frequency and type of eating out/take away food meals
- Body weight intermediate and health outcomes
Eating Out Update
2014 Literature Search Results

Articles identified through database searching (n=835)
(PubMed, Embase, Cochrane, Navigator)

Articles screened (Title) (n=835)

Articles screened (Abstract) (n=290)

Full-text articles reviewed for eligibility (n=11)

Hand search (n=0)

Studies included in systematic review (7)

Articles excluded (n=545)

Articles excluded (n=279)

Full-text articles excluded (n=4)

2010 DGAC Eating Out Review search strategy and results available at www.NEL.gov

SC 3: Diet and Physical Activity Behavior Change
Eating Out

Description of the Evidence

• 16 prospective studies (14 cohorts) were included in this review:
  – Adults: 7 studies (4 cohorts)
    • 5 conducted in the US and 1 in Spain
    • Study size: 891-19,479 subjects
    • Age: primarily < 40y
    • Some ethnic diversity
  – Children: 8 studies
    • 4 conducted in US, others in Canada, UK, Australia, Spain, China
    • Age: Primarily 9-16 y
    • Ethnic/racial diversity in US studies
  – Transition from adolescence to adulthood: 1 study

SC 3: Diet and Physical Activity Behavior Change
Eating Out
Description of the Exposure

- Adults
  - 5 studies assessed frequency of fast food (3 cohorts)
    - Specific foods consumed not assessed
    - 1 study focused on “local” fast food intake
    - Food intake not assessed
  - 1 study assessed meals away from home
  - 1 study in African American women assessed intake of 6 specific foods
    - Burgers, pizza, fried chicken, fried fish, Mexican food and Chinese food
- Restaurant/cafeteria intake assessed in CARDIA cohort (2 studies)
Eating Out
Description of the Exposure

• Children
  – Generally one or two questions used to assess
  – Frequency of fast foods addressed by all studies
    • 7 studies specifically assessed frequency of fast food consumption (chains/restaurant characteristics may be listed)
    • 1 study used FFQ for fries, burgers, fried chicken and converted to a weekly fast food intake index
    • 1 study assessed fried foods away from home
    • 1 study location of breakfast (away from home/home/skip)
    • 1 small study assessed type of food outlet
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# Eating Out and Body Weight Results in Children

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### SC 3: Diet and Physical Activity Behavior Change
Eating Out
Key Findings, Conclusion Statements

Under development
Eating Out

What is the relationship between eating out and/or take away meals and body weight in children and adults?

Discussion
Mobile Health
Mobile Health (mHealth) Questions

1. What is the relationship between use of mHealth technology (e.g. cell texting, i-phones/tablets apps), alone or in combination with traditional group sessions or face-to-face counseling, and dietary behaviors (foods, food groups, dietary quality indices, macronutrient intakes and proportions)?

2. What is the relationship between use of mHealth technology alone or in combination with traditional group sessions or face-to-face counseling, and body weight?

NEL Systematic Review
Mobile Health (mHealth) Background

- Recent expansion in use of mHealth technologies (e.g., text messaging, mobile phone apps, remote monitoring, portable sensors):
  - Change in US health information and health care delivery.
  - Mobile technologies offer unprecedented opportunities to:
    - Improve the health of Americans
    - Reach traditionally underserved ethnic and racial populations

- 2013 AHA/ACC/TOS Guidelines for Management of Overweight and Obesity in Adults provide research recommendations on using mHealth technologies to improve comprehensive, high-intensity lifestyle interventions for weight loss:
  - More research needed that evaluates effective methods of delivering lifestyle interventions remotely (e.g., internet, mobile phone, text messaging, telephone, DVDs, etc., or some combination of these) to achieve and maintain clinically meaningful weight loss.
**Analytical Framework:** Mobile Health (mHealth)

**Target Population**
Adolescents and adults healthy and at risk for chronic disease

**Intervention/Exposure**
Mobile health (mHealth) technology (including cell texting, mobile digital devices/tablets apps)

**Comparator**
Different levels of exposure, types of Mobile health technology, and application alone or in combination with traditional group session and counseling approaches
Examine by age, gender, ethnic/racial group

**Intermediate Outcomes**
- Diet quality indices
- Foods/food groups
- Macronutrient intakes/proportions
- BMI
- Weight change, % body fat mass
- Child growth indices

**Endpoint Health Outcomes**
- Incidence of healthy weight, overweight, obesity

**Key Confounders**
- Total energy intake
- SES
- Age
- Gender
- Ethnicity/race
- Physical activity

**Key Definitions:** Mobile health (e.g., “using mobile communications—such as PDAs and mobile phones—for health services and information:” UN Foundation); NEL will include study authors’ definitions.
Mobile Health (mHealth)
Literature Search: Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

- English language peer-reviewed articles
- Human subjects, adolescents and adults
- International population from high or very HDI countries
- Healthy and those with elevated chronic disease risk (excluded studies with all subjects diagnosed with disease)
- Study design: randomized controlled trials, crossover trials, prospective cohort studies
- Size of study groups for intervention trials: ≥ 30 subjects per study arm
- Attrition/Dropout rate: for intervention trials, exclude if dropout rate >20% within 6 months and >30% beyond 6 months; differential dropout rate of >15% between groups within the first 6 months.
Mobile Health (mHealth) Literature Search Results

Articles identified through database searching (n=1331) (PubMed, Embase, Cochrane, Navigator)

Articles screened (Title) (n=1,331)

Articles screened (Abstract) (n=459)

Full-text articles reviewed for eligibility (n=56)

Hand search (n=0)

Studies included in systematic review (5)
  Diet Outcome (n=2)
  Weight Outcome (n=4)

Full-text articles excluded (n=50)

Articles excluded (n=872)

Articles excluded (n=403)

SC 3: Diet and Physical Activity Behavior Change
Mobile Health and Dietary Outcomes

Description of the Evidence

Two Randomized Controlled Trials in the US

- **Study size**: 86-180 subjects
- **Age**: middle-aged (mean range: 43-47 y)
- **Gender**: mostly women (75-85%)
- **Racial/ethnic diversity**: mostly white (76-78%)
- **Subject characteristics**: all overweight/obese
- **Length of trial**: 6 and 24 m
- **Study populations**:
  - Mobile Pounds Off Digitally (Mobile POD)
  - Self- Monitoring And Recording using Technology (SMART) Trial
Mobile Health and Weight Outcomes

Description of the Evidence

Four Randomized Controlled Trials in the US

– **Study size:** 86-180 subjects
– **Age:** middle-aged (mean range: 42-53 y)
– **Gender:** mostly women (59-85%)
– **Racial/ethnic diversity:** mostly white (64-94%)
– **Subject characteristics:** all overweight/obese
– **Length of trial:** 3-24 m
– **Study populations:**
  - Mobile Pounds Off Digitally (Mobile POD)
  - Self-Monitoring And Recording using Technology (SMART) Trial
Mobile Health & Dietary Outcomes
Study Description – all RCTs

- **Ambeba, 2014**: Evaluated use of self-monitoring PDA with daily feedback compared to using a PDA only or use of a paper food diary (controls)

- **Turner-McGrievy, 2011**: Evaluated a combined of use of podcasts, mobile support communication and mobile diet monitoring, compared to receipt of podcasts only
  - Podcasts provided diet and physical activity information, goal setting and problem solving tips
Mobile Health & Weight Study Description – all RCTs

- **Burke, 2012**: Evaluated self-monitoring using a PDA only or PDA with daily feedback compared to use of a paper food diary (control)

- **Shapiro, 2012**: Evaluated a daily text-messaging weight loss intervention and text-messaging adherence compared to receipt of monthly e-newsletters (control)

- **Shaw, 2013**: Evaluated use of specialized targeted diet and weight related text messages compared to receipt of general health messages (control)

- **Turner-McGrievy, 2011**: Evaluated a combined use of podcasts, mobile support communication and mobile diet monitoring, compared to receipt of podcasts only
# Mobile Health (mHealth) Dietary Outcomes

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## SC 3: Diet and Physical Activity Behavior Change
### Mobile Health (mHealth) Weight Outcomes

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1. Studies should assess the extent to which the use of mobile technologies impacts long-term adherence and attrition rates. Studies should document the percentage of subjects still participating in the mHealth intervention over short sequential periods of time (e.g., monthly after start of the intervention) and determine factors that affect adherence. Design studies to minimize attrition rates in the intervention and control arms.

2. Randomized controlled trials should be powered both for small effect sizes and relatively high attrition rates.
Mobile Health (mHealth)

Draft Research Recommendations

3. Studies, based on sound behavioral change theories, should test the effects of mobile health technologies on dietary and weight outcomes when used longer than 3 months and assess the sustainability of positive changes after the end of interventions.

4. Investigators are encouraged to use an "intent-to-treat" approach in their study designs and consider utilizing analytic plans that employ "Missing Not At Random" data imputation strategies.

5. Future studies should include larger study sample sizes, more heterogeneous populations, and include some of the under-represented ethnic/racial groups in the U.S. population.
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Next Steps

• Review literature in more detail with self-monitoring topic

• Self-monitoring question:
  
  What is the relationship between use of self-monitoring strategies (focused on weight loss) and body weight outcomes (weight loss, maintenance, etc.) in adults and youth?
Mobile Health (mHealth)

1. What is the relationship between use of mHealth technology (e.g. cell texting, i-phones/tablets apps), alone or in combination with traditional group sessions or face-to-face counseling, and dietary behaviors (foods, food groups, dietary quality indices, macronutrient intakes and proportions)?

2. What is the relationship between use of mHealth technology alone or in combination with traditional group sessions or face-to-face counseling, and body weight?

Discussion
Next Steps: Questions to Address

1. Self-monitoring
2. Sedentary Behavior and Screen Time in Youth
3. Household Food Insecurity
4. Family/Shared Meals
5. Sleep
6. Food/Menu Labeling
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