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**Module II**  
**Chronic Disease Management**

Chapter 3  
Nutritional Management of  
Chronic Diseases



# Lecture outline

- Ageing and health
- Nutritional management of common chronic diseases
  - Hypertension
  - Cardiovascular disease
    - atherosclerosis
    - coronary heart disease
    - heart disease
    - stroke
  - Diabetes Mellitus

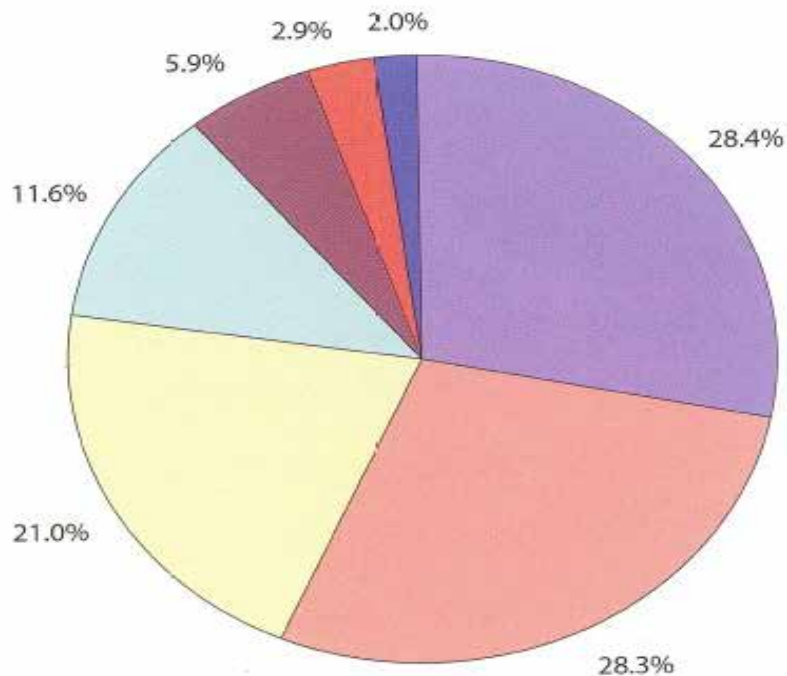
# Ageing and health

- Ageing people are prone to chronic diseases.
- In 2004, ~9% older people were underweight; ~27% were obese.
- In HK, 28% non-institutional population aged 60+ reported to have one chronic illness, 21% two and 22% three or more.

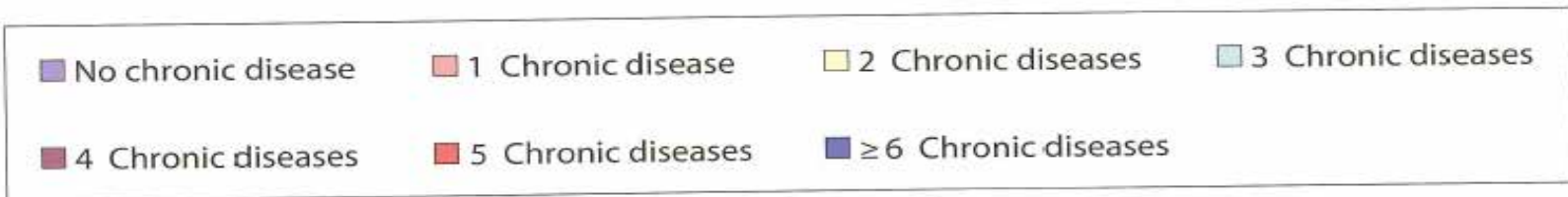
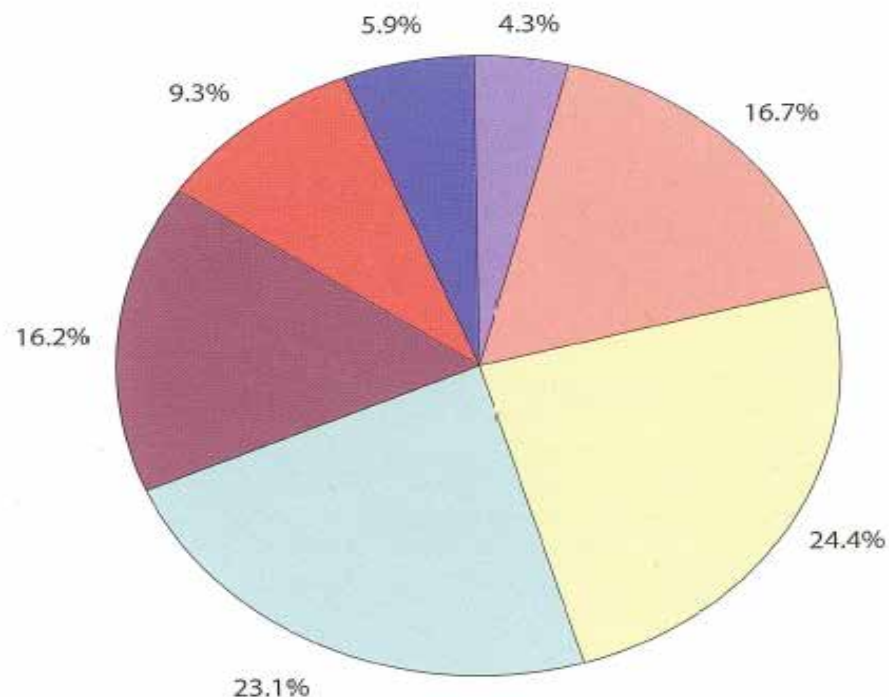
(Thematic Household Survey Report No. 21)

Figure 6.2a Number of chronic diseases present in the Hong Kong population aged 60 and above, 2004

Non-institutional population



Institutional population



Note:  
Including chronic diseases that did not require regular medical treatment.

(Chau & Woo, 2010)

# Effects of ageing

- Physiological change
  - Central nervous system
  - Skeletal system (muscle, joint)
  - Cardiovascular system
  - Immune system
  - Gastrointestinal system
  - Endocrine system
  - Skin and muscle
  - Sensory organs (eyes, ears, etc.)
  - Reproductive system

# Hypertension

# Hypertension

- Defined as consistently raised blood pressure

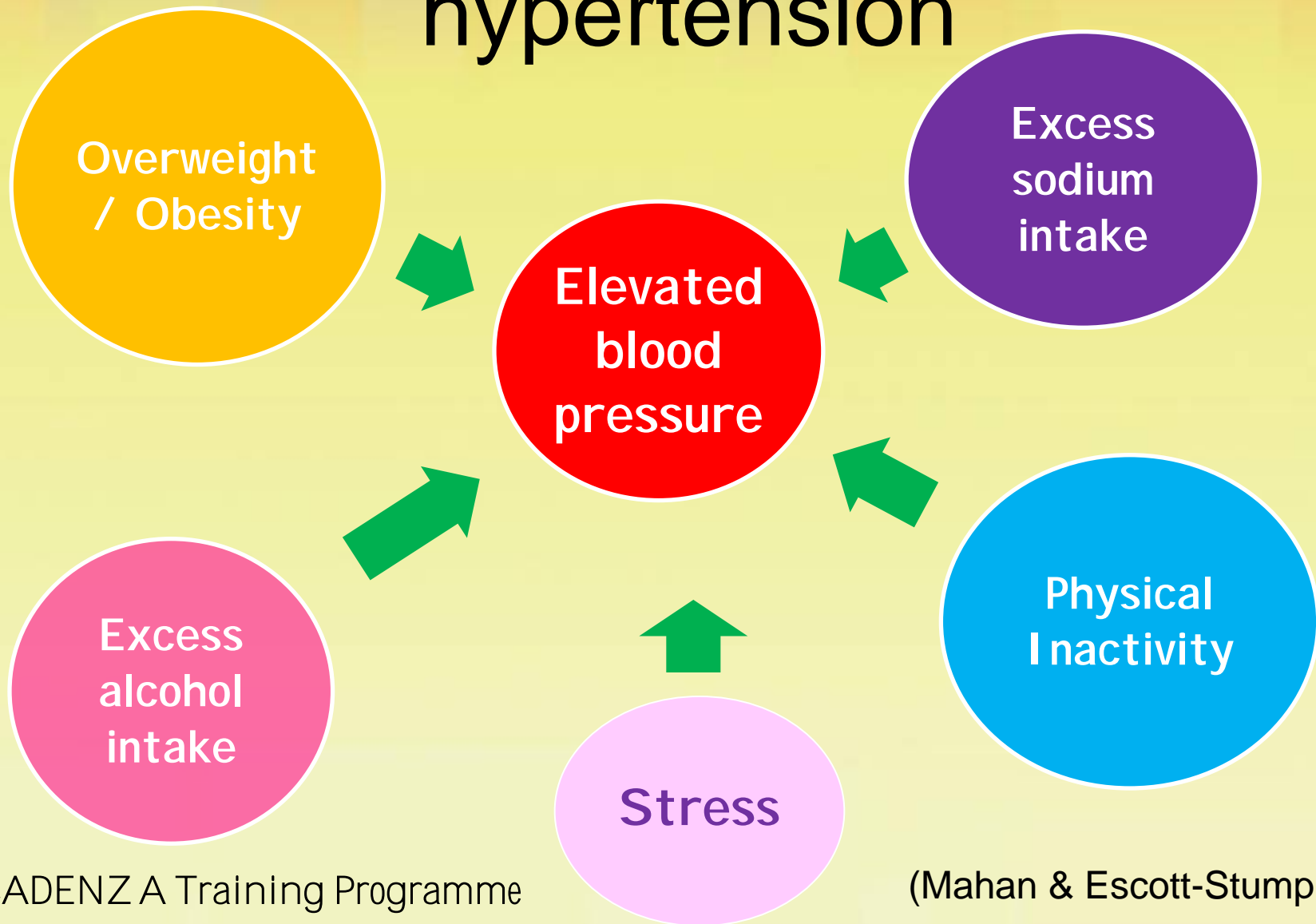
| Category              | Blood pressure (mm Hg) |     |           |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----|-----------|
|                       | Systolic               |     | Diastolic |
| Normal                | <120                   | and | <80       |
| Pre-hypertension      | 120-139                | or  | 80-89     |
| Hypertension, Stage 1 | 140-159                | or  | 90-99     |
| Hypertension, Stage 2 | >160                   | or  | >100      |

(Seventh report of Joint National Committee on Prevention, Detection, Evaluation, and Treatment of High Blood Pressure , JNC 7)

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# Modifiable factors for hypertension



# Hypertension

- Predisposed to target organ diseases
  - Ø Cardiovascular – left ventricular hypertrophy, coronary heart disease, heart failure
  - Ø Cerebrovascular – stroke
  - Ø Renal – proteinuria, renal failure
  - Ø Retinopathy

# Nutritional Management Of Hypertension

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Weight  
management

Sodium  
restriction

Alcohol  
restriction

Nutrition  
education

# Weight management

- Weight loss reduces blood pressure in overweight hypertensive patients and in overweight persons with high-normal blood pressure

(Stevens et al., 2001)

# Weight management

- Lose weight if overweight/obese
  - ü Aerobic exercise reduced SBP on average by ~4mmHg and DBP by ~2mmHg
  - ü Normalise blood lipid and glucose
  - ü Synergistic effect with drug therapy
  - ü Stage 1 Hypertensives achieve normal BP by weight loss alone
- Recommendation:
  - ü Regular aerobic exercise at least 30min/day, 3 - 4/week

# Sodium restriction

- Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) diet
- DASH diet pattern:
  - low in saturated fat, total fat and cholesterol
  - low-fat dairy products
  - increased fruit + vegetables
  - increased whole grains and nuts

For more details,  
please click on:



[http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/hbp/dash/new\\_dash.pdf](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/hbp/dash/new_dash.pdf)

# DASH diet

- DASH diet follows the American Heart Association guidelines ↓ saturated fat and cholesterol intake
- Aimed to ↑ nutrients that have a BP lowering effect
  - e.g., potassium
  - calcium
  - magnesium
  - protein and fibre



# Research evidence of DASH diet

- Two DASH studies conducted in the U.S.
- Subjects in first DASH study: 459 adults with SBP < 160 mmHg and DBP 80-95 mmHg
- 27% of the subjects had high blood pressure

# Research evidence of DASH diet

- It compared three eating plans:
  - Diet 1: a diet with foods similar to an American's regular diet
  - Diet 2: Diet 1 plus more fruits and vegetables
  - Diet 3: DASH diet
- All diets included 3000mg sodium per day

# Research evidence of DASH diet

## **RESULTS** of the first study

- Participants following Diet 2 and DASH diet had reduced BP
- But participants on DASH diet noticed greatest effect
  - especially those who had high blood pressure

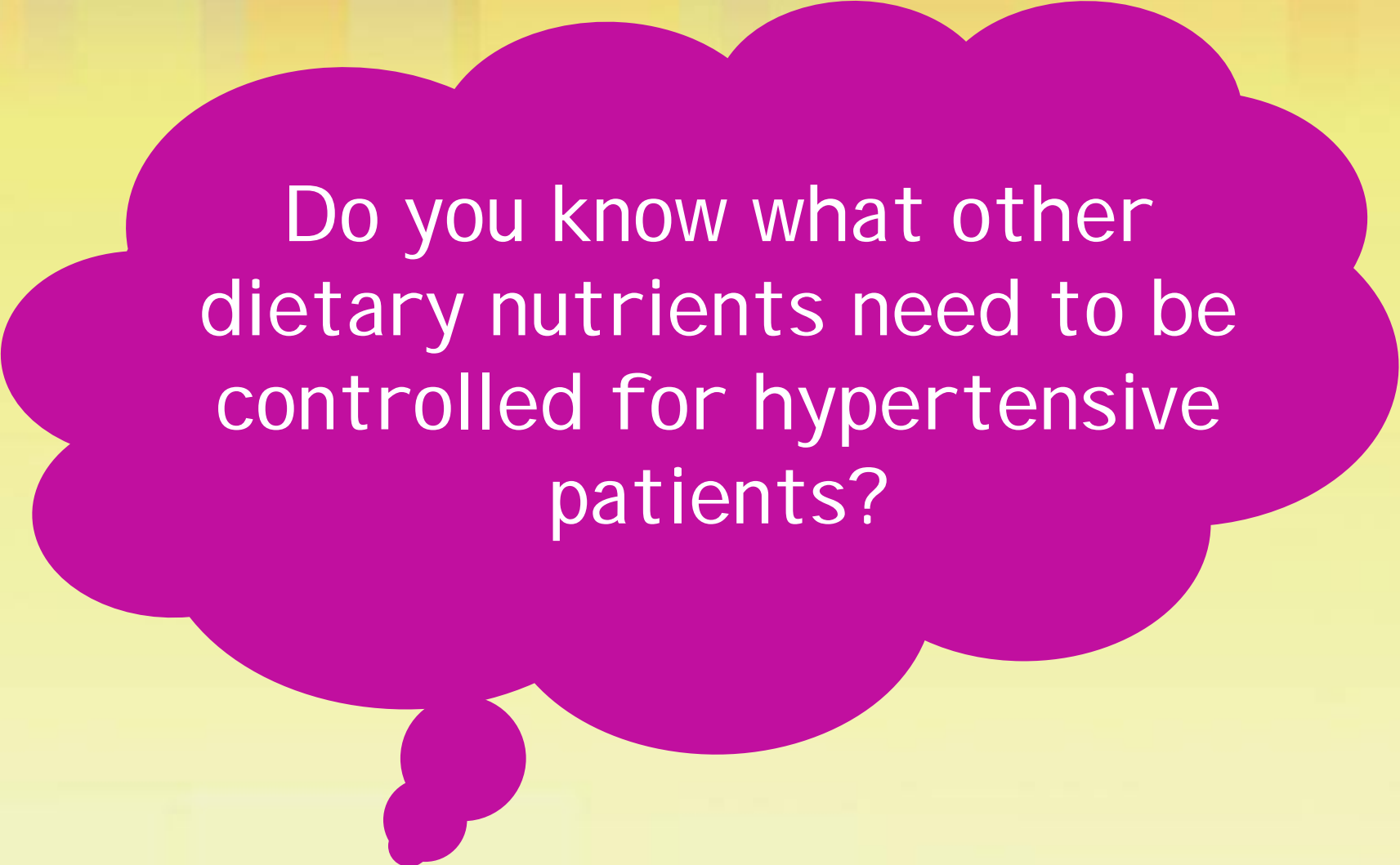
# Research evidence of DASH diet

- The second DASH study looked at the effect on BP of a reduced dietary sodium intake.
- 412 participants were randomly assigned to 2 diets; the DASH diet and a diet similar to an American's regular diet for a month at each of the three sodium levels
  - 3000mg Na (typical American diet)
  - 2300mg Na (intermediate intake)
  - 1500mg Na (lower intake)

# Research evidence of DASH diet

## RESULTS of the second DASH study

- ↓ Dietary sodium ↓ BP for both diets
- At each sodium level, BP was lower on DASH diet than on the other diet
- The greatest BP reductions from DASH at 1500mg/d sodium level



Do you know what other dietary nutrients need to be controlled for hypertensive patients?

# Other dietary factors for hypertension

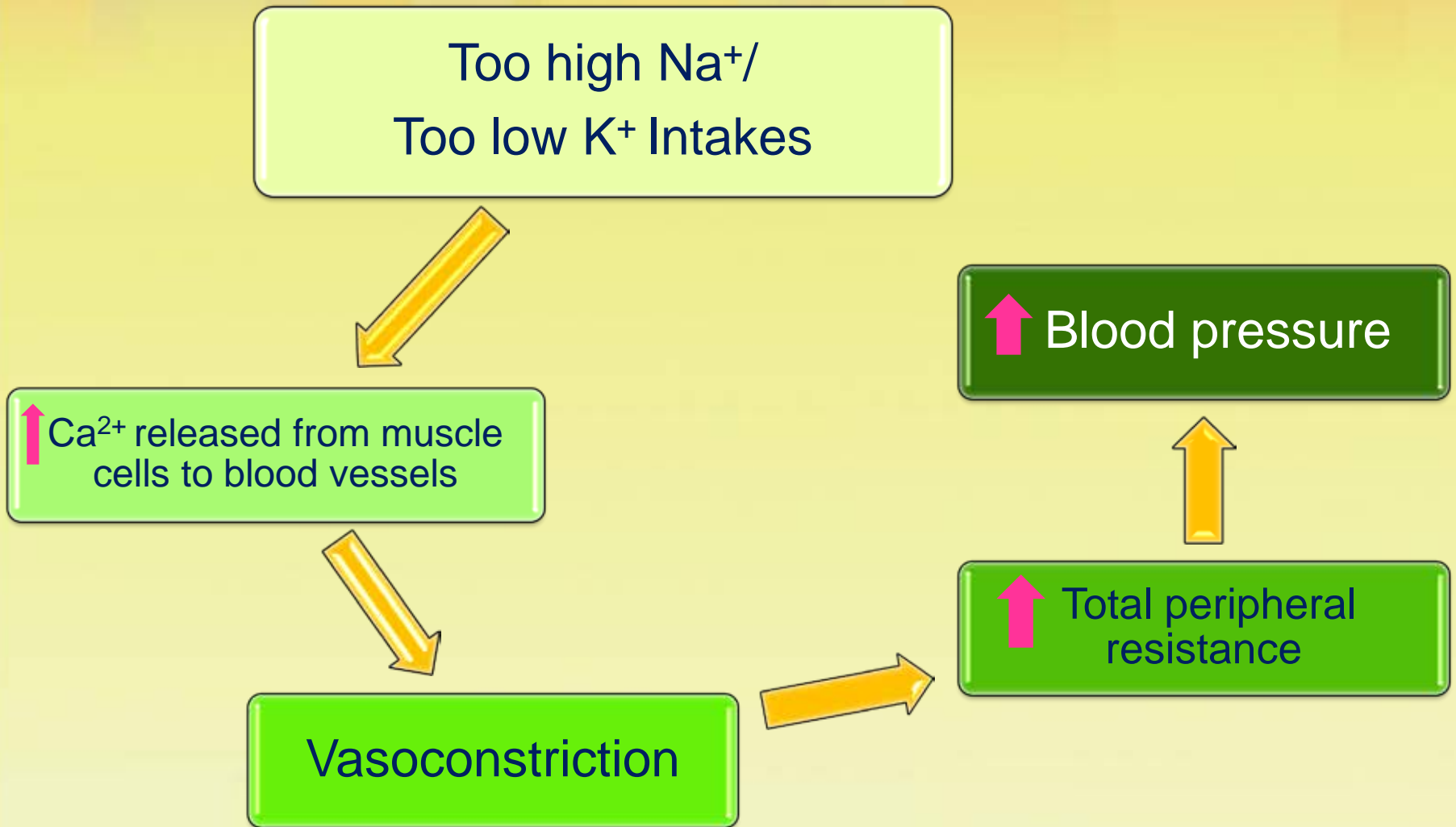
- *Potassium*

- ü Counters the negative effect of sodium to lower BP by:

- ü 1) reducing peripheral vascular resistance by direct arteriolar dilatation; 2) increased loss of water and sodium from the body; 3) suppression of renin and angiotensin secretion; 4) stimulation of sodium-potassium pump

- ü No effects seen from supplements

# Proposed mechanism of dietary factors on hypertension development





# Other dietary factors for hypertension

- *Calcium*

- ü Peptides from milk proteins shown to function as angiotensin which helps control BP

- *Magnesium*

- ü Acts as vasodilator

- ü Potent inhibitor of vascular smooth muscle contraction

- ü No evidence to support supplementation

- *Fat*

- ü Not directly affecting BP

- ü Reducing saturated and total fat helps weight control and reduced CVD risk

# Alcohol restriction

- *Alcohol*

- ü Limit to <1 oz (30ml) of ethanol

- ü 3 drinks/day is the threshold for raising BP by 3 mmHg

- 1 drink = ½ oz or 15ml ethanol.

- E.g. 12 oz (360ml) of beer, 5 oz of wine (150ml), or 1 oz(30ml) of 100-proof whiskey) per day

- Recommendation:

- ü Men: <2 drinks/day; Women: <1 drink/day

# Lifestyle modification recommendation

| Modification                             | Recommendation                                                                                           | Average SBP reduction range |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Weight reduction</b>                  | Maintain normal body weight (BMI 18.5-22.9)                                                              | 5 – 20 mmHg/10Kg            |
| <b>DASH eating plan</b>                  | Adopt a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, low fat dairy products with reduced saturated fat and total fat | 8 -14 mmHg                  |
| <b>Dietary sodium reduction</b>          | Reduce dietary sodium intake to <2.3g Na                                                                 | 2 – 8 mmHg                  |
| <b>Aerobic physical activity</b>         | Regular aerobic physical activity at least 30min/day                                                     | 4 – 9 mmHg                  |
| <b>Moderation of alcohol consumption</b> | Men: <2drinks/day<br>Women: <1 drink/day<br>(1drink = ½ oz or 15ml ethanol. E.g. 12oz beer, 5 oz wine)   | 2 – 4 mmHg                  |

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(JNC 7)

# Nutrition education

- Educate the public to ↓ sodium gradually in diet
  - ü Avoid MSG in cooking, use natural ingredients e.g., garlic, ginger, herbs, spices
  - ü Avoid processed/preserved foods, choose fresh foods
  - ü Avoid sauces

*Read food label on foods*

ü ~2000mg Na = ~1 teaspoon of table salt

ü 140mg Na = low sodium

# Nutrition Education

- Maintain adequate intake of calcium and magnesium for general health
- Stop smoking
- Reduce intake of dietary saturated fat and cholesterol for overall CVD health
- Avoid frequent eating out

(Mahan & Escott-Stump; 2008, NICE guideline, 2004; JNC7)

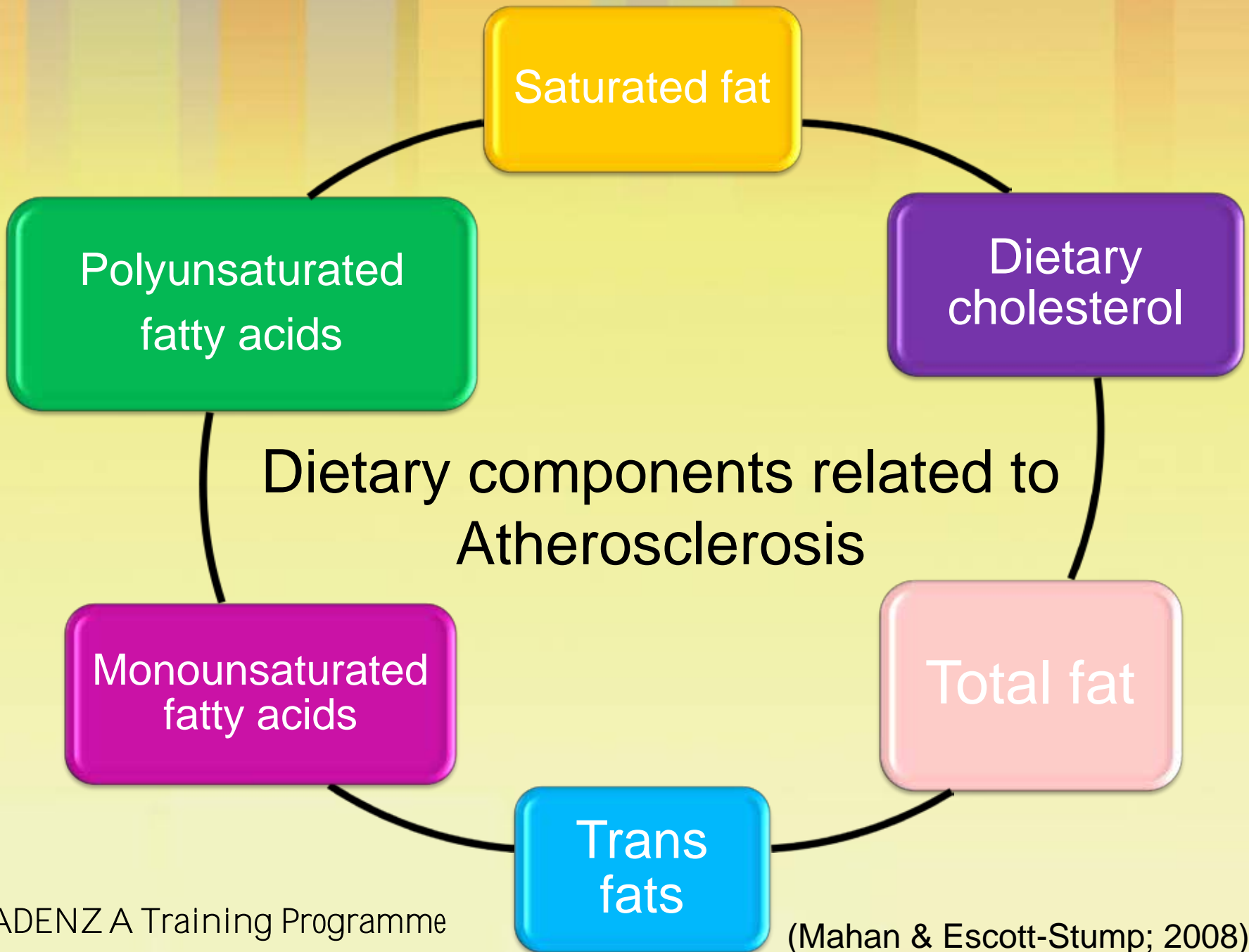
# Cardiovascular disease

# Atherosclerosis

- Arterial wall thickening results in hardening of the arteries
- Ø Plaques (made by fat, cholesterol and other substances) build up in the wall of blood vessel
- Ø Narrowing the vessel ↓ blood flow to the organ
- Ø ↑ End-organ damage







# Effects of different types of fat on plasma lipids

- Saturated fat (SA)

- Ø 'bad fat'

- Ø ↑ total cholesterol (TC) and low-density lipoprotein (LDL)

- Polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA)

- Ø 'neutral fat'

- Ø Omega-3 [Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA)] and omega-6

- Ø ↓ LDL and HDL

- Monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFA)

- Ø 'good fat'

- Ø ↓ TC and LDL

- Ø Does NOT lower HDL

(Mahan & Escott-Stump; 2008, NCEP 2002; ATP III Final Report 2002)

# Effects of different types of fat on plasma lipids

- Dietary cholesterol

- ∅ ↑ TC and LDL

- ∅ Cholesterol responsiveness varies among individuals

- Total fat intake

- ∅ ↑ obesity

- ∅ High-fat diets ↑ postprandial lipidemia and chylomicron remnants

- ∅ associated with ↑ risk of CHD

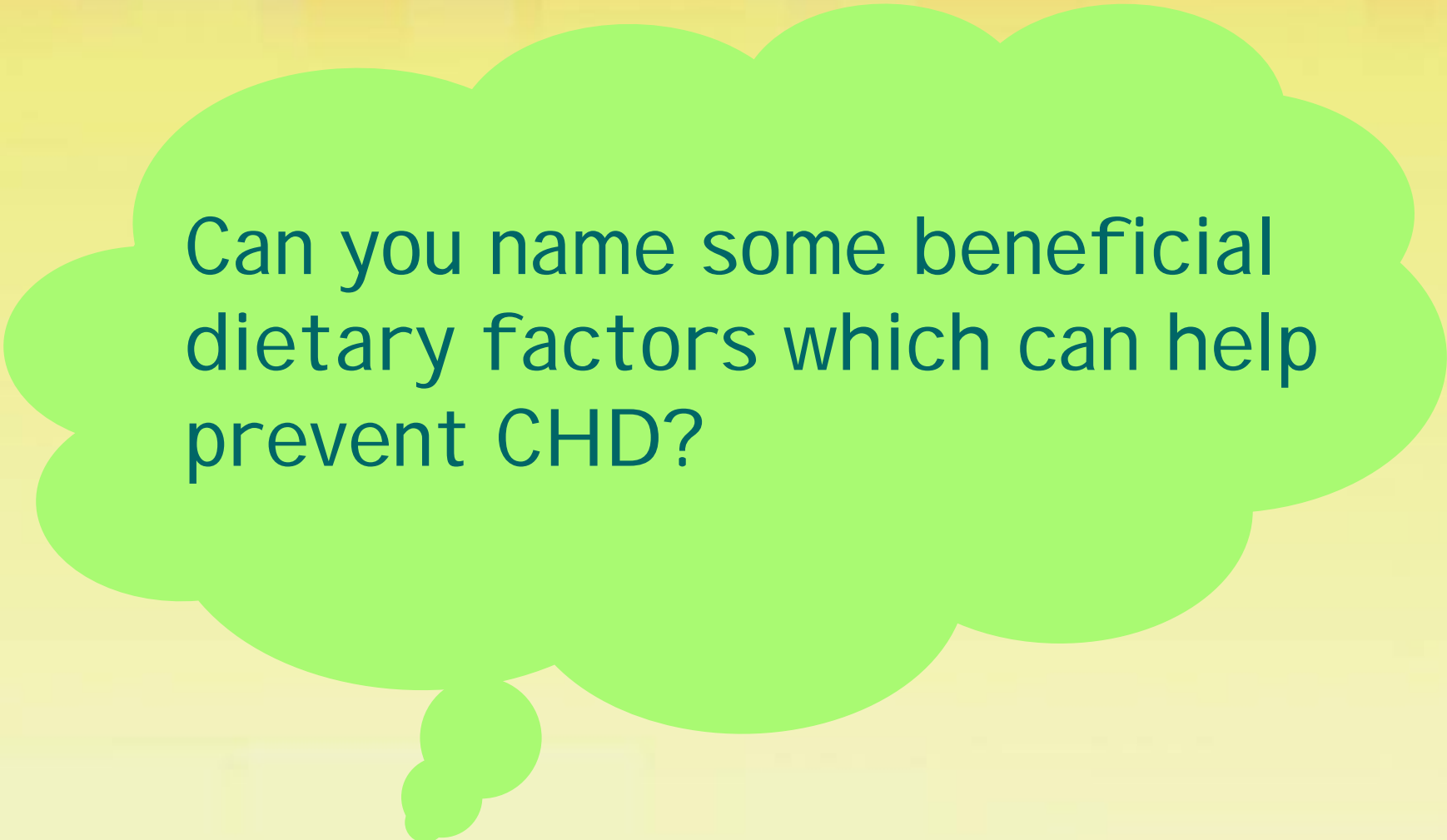
# Effects of different types of fat on plasma lipids

- Trans fats
  - cis form unsaturated fatty acids hydrogenated to form trans form
  - Widely used in food industry to harden unsaturated oils
  - ↑ LDL ↓ HDL

(Mahan & Escott-Stump; 2008, NCEP 2002; ATP III Final Report 2002)

# Coronary Heart Disease (CHD)

- Insufficient blood supply to the heart due to accumulation of fatty substances in the coronary arteries.
- Underlying cause is atherosclerosis.
- Causing angina, myocardial infarction and strokes in the cerebral arteries.



Can you name some beneficial dietary factors which can help prevent CHD?

# Beneficial dietary factors

- Soluble fibre – ↓ serum cholesterol and LDL
  - Øinterferes with bile acid reabsorption
  - Øthe bacteria in the colon ferment the fibre to produce short-chain fatty acids, which inhibit cholesterol synthesis
- Found in pectin (in fruits and vegetables), guar gum and oats
- The effect of lipid-lowering varies by food source

(Mahan & Escott-Stump; 2008, Lichtenstein et al., 2006, ATPIII Final Report, 2002)

# Beneficial dietary factors

- Soy protein

- Øif replacing animal protein, ↓ TC, LDL and triglycerides

- Ødaily intake of 25g soy with isoflavones ↓ LDL by 4 – 8% in hypercholesterolemia person

- Plant stanols and sterols

- Øisolated from soybean oils or pine tree oil

- Ødaily intake of 2-3g ↓ cholesterol by 9-20%



# Beneficial dietary factors

- Antioxidants

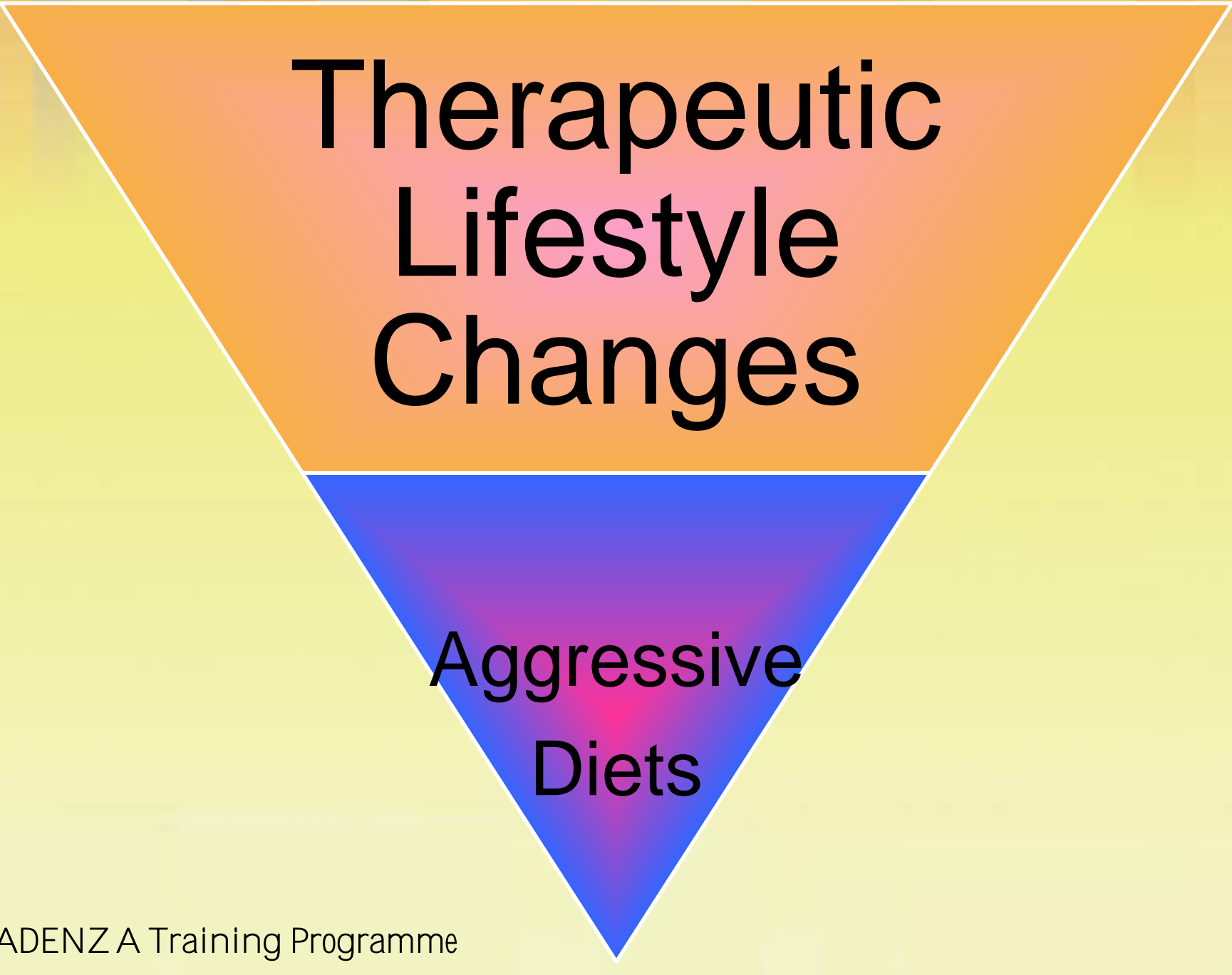
- ü Vitamin C, E and  $\beta$ -carotene ↓ LDL oxidation

- ü Phytonutrients and catechins have been found to improve vascular reactivity – green tea, red wine, red grapes, olive oil

- ü American Heart Association does NOT recommend supplementation

- ü Recommend whole food

# Nutritional Management of Heart Disease



**Therapeutic  
Lifestyle  
Changes**

**Aggressive  
Diets**

# Therapeutic Lifestyle Changes

- This intervention is tried before drug therapy
- Diet change and physical activity for 3-6 months
- Aims to reach optimal lipid goals
- Previous dietary recommendation: step I and step II diets

(Mahan & Escott-Stump; 2008, Lichtenstein et al., 2006, NCEP 2002)

# Therapeutic Lifestyle Change

- Step I diet

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Saturated fat       | Up to 10% of energy |
| Dietary cholesterol | Up to 300 mg daily  |

- Step II diet

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Saturated fat       | <8% of energy      |
| Dietary cholesterol | Up to 200 mg daily |

(Mahan & Escott-Stump; 2008, Lichtenstein et al., 2006, NCEP 2002)

# Therapeutic Lifestyle Change

- The ATP III dietary recommendations, known as Therapeutic Lifestyle Change (TLC) diet

| Nutrient            | Recommended Intake          |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Saturated fat       | < 7% Calories               |
| Polyunsaturated fat | Up to 10% of total calories |
| Monounsaturated fat | Up to 20% of total calories |
| Total fat           | 25 - 35%of calories         |
| Cholesterol         | < 200mg/day                 |

From ATP III materials ([http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/cholesterol/atp3\\_rpt.htm](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/cholesterol/atp3_rpt.htm))

# Therapeutic Lifestyle Change (TLC) diet

A continued adherence to TLC diet is helpful for reducing the risk of CHD

- ü ↓ Intake of saturated fat, trans fats, total fat and cholesterol
- ü Skimmed milk and skimmed milk products
- ü Lean meat, poultry and fish, 5-6 oz/day
- ü Fruits and vegetables
- ü Fibre from grains, cereals and legumes
- ü Encourage use of plant stanols and sterols

(Mahan & Escott-Stump; 2008, Lichtenstein et al., 2006, NCEP 2002)

# Therapeutic Lifestyle Change (TLC) diet

## Food preparation techniques

- Lower fat cooking

  - ü Broiling, baking, grilling, steaming, poaching without added fat

- Low-fat preparation method

  - ü Trim fat from meat

  - ü drain fat after cooking

  - ü Remove skin from poultry

(Mahan & Escott-Stump; 2008, Lichtenstein et al., 2006, NCEP 2002)



# Aggressive Diets

- Suitable for the highly motivated patients who want to avoid drug therapy
- Very-low-fat diets
  - Emphasise grains, legumes, fruits and veg. and non-fat dairy products

| Nutrient          | Recommendation          |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Saturated fat     | < 3%                    |
| Cholesterol       | < 5mg                   |
| Total fat content | < 10% of total calories |

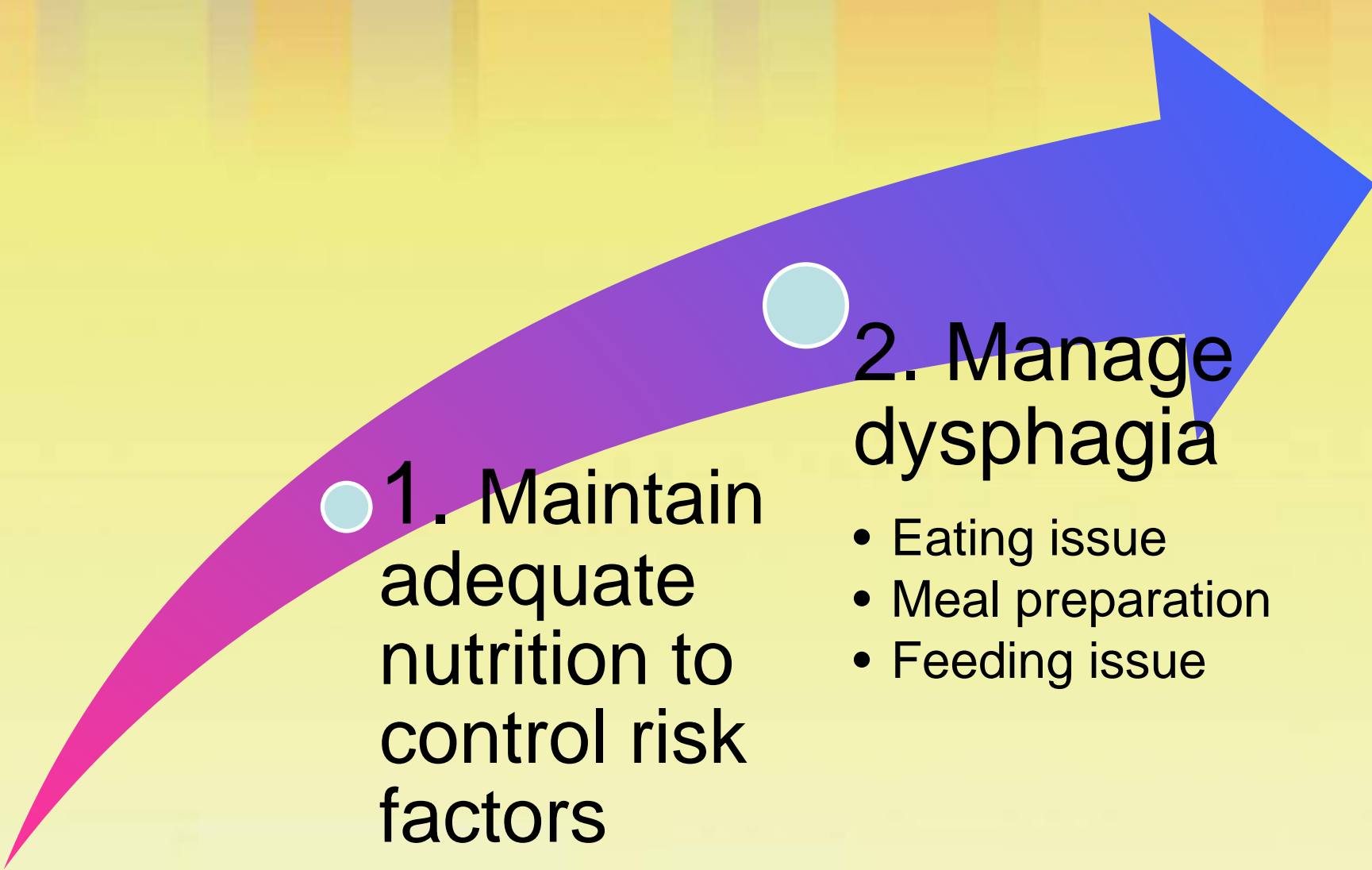
(Mahan & Escott-Stump; 2008, Lichtenstein et al., 2006, NCEP 2002)

# Stroke

# Stroke

- Cerebrovascular disease
- Acute onset of focal/ global neurologic deficit
- Often preceded by transient ischemic attacks
- Risk factors:
  - old age
  - smoking
  - hypertension
  - CHD
  - diabetes

# Nutritional Management of Stroke



**1. Maintain  
adequate  
nutrition to  
control risk  
factors**

**2. Manage  
dysphagia**

- Eating issue
- Meal preparation
- Feeding issue



# Diet for stroke patients

- Control dietary cholesterol and sodium
- 2-3 servings (~12 oz)/wk of fatty fish intake
- Follow healthy eating guidelines to avoid malnutrition
- Increase energy-dense food if underweight
- Nutrition support if unable to oral feed

## Eating issue

- Sit upright when eating
- Ensure consciousness when eating
- Avoid talking / TV watching when eating
- Avoid supine posture straight after eating

## Meal preparation

- Modify food texture
- Avoid hard and dry food
- Consult speech therapist for food texture and consistency

## Feeding issue

- Control portion per mouthful
- Control the speed of feeding
- Rinse mouth after eating
- Use of specific cutlery

# Meal for stroke patients

- Control taste and temperature of food
- Modify food texture
- Choose fresh food
- Small frequent meals
- Feeding assistance



# Dysphagia

- Difficulty in swallowing may accompany neurologic disease

- Symptoms

- drooping of the mouth
- choking
- inadequate intake of energy
- hoarseness
- absent gag reflex
- chronic upper respiratory infections

**Increased risk of malnutrition due to inadequate intake of energy**

# Diabetes Mellitus

# Type 2 Diabetes (T2DM)

- A lifelong disease characterised by hyperglycemia resulting from a combination of resistance to insulin action and an insufficient compensatory insulin secretory response.
- Do not need insulin treatment for survival



# High Risk Groups



# The Expert Committee on the Diagnosis and Classification of Diabetes Mellitus (revised 2003)

1. Fasting blood glucose  $>7.0$  mmol/l
2. Symptoms of hyperglycemia + causal plasma glucose  $>11.1$  mmol/l
3. 2hr plasma glucose  $>11.1$  mmol/l during a 75g-Oral Glucose Tolerance Test (OGTT)



# Glycosylated hemoglobin HbA1c

- Reflects the average glucose level over the past 3-months
- Correlated with the risk of development of DM complications
- Cut-off point for DM diagnosis  $>6.5\%$

(ADA, 2008)

# Diagnosis and Screening Criteria

|                                | Criteria   |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| P qto cndmqf "i nwequg"        | <5.6       |
| Rquv tcpf kn"                  | <7.8       |
| Rtg/f kcdgve"*r tg/r tcpf kn#" | 5.6 - 6.9  |
| Rtg/f kcdgve" r quv tcpf kn#"  | 7.8 – 11.0 |
| F kcdgvgu" "hcukpi "           | ≥7         |
| F kcdgvgu"/ "r quv tcpf kn"    | ≥11.1      |

You may click the following link to test your risk of having diabetes  
<http://www.diabetes.org/diabetes-basics/prevention/diabetes-risk-test/>

Diabetics need to control....

**A – A1c <6.5%**

**B – Blood pressure  
<130/80 mmHg**

**C – Cholesterol LDL  
<2.6 mmol/l**



# Nutritional Management Of Diabetes Mellitus

Energy  
control

Follow dietary  
guidelines

Carbohydrate  
counting

Hypoglycemia  
management

# Goals of DM nutrition management

1. Prevent diabetes
2. Manage diabetes
  - Ø Achieve and maintain
    - blood glucose levels
    - lipid profile
    - blood pressure
3. Prevent /slow the risk of developing complications
4. Address individual nutrition needs
  - Ø individualised meal plan
  - Ø maintain pleasure of eating

# Energy control

- Overweight /obesity esp. central obesity ↑ insulin resistance
- ↑ lipolysis
- causing insulin sensitivity ↓
  
- Asian populations ↑ risk BMI  $>23 \text{ kg/m}^2$
- Waist circumference  $<36 \text{ inches/90cm}$  (men)  
 $<32 \text{ inches/80cm}$  (women)

(Mann et al., 2004)

# Energy control

- Weight loss through
  - lifestyle modification (diet + exercise)
  - weight loss medication
  - bariatric surgery if BMI  $>35\text{kg/m}^2$
- American Dietetic Association recommends obese older persons to have 5-10% weight loss from initial body weight.

# Dietary guidelines for T2DM

- Carbohydrate (CHO) should come from a variety of whole grains, legumes, fruits and vegetables and low-fat milk.
- CHO intake NO LESS than 130g/d (~=2 ½ bowls of rice)
  - Restrict intake of sugary beverages
- Sweetener is safe, approved by the US FDA
  - Sweetener with added fructose is NOT recommended for diabetics

# Dietary guidelines for T2DM

| Nutrient            | Recommended intake            |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Protein             | 0.8 – 1.0g per kg body weight |
| Saturated fat       | < 7% total calories           |
| Polyunsaturated fat | Up to 10% of total calories   |
| Monounsaturated fat | Up to 20% of total calories   |
| Total fat           | 25 - 35%of calories           |
| Cholesterol         | < 200mg/day                   |
| Dietary fibre       | 14g/1000kcal                  |
| Sodium              | < 2000mg/day                  |

(Mann et al., 2004; ADA, 2008)

# Carbohydrate exchange approach

- Both the amount and the type of CHO influence the level of glucose.
- Foods in the same group contains similar amount of CHO (10g CHO per serving).
- Foods in each group can be exchanged
  - ↑ variety and flexibility while maintaining consistent blood sugar and nutrition

**Sugar free ≠ carbohydrate free**  
**Sugar free ≠ calorie free**



# Cereal grain group CHO exchange

## Each serving = ~50g CHO



1 medium bowl of rice  
(150g)



5 full tablespoons of rice



2 Standard slices  
of bread



3 packages of soda cracker  
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2 ½ bowls of  
Congee/Oatmeal

You may click this link for  
your reference

[http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/obesity/lose\\_wt/fd\\_exch.htm](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/obesity/lose_wt/fd_exch.htm)

# Fruit group – CHO exchange

## Each serving = 10g CHO



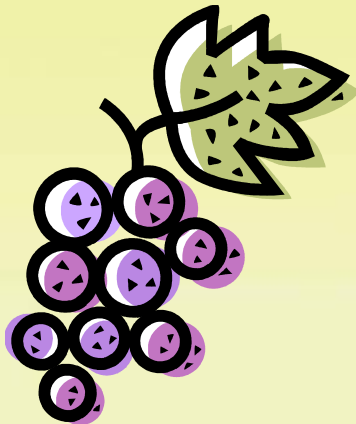
1 small apple



1 small orange



½ medium pear



10 small or  
5 big grapes



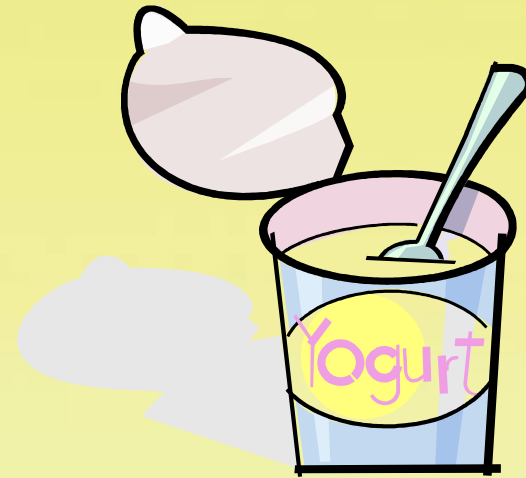
½ medium  
banana

# Diary products CHO exchange

## Each serving = 12g CHO



1 cup of milk (8oz)



1 small carton of Yogurt (4oz)

# Legume group CHO exchange



2 tablespoons of  
cooked beans

1 full tablespoon rice

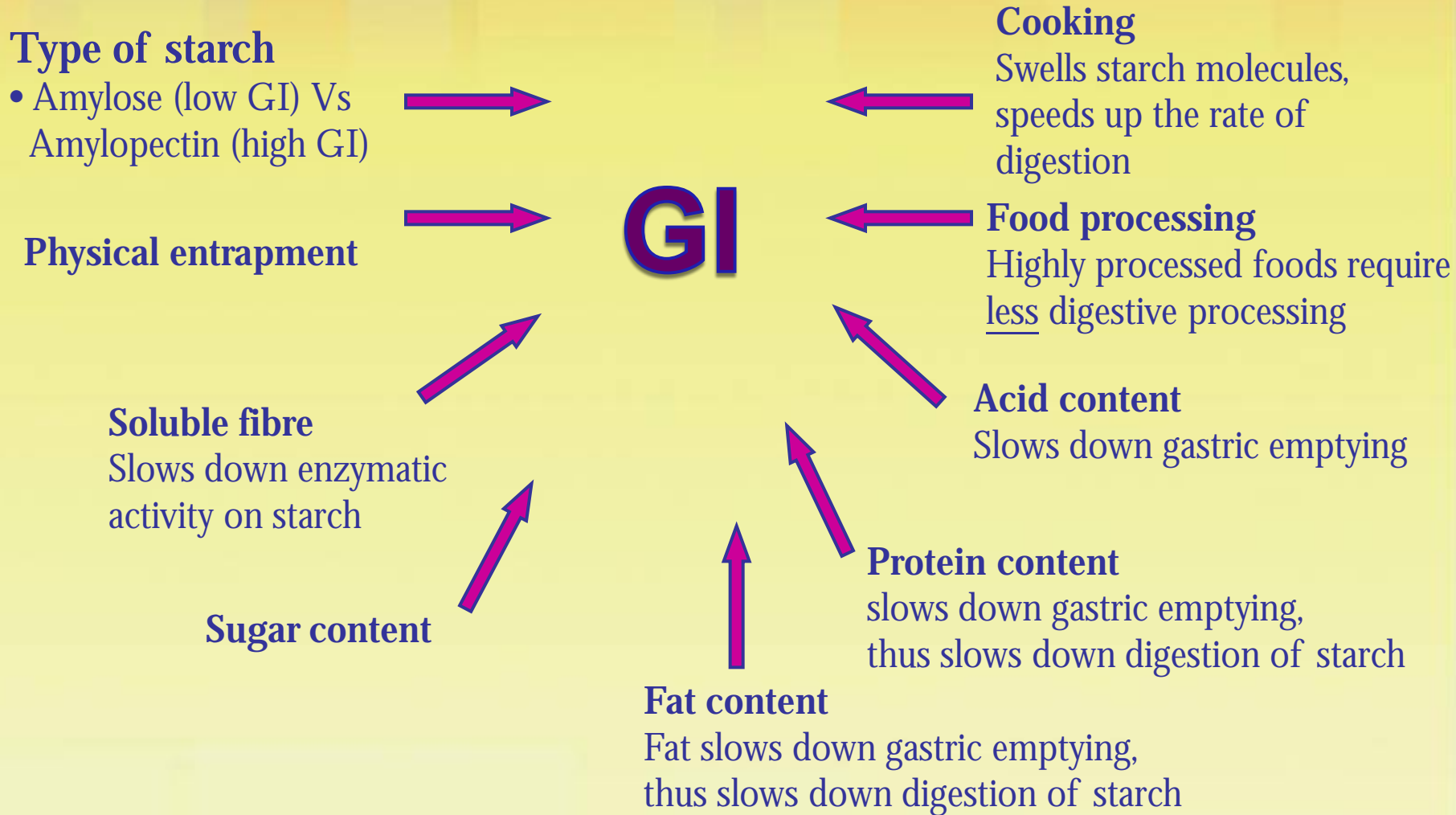
# Glycemic index (GI)

A scale to estimate how much blood glucose level rises after ingestion of a given portion of carbohydrate when compared to a reference food (usually glucose or white bread).

- $\uparrow$  GI value =  $\uparrow$  blood glucose rise after the ingestion of the food

| GI Ranking | Glucose standard | White bread standard |
|------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Low GI     | < 55             | < 79                 |
| Medium GI  | 56 – 69          | 80 – 99              |
| High GI    | $\geq$ 70        | > 100                |

# Factors Influencing GI Ranking



# Glycemic Load (GL)

Measures the degree of glycemic response and insulin demand produced by a specific amount of a specific food.

- GL reflects both the quality and the quantity of dietary carbohydrates.

$$GL = GI / 100 \times CHO \text{ (grams) per serving}$$

$$\textit{Example: } GL \text{ of an apple} = 40/100 \times 15g = 6g$$

# Glycemic Load classification

- Helps predict blood glucose response to specific amount of carbohydrate food compared to the reference food (glucose or white bread)

|           | Glucose | White bread |
|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Low GL    | < 10    | < 14        |
| Medium GL | 11 -19  | 15 -27      |
| High GL   | >20     | >27         |



# Glycemic index of different foods

| Food             | GI | Food              | GI | Food       | GI |
|------------------|----|-------------------|----|------------|----|
| All-bran         | 30 | Peanuts           | 13 | Plum       | 24 |
| Special K cereal | 69 | Digestive biscuit | 59 | Apple      | 34 |
| Cornflakes       | 80 | Milk chocolate    | 42 | Kiwi fruit | 47 |
| Weetabix         | 74 | Rice cakes        | 87 | Mango      | 60 |
| Whole wheat      | 49 | Cauliflower       | 15 | Banana     | 58 |
| Croissant        | 67 | Cabbage           | 10 | Whole milk | 31 |
| Hamburger bun    | 61 | Pumpkin           | 75 | Ice-cream  | 62 |

For more detail, please click the following link

<http://www.the-gi-diet.org/lowgifoods/>

# Hypoglycemia

- Blood glucose  $<4$  mmol/l
- Imbalance between diet, exercise, and medications
  - missed meal after medications / overdose of medication
  - drinking on empty stomach
  - insufficient intake of CHO
  - unaccustomed exercise
- Symptoms
  - dizziness, sweating, severe hunger, unconsciousness



# Hypoglycemia Management

- 15/15 rule
  1. Give 15g CHO and wait for 15mins before re-testing blood glucose
  2. Repeat if blood glucose  $<4\text{mmol/l}$
  3. Additional 10-15g CHO with protein food if  $>30\text{mins}$  until the next scheduled meal or snack
- Injection of glucagon if oral intake of CHO not allowed or unconscious

# Hypoglycemia Management

## CHO choices for treating hypoglycemia

- Each serving = ~15g CHO
  - ü Glucose tablet      3 pieces
  - ü Sugar                      1 tablespoon
  - ü Fruit juice                ½ cup
  - ü Soft drink                1/3 can

# Prevention of hypoglycemia

üRegular self-check blood glucose level esp. before bed time.

üAlways carry an emergency supply of CHO and some form of diabetic identification.

üControl the portion of CHO for each meal and eat in 'small frequent meal' pattern.

üDiet control: Extra CHO may be needed for extra exercise.

üNever consume alcohol on an empty stomach and in excessive amounts.

(ADA, 2008)

# Summary of DM eating plan

- ü Regular time and portion for eating.
- ü Daily intake of 2 portions of fruit and 3 portions of vegetables.
- ü Avoid high-fat food esp. saturated fat (animal fat).
- ü Avoid food with high sugar content.
- ü Avoid high-salt food.
- ü Practise abstinence; moderate alcohol consumption if current drinker, avoid empty stomach when drinking.

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