

WHAT ARE THE RISKS WITH EXCESS ADIPOSITY?

BMI (kg/m²) Classifications¹



Prevalence of Comorbidities is Greater Among People With Overweight and Class I Obesity vs. Normal BMI

	 Cardiometabolic ^{3,b}	 Osteoarthritis ^{4,c}	 MASLD ⁵	 Depression ⁶
Overweight	2x	2x	4.9x	1.27x
Class I obesity	4.5x	3.1x	15x ^d	1.55x ^e

^aIn the Asia-Pacific region, the BMI threshold for obesity is generally considered to be ≥25 kg/m², and the range for overweight 23-24.9 kg/m². ^bAt least 2 out of: T2D, coronary heart disease, or stroke. ^cSymptomatic knee, hip, and hand osteoarthritis. ^dCombined Class I and Class II obesity. ^eBMI ≥30 kg/m².

BMI=body mass index; MASLD=metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease; OMM=obesity management medication; T2D=type 2 diabetes.

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WHY TIMING MATTERS

PRACTICE GAP

Historically, weight management has been addressed reactively, after patients have advanced to obesity or are diagnosed with comorbidities^{7,8}

TREATMENT GAP

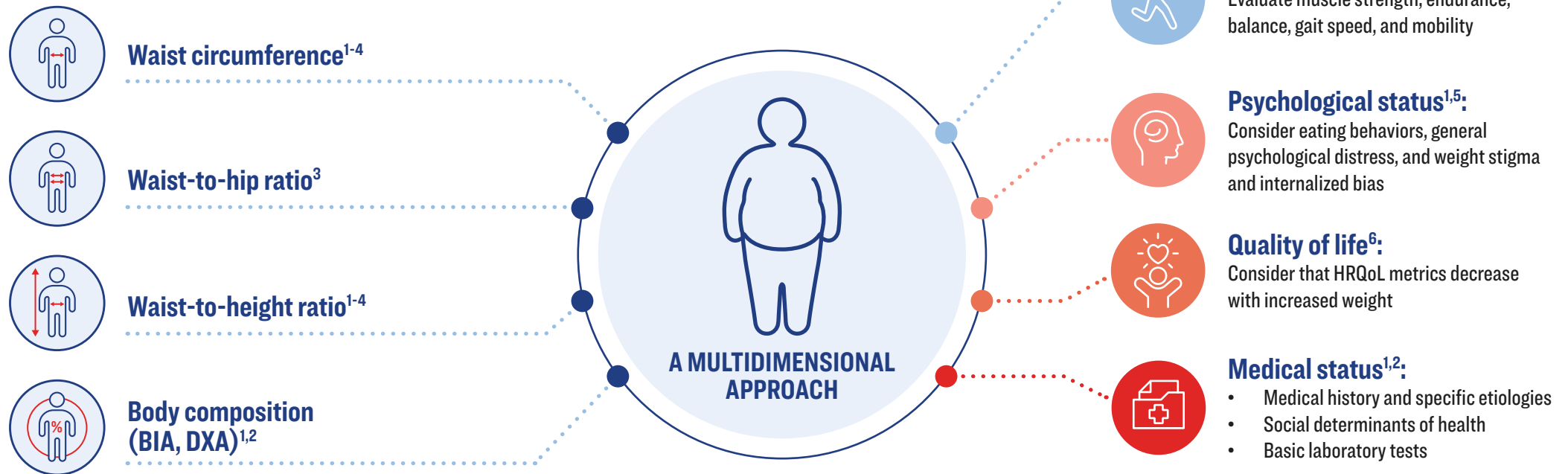
People with lower BMIs (27-35 kg/m²) are less likely to receive OMM treatment vs. people with Class III obesity^{9,10}

MANAGING WEIGHT AT A LOWER BMI (EG, <30 kg/m²) MAY HELP MINIMIZE OBESITY ONSET AND REDUCE RELATED COMORBIDITIES^{1,11-13}

BMI Should Not Be the Only Metric Used for Diagnosis

BMI cutoffs facilitate categorization of health risk but are not universal indicators of weight-related health. Guidelines recommend an adiposity-based chronic disease mode that includes multiple **anthropometric** and **clinical components**^{1,2}

Non-BMI Anthropometric Measures



MAJOR INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES SUPPORT INTERVENTION AT LOWER BMI

ADA, AACE, and EASO recommend that use of OMMs be considered for people at high risk of developing obesity complications^{1,2,4}