





## **Insulin Resistance**

- Increasing prevalence world-wide
  - Affects ~1/3 of non-diabetic, U.S. population (80 million people)
  - "Pre-diabetes"
- Contributing risk factors
  - Genetics
  - Environment (obesity, diet, lifestyle behaviors)
- A primary defect leading to type 2 diabetes

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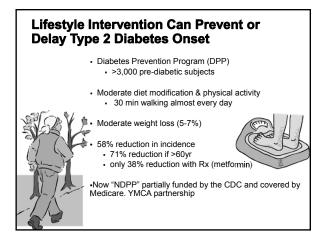
Insulin action impaired

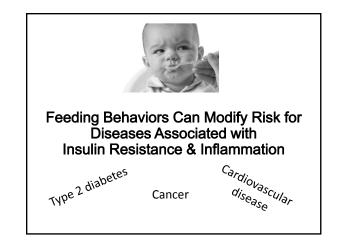


- · Liver, adipose tissue, muscle Nutrient storage
- · Compensatory high insulin levels
- · Impaired blood glucose (glycemic) control • Elevated postprandial (i.e., after meal) glucose
  - Leads to "sugar-coating" of hemoglobin hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c)
- · Associated with elevated systemic inflammation
- · C-reactive protein
- Cancer risk factor high glucose, insulin, & inflammation all promote tumor growth

## Can't we just take a pill?

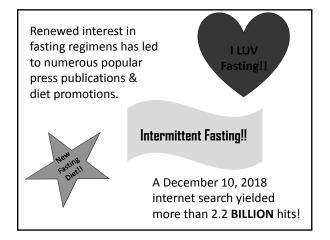
Yes, but there exist effective, non-drug alternatives!





Voluntary abstinence from food and drink (i.e., fasting) has been practiced from earliest antiquity by peoples scattered all over the world.





## AHA SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT

Meal Timing and Frequency: Implications for Cardiovascular Disease Prevention

A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association

### St. Onge, M-P et al. Circulation 2017

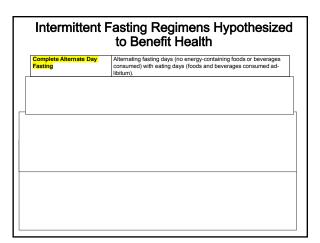
"Intentional eating with mindful attention to the timing and frequency of eating occasions could lead to healthier lifestyle and cardiometabolic risk factor management."



## **Intermittent Fasting & Chronic Disease**

- Associated with improvements in weight and/or markers of chronic disease risk
- Strong evidence in mice, suggestive in humans
- · Only 20, mostly under-powered, clinical trials
- Most human intermittent fasting regimens are not "real world" feasible

   Not aligned with circadian rhythm light/dark cycle
  - Hunger, mood changes during daytime fasting
- Our 2017 review: Patterson RE & Sears DD, Metabolic Effects of Intermittent Fasting <u>Annu Rev Nutr</u> PMID: 28715993



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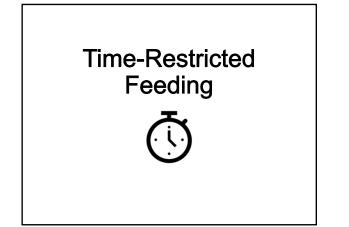
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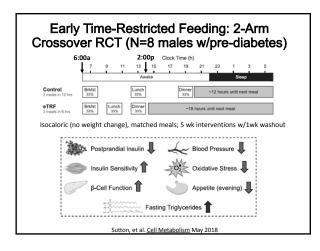
Many hours of wake-time fasting – problematic for hunger, mood changes

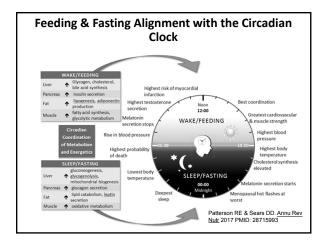
## Weight Loss Trial - 3-Arm RCT: Modified ADF vs. CR

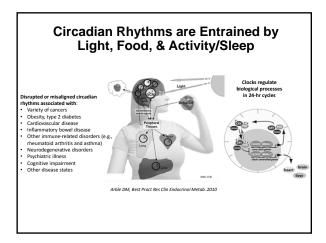
- Trepanowski, et al., University of Illinois, Chicago
- PMID 28459931, July 2017
  N=100 (86 F/14 M); mean[SD] age, 44[11] years
- Mean BMI 34 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- 6-mo intervention, 6-mo maintenance
- ADF 25% calorie needs on "fast", 125% calorie needs on "feast" days
- CR 75% calorie needs on all days
- Control no intervention
- 1º outcome weight change; 2º outcome adherence, CVD risk biomarkers
- ADF not superior to CR for weight loss or maintenance, cardio-protection, or adherence
- ADF poor compliance, highest drop-out rate (38%)
- CR good compliance, lower drop-out rate (29%)
  - Control drop-out rate (26%)

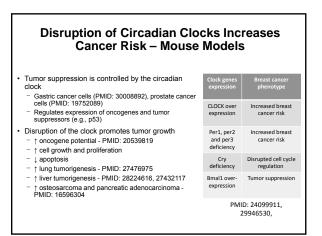


First Author (Year)	Group Size (N)	Type of Participants	Intervention Duration & Type of Fasting	Comparison Group or Condition	Weight Change	Changes in Fasting Concentrations of Biomarkers		
						Glucose Control Markers	Lipids	Inflammator Markers
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LeCheminant (2013) <sup>63</sup>	29 M	Normal weight young men	2 weeks: Nightly fasting period from 7 pm to 6 am (=11 hours)	2 weeks of usual nightly fasting interval (cross over design)	÷		-	-
Chowdhury (2016) <sup>21</sup>	16 F 8 M	Obese adults	1 day: Prolonged nighttime fasting until lunch meal (=13 hours)	1 day of breakfast & lunch meals (cross over design)		↑ glucose ↑ insulin post-lunch	↓ FFA post-lunch	↓ leptin post-lunch
Chowdhury (2018) <sup>20</sup>	15 F 8 M	O bese adults	6 weeks: Prolonged nighttime fasting until lunch meel at noon	Control group: Inclusion of breakfast each morning	tin both groups; NS between groups	NS glucose NS insulin	↑ Total cholesterol in both groups; NS between groups; NS LDL, HDL, TG, FFA	NS CRP NS IL-8 NS leptin NS adiponed









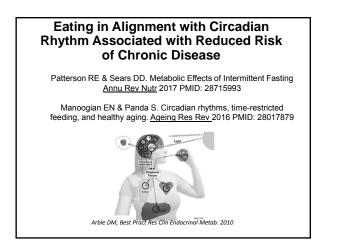
## Eating Outside of Circadian Rhythm is Associated with Increased Risk of Chronic Disease

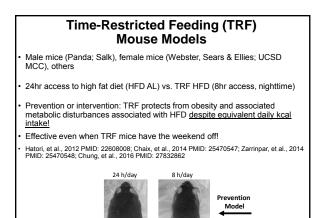
- Night shift workers, flight attendants
- Nighttime eating/snacking
   Association with breast cancer incidence (2017; PMID 2832140)
- Mouse model studies of jet lag & daytime (sleep cycle) eating
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   Weight loss is blunted if largest meal occurs in evening
   Post-bariatric surgery (PMID: 26948400) and weight loss (PMID:
   23357955) studies

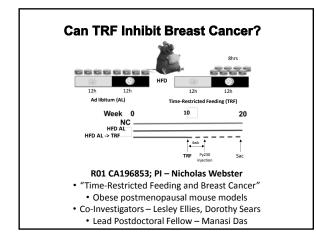
↑ Obesity, CVD, type 2 diabetes, cancer

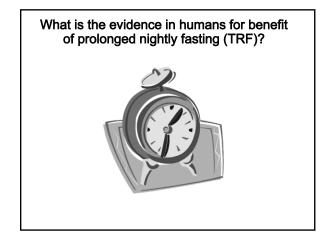
# Circadian Misalignment of Food Intake has Detrimental Metabolic Consequences

- Hormones that are active at night (e.g., melatonin and growth hormone interfere with insulin action to regulate nutrient storage.
- Efficacy of insulin decreases throughout the day and into the night.
   Thus, post-meal, blood glucose, lipid and insulin exposures are
- significantly greater after nighttime eating compared to daytime eating for calorie- and content-matched meals. • Higher blood lipids can promote atherosclerosis
- Higher insulin and glucose can promote tumor growth
- Acutely and overtime, the presence of nutrient metabolites in the circulation out of "phase" with the circadian cycle will change or blunt metabolic pathways regulating fuel storage and cell growth.
- Hemoglobin (& many other proteins) can become "sugar-coated" and damaged. HbA1c levels rise.
- · Cells producing insulin can become over-worked with decades of time.



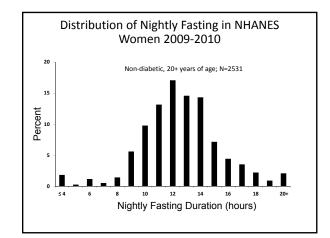






## **Prolonged Nightly Fasting**

- Nightly fasting the time between dinner and breakfast, without interim caloric intake.
- · Equivalent to TRF mouse model where food intake is in circadian alignment with active phase of the 24-hr day.
- Has the appeal of being easy to adopt and is minimally disruptive, since most of fasting hours are during sleep.
- Synchronous with circadian rhythms
  - Nutrients are powerful circadian clock stimuli (i.e., zeitgebers) · Signal the brain that sleep is not appropriate or needed.
    - · Entrain peripheral clocks in metabolic tissues.
    - Asynchronous food intake (or fasting?) signals counteract circadian systems and leads to suboptimal metabolism · E.g., Melatonin impairs insulin ability to manage blood sugar



## Prolonged Nightly Fasting Associated with Improved Glycemic Control & Decreased Inflammation

- · 2531 women from NHANES database with 24-hr food recall data (our focus for this work was breast cancer risk)
  - Regression models adjusting for age, education, race/ethnicity, eating episodes, evening calories, total Kcal/day, & BMI
- Glycemic Control HbA1c
  - Each 3-hour increase in nighttime fasting duration was associated with a significant 20% reduced odds of elevated HbA1c (OR, 0.81; 95% CI, 0.68-0.97)
- Marinac CR et al. (2015) <u>CEBP</u>; PMID: 25896523
- Inflammation C-reactive protein (CRP) Nighttime eating (5pm-midnight) was associated with 3% increase in CRP
- (p<0.05)
- Longer nighttime fasting duration was associated with significantly lower CRP concentrations in women who eat <30% calories after 5pm (p<0.05)</li>
   Marinac, CR et al. (2015) <u>PLoS ONE;</u> PMID: 26305095.

## Fasting ≥13 Hours Per Night & Risk of **Breast Cancer Recurrence**

- 2337 breast cancer survivors in the Women's Healthy Eating and Living (WHEL) Study (7-yr prospective)
- Fasting <13 hr/night associated with 36% increased risk of cancer recurrence (HR, 1.36; 95% CI 1.05-1.76) compared to fasting ≥13 hr/night.
- Each 2-hr increase in the nightly fasting was associated with significantly lower HbA1c ( $\beta$  = -0.37; 95%Cl, -0.72 to -0.01) and a longer duration of nighttime sleep ( $\beta$  = 0.20; 95%Cl, 0.14-0.26).
- First human study to demonstrate an association of prolonged nightly fasting with a clinical outcome.

Marinac CR et al. (2016) JAMA Oncology; PMID: 27032109. Article featured in the 2016 <u>Research Highlights</u> of the Epidemiology and Genomics Research Program (NCI, NIH) as it was deemed to have the greatest potential for scientific and/or public health impact.

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#### Circadian Rhythm Alignment:

- Food signals entrain peripheral clocks in metabolic tissues
   Synchronize with microhiota and SCN routhms
- Synchronize with microbiota and SCN rhythms
  Align food intake with metabolic and other hormone rhythms (insulin secretion & action, melatonin, growth hormone)





## Prolonged Nightly Fasting: A Feasibility Pilot Study

**Objective**: Investigate feasibility of intervention

Sample: 20 Obese postmenopausal women (BMI ≥30kg/m²) 50% Latinas Eligibility: <12 hr fasting usual period

Run-In: 4-day Food Record, meal times recorded On-line Questionnaire

Where: UCSD Moores Cancer Center San Diego State University

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Educational Powerpoint on Nightly Fasting & Health

**One-Month Intervention Period** 

- 2 weeks Telephone Counseling & Bedside Journal
- Goal to fast 12+ hours each night
- · 2 weeks SMS system:
  - Participants texted "Start Fast" and "Stop Fast"
  - Reminders about when to eat first meal
  - Reminders about when to eat first if
     Encouraging texts
  - Monitoring

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## Prolonged Nightly Fasting: A Feasibility Pilot Study

 Results: Mean baseline nightly fast: 10.6 hours Mean post-intervention fast: 13.2 hours Mean weight change: -1.1 pound/1 month Successful nights fasting 12+ hours: 95%

- · Attitudes and Opinions:
  - 90% said fast was easy
  - 90% said that they could fast more than 12 hours
  - 70% preferred SMS texting APP to telephone counseling
  - 100% would recommend study to friend
  - · 90% found fasting very/somewhat pleasant

#### Seems feasible – let's do it!

## **Conclusions & Take-Home Messages**



- · Accumulating evidence shows that short nightly fasting duration and nighttime eating are associated with cardiometabolic disease and cancer risk.
- · Daily practice of fasting during inactive, "sleep" phases of the circadian clock is associated with improved metabolic and breast cancer outcomes.
- · Suggestive evidence supports metabolic benefits and safety of intermittent fasting, however, compliance challenges exist for fasting during "active" phase of day.
- · Evidence-based messaging about health-promoting, food intake timing could have a significant public health benefit

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