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Are there different types of lapses from dietary prescriptions?: Implications for outcomes in behavioral obesity treatments

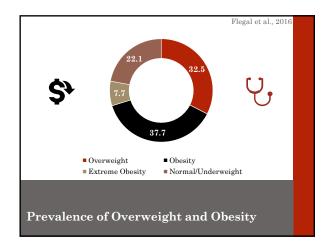
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Goal: Understand Lapses

Outline

- Behavioral Obesity Treatment and Lapses
- Defining Lapses and Studying Them
- Insights for Clinical Practice
- Future Intervention Tools Using Technology



Behavioral Obesity Treatments Work...

- Targets
- Decreased caloric intake
- Increased physical activity
- Expected outcomes
 - 7-10% of starting weight
 - Enough to confer significant health benefits



Olson et al., 2017

...but can be difficult to follow

- Weight loss failure and weight regain is largely attributable to an inability to maintain healthy eating and exercise.
- Slips, especially with regards to diet, are common
 - Well-known protocols like Look AHEAD and DPP normalize
 - · Recovery from slips is uncommon

Wing & Phelan, 2005; Elfhag et al., 2005; Phelan et al. 2003; Schumacher et al., 2013

Dietary Lapses



Common



Impact Weight Loss



Lead to More Lapses

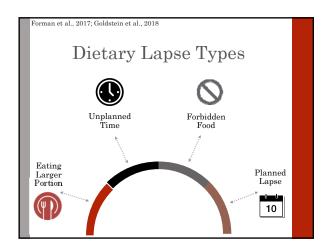
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Dietary Lapse: Definitions "An incident where you felt that you broke your diet (e.g., overate, ate a forbidden food)" Episodes of overeating or unplanned meals/snacks "Any instance in which you exceed your calorie goal for a meal/snack" Schlundt et al., 1989; Goldstein et al., 2018; Carels et al., 2001

Dietary Lapse: Definitions

- "Eating or drinking likely to cause weight gain, and/or put weight loss/maintenance at risk"
 - In other words, if you ate/drink in this way consistently for a period of time, would you fail to lose weight or gain weight?

Forman et al., 2017



Discussing Dietary Lapses with Patients

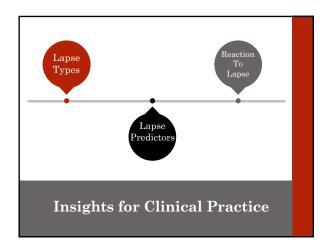
- "If I ate/drank regularly in this way, would it get in the way of me losing weight/maintaining weight loss?"
- Provide examples
- Personalize
- Use nonjudgmental tone

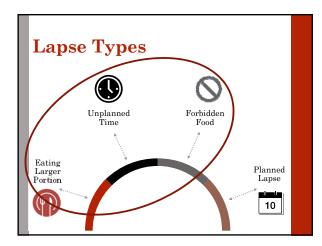
How can we study lapses?



- · Lab-based research
- Pros: Direct observation, control over environment
- ${\boldsymbol{\cdot}}$ Cons: Demand characteristic
- Questionnaires/Interviews
- Pros: Ease, large samples
 Cons: Demand characteristic, retrospective recall
- Small weight gains Pro: Objective measurement
 - Cons: Miss important information about behavior that contributed to small weight gain

How can we study lapses? Multiple Observations Ecological Unobtrusive Momentary Assessment ContextuallyValid Shiffman et al., 2008

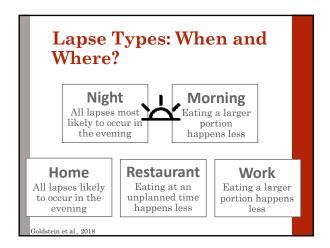


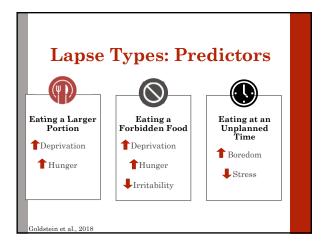


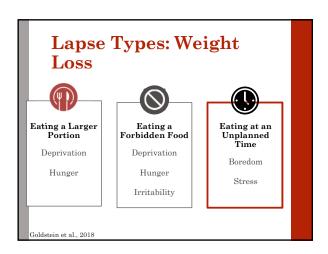
Lapse Types: Research

- <u>Lapse definition:</u> Eating or drinking likely to cause weight gain, and/or put weight loss/maintenance at risk
 - \cdot Types: Eating larger portion, eating at an unplanned time, and eating a forbidden food.
- <u>Aims:</u>
- 1. Characterize lapse types
- ${\bf 2}.$ Evaluate predictors of lapse types
- 3. Evaluate association between lapse types and weight change later in treatment.

Goldstein et al., 2018

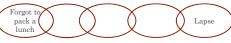




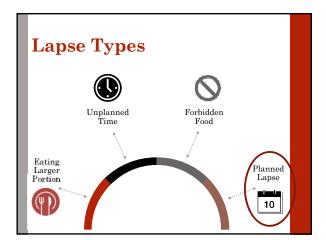


Lapse Types: Clinical

- Behavioral Chains and Strategies for Problem-Solving
 - Anticipating problems, removing barriers, encouraging facilitators



- How can you refine this technique?
- Help patients identify and distinguish lapse types
- Help patients be on the lookout for common patterns (evening lapses, lapses at home, lapsing from hunger)



Lapse Types: Research

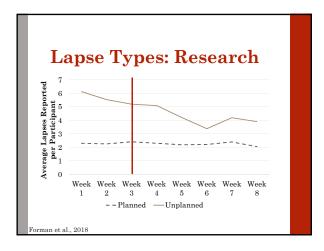
- <u>Lapse definition:</u> "Any instance in which you exceeded your goal for a meal/snack"
 - Types: Eating larger portion, eating at an unplanned time, eating a forbidden food, and "I planned this lapse ahead of time"

• Aims

• Evaluate the preliminary effectiveness of a digital health tool for weight loss



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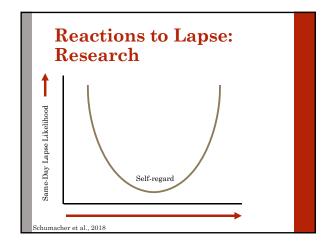
Lapse Types: Clinical

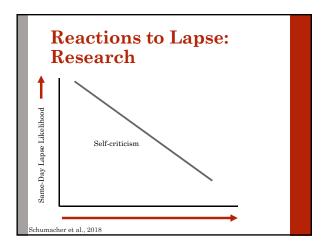
- Talk to your patients about the difference between a planned and an unplanned lapse.
 - If a lapse is truly planned, it should not contribute negatively to weight control
 - · Planned implies mindful eating
 - It is possible, although typically more unlikely, for patients to "make up for" an unplanned lapse.

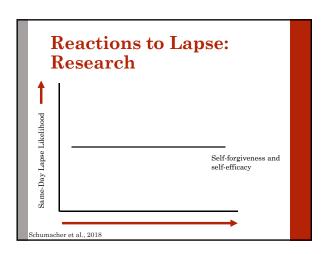
Reactions to Lapse: Research

- <u>Lapse definition:</u> Eating or drinking likely to cause weight gain, and/or put weight loss/maintenance at risk
 - ${\boldsymbol{\cdot}}$ $\underline{\text{Types:}}$ Eating larger portion, eating at an unplanned time, and eating a forbidden food.
 - $\hbox{$\bullet$ Self-attitudes (i.e., self-criticism, self-for giveness, self-regard) and self-efficacy}$
- · Aim:
- To examine whether self-attitudes and self-efficacy after dietary lapses relate to lapse frequency or predict risk for lapsing again on the same day







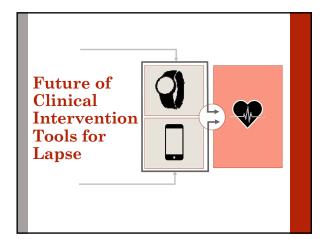


Reactions to Lapse: Clinical

- What we typically do: NORMALIZE
 - "Lapses are a regular and expected occurrence in weight loss treatment"
- How can you refine?
 - Help patients become critical in a way that is helpful and generates positive action.
 - Generate self-regard that is appropriately positive.

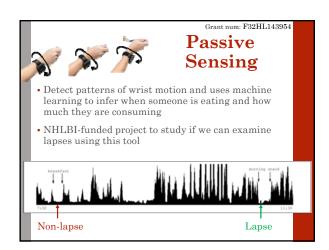
Summary: Ideas for Treatment Tools

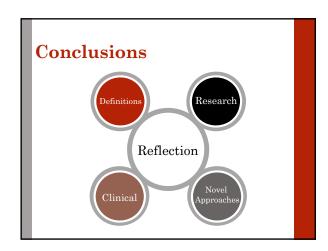
- Regular tracking of lapses and related triggers
 - · Use technology to assist
- Set reminders or prompts for moments that you anticipate to be difficult.
- Timing: Start early!



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