

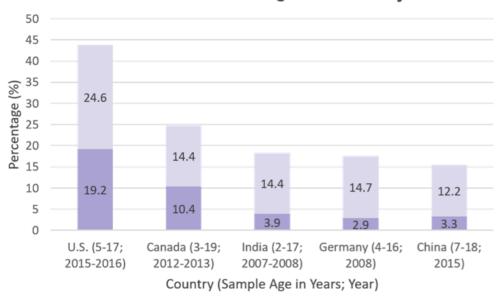
# Childhood Obesity: A Review of Risk Factors, Effects, and What We Can Do About It

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### Risk Factors of Childhood Obesity 5, 6

- Genetics
- Eating Habits
- Social Influence
- Sedentary Lifestyle
- Unhealthy Diet
- Insufficient Sleep

### Other Factors to Consider 4

- Social Determinants of Health
  - Education
  - Socioeconomic Status
  - Food Insecurity
  - Housing
  - · Chronic Stress
- Medical Conditions
- Accessibility/
- Mental Health
- Transportation
- Child Marketing

### Effects of Childhood Obesity 2, 6

Obese

#### **Physical**

- Hypertension
- Hypercholesterolemia
- Glucose Intolerance
- Insulin Resistance
- Type II Diabetes
- Menstrual Abnormalities
- Asthma

- Sleep Apnea
- Joint Problems
- Musculoskeletal Discomfort
- Fatty Liver Disease

Overweight

- Cholelithiasis
- Gastro-esophageal Reflux

#### **Psychosocial**

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Low-Self Esteem
- Low Self-Reported Quality of Life
- Body Dissatisfaction
- Stigmatization
- Bullying
- Social
- Marginalization
- Eating Disorders

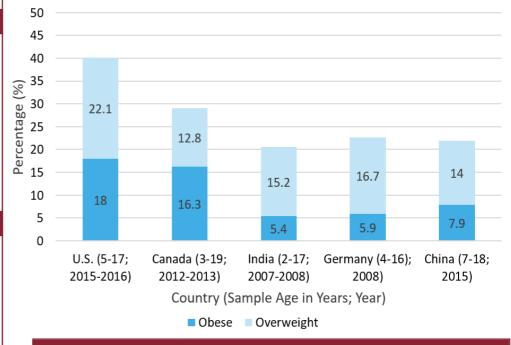
#### Other

Lower Academic Success

#### Family & Individual Interventions 1, 5, 6

- Healthy Diet & Eating Habits
- · Meet Physical Activity Recommendations
- Limit TV and Electronics Usage
- Increase Quality Family Time
- Live in Safe Neighbourhoods with Few Fast Food Options
- Find Healthy Adult Role Models
- · Breastfeed in Infancy
- Adequate Sleep

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#### Societal Interventions

- · Intersectoral Collaboration
- School Health Curriculum Revisions
- Increase Hours of Physical Education
- · Reduce Barriers to Active Extracurricular Activities
- Improve the Quality and Affordability of Cafeteria Food
- Incorporate School Gardens
- Integrate Mandatory Cooking Classes into Schools
- Cultivate an Enriched Play Environment
- Limit Screen-Time During School Hours
- Limit Child-Directed Marketing for Unhealthy Foods <sup>6</sup>
- Increase Accessibility of Grocery Stores
- Sell Blemished Produce at a Discounted Cost in Grocery Stores
- Reduce Portion Sizes in Restaurants and Fast Food Establishments<sup>6</sup>
- Implement Community Gardens and Farmers Markets

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