

Creating True Health A Return to Common Sense

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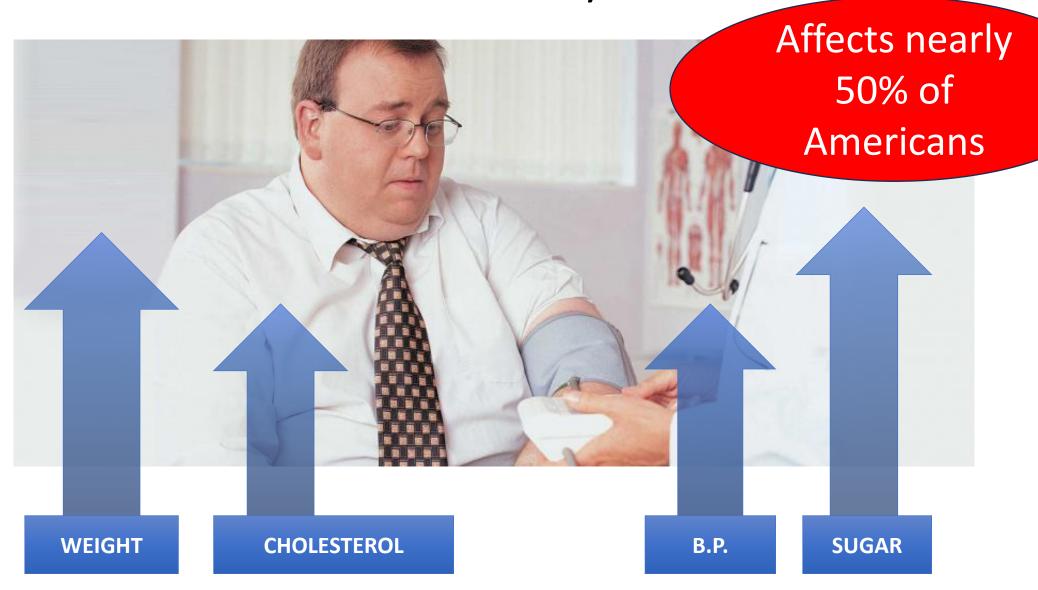
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What is Metabolic Syndrome



Prevalence of Optimal Metabolic Health in American Adults: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2009–2016 METABOLIC SYNDROM

METABOLIC SYNDROME AND RELATED DISORDERS Volume 17, Number 1, 2019

Joana Araújo, PhD, Jianwen Cai, PhD, and June Stevens, PhD 1,3

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey Analysis covering 2009–2016 assessed 8,721 people – cross section.

Using blunt standard measures: BP, glucose, HgbA1c, Triglycerides, exercise and smoking, (not deeply impactful assessment like 2HPP and NMR)

only 1 in 10 people are Metabolically Healthy!!

Scary fact for American economics.



Health Care costs are out of control.

But WHY?

You can't use disease tools to create health

Medical School Teaching

- 1. Disease of organs
- Drugs to "control symptoms"
- 3. Surgeries to ease pain
- 4. Technology to diagnose diseases.



What Medical School does NOT teach doctors

- 1. Health how to make someone heathy
- 2. How to prevent disease
- 3. How to reverse disease
- 4. Diet or nutrition minimal
- 5. Exercise
- 6. Sleep
- 7. Stress management
- 8. Lifestyle's role in disease
- 9. Ways to support the immune system
- 10. Techniques for detoxification

WHOLE Food

- Mother nature and nothing more
- No processing
- No additives
- No manipulation



Secret "Decoder" ring

"Convenient" = Unhealthy

Average American gets less than half of the recommended fiber in their diet.



Not Complicated

Fiber & Resistant starch
Drives **GLP-1 peptides** up
Controls glucose, reduces weight

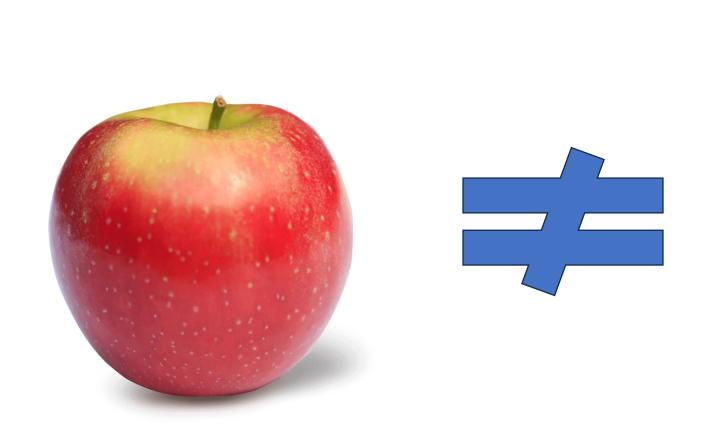
Devoid of fiber only ~2–4g of fiber per 1,000 kcal Drives high blood sugar & weight



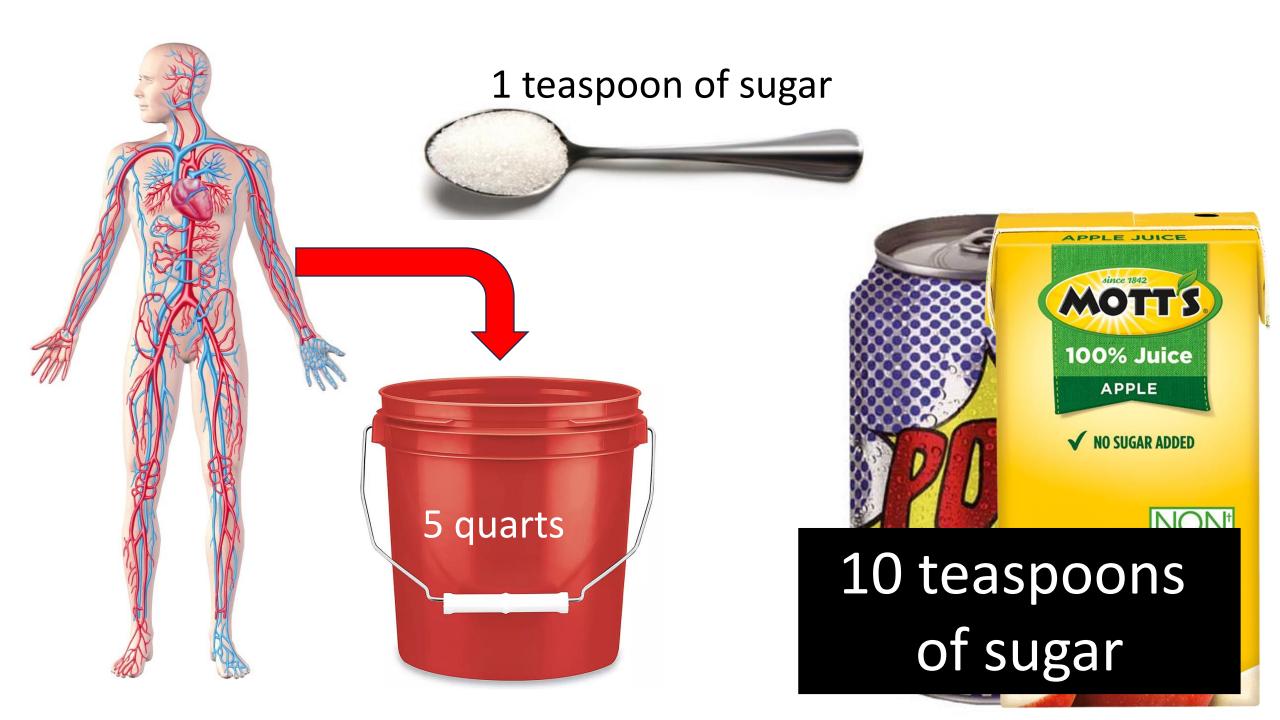


A whole apple (with skin) provides ~4.5g of fiber

Apple juice has negligible fiber (~0.2g per cup) = essentially ZERO







\$1,400/month



I am taught to prescribe DRUGS.

... not broccoli or exercise.

I am NOT taught how to get you OFF drugs.



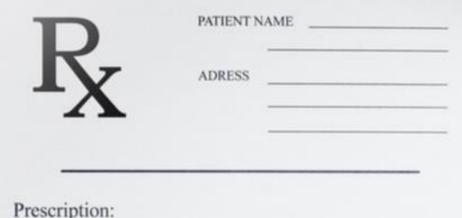
Why?

Because Pharmaceutical companies in the early 2000's Funded 50-65% of CME.

Down to 48% in 2007. Trend is improving.

THE MEDICAL PROBLEM

- 1. We lack proper testing for early detection
- 2. We are not taught "Prevention"
- 3. DRUG therapy is the only option
- 4. NOT incentivized to get people "healthy"

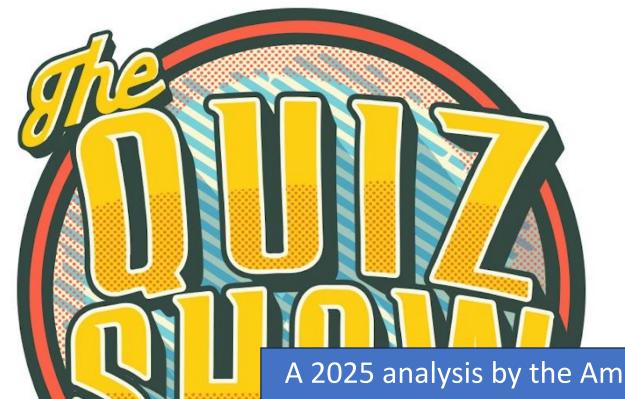




cription.

- The **U.S. leads globally** in per capita prescription drug consumption.
- Only 2 countries in the world allow drugs ads on TV.
- 58% of Americans take daily prescription drugs vs 51% in other high-income countries.

Ask your doctor, "what do I need to do to get off these drugs?"
??? I wasn't taught that. ???



Name the top 3 causes of death in the U.S.

- 1. Heart disease
- 2. Cancer
- 3. Prescription drugs?

A 2025 analysis by the American Society of Pharmacovigilance (ASP) estimated that **Adverse Drug Events** cause **~250,000–300,000 deaths** annually, surpassing stroke and respiratory disease, making it the third leading cause of death.



We are guided by a Health industry that has no education about food. And exposed to a Food industry has no interest in health.

Quote is credited to Marion Nestle, a renowned nutrition expert.



Do we love our kids?

 Hong studies of Korean and Vietnam war soldiers show that heart disease starts in our teens. (45% of soldiers)

How did we create this?

Consumption of Ultra Processed Foods in huge studies of 10 million people show conclusively linked to cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer and mental health issues.

Insulin resistance (underestimated) 3 out of 10 kids

Cancer rates in kids have increased 40% compared to 1975

Medication use by 21.7% of kids in past 30 days 12.9% was psych med for mood, ADD, ADHD

75% of kids are too sick to qualify for military service.

JAMA | Special Communication

Health Care Spending in the United States and Other High-Income Countries

Irene Papanicolas, PhD; Liana R. Woskie, MSc; Ashish K. Jha, MD, MPH

JAMA. 2018;319(10):1024-1039

11 most prosperous countries on the planet

• In 2016, the US spent 17.8% of its gross domestic product on health care

Health spending					Į.						
Total spending on health,	US	CHE	Sweden	Germany	France	Japan	Denmark	NLD	Canada	UK	Australia
% of total national GDP	17.8	12.4	11.9	11.3	11	10.9	10.8	10.5	10.3	9.7	9.6

• Smoking: US ranked second lowest at just 11.4%

Smoking, % of population aged ≥15 y who smoke daily	France	Germany	CHE	NLD	Japan	Denmark	UK	Canada	Australia	US	Sweden
	22.4	20.9	20.4	19	18.2	17	16.1	14	12.4	11.4	11.2
Alcohol consumption, L per capita in population aged ≥15 y	France	Germany	Australia	UK	CHE	Denmark	US	Canada	NLD	Sweden	Japan
	11.9	11	9.7	9.5	9.5	9.4	8.8	8.1	8	7.2	7.2

Life expectancy: lowest in the US at 78.8 years

Life expectancy	71		20				8.3		50		
Life expectancy in total population at birth, mean, y	Japan	CHE	Australia	France	Sweden	Canada	NLD	UK	Denmark	Germany	US
	83.9	83	82.5	82.4	82.3	81.7	81.6	81	80.8	80.7	78.8

How do you think we did in the category of obesity?

US Obese or overweight, % of Australia UK Canada Germany France Sweden NLD Denmark CHE Japan 70.1 population aged ≥15 y 63.4 62.9 60.3 60 49 48.3a 47.4a 47.4a 41a 23.8

We were 15 points above the mean of 55. Once again, France kicked our butt.

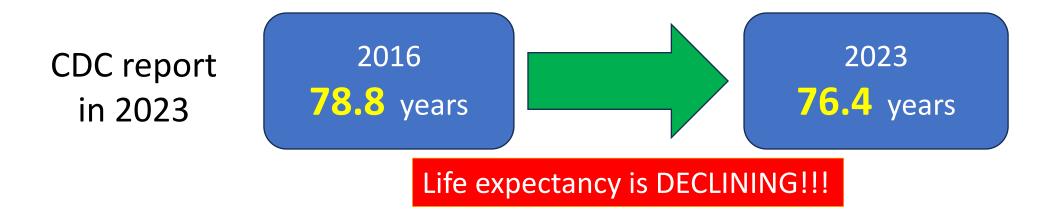
France has higher levels of both smoking and alcohol intake compared to the US and yet they outlive us by more than 3 and a half years?

France consumes less than half of the amount of ultra processed foods compared to US.



But wait . . . It gets worse





Asaf Bitton, M.D., M.P.H. – Harvard school of public health "We have a wonderful sick care system that takes care of very sick people, but a very inadequate health care system."



I want to be healthy . . . but HOW?

- We have been lied to and manipulated
- Too confusing.

We need:

- Direction (Education)
- Accountability
- Skin in the game.



Love your neighbor Love your kids.
Love yourself.

We love our kids, so we set up rules and boundaries in order to protect them.

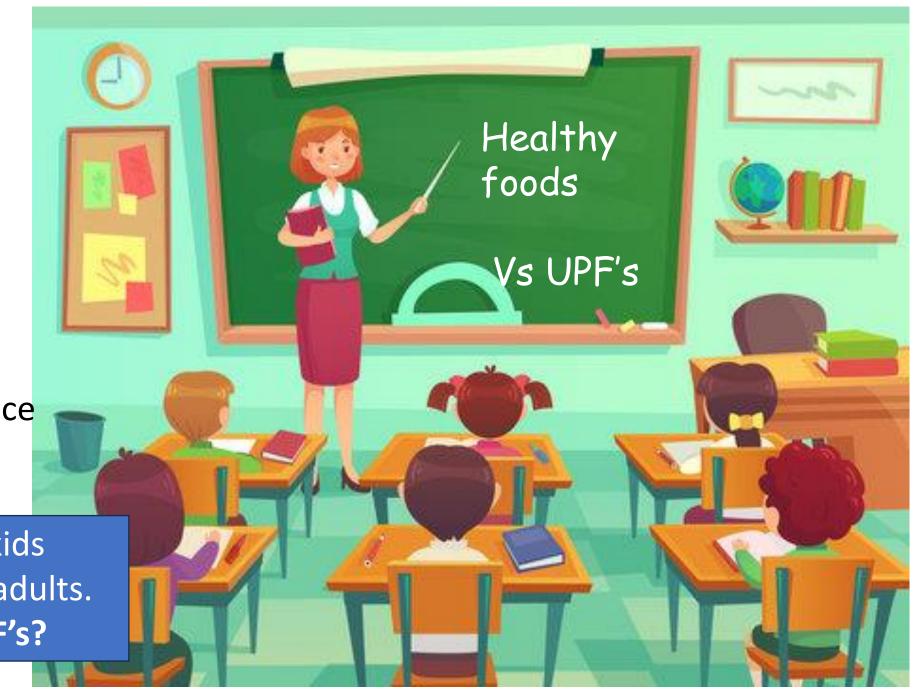
Simplicity

- **School Lunch Programs** Place loving restrictions on what is acceptable and allowable. **Whole foods**.
 - This is NOT punitive it's showing proper care and support. NO NOVA Group 4 foods.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 should have restrictions on what it will provide.
 - No soda pop no UPF's no NOVA 4 foods covered.
 - Amplify the amount of food available when you purchase whole foods.

Teach

- Start young
- Teach the truth
- Show how food relates to brain health
- Sports performance
- Make it easy

Support the kids by teaching the adults. What are UPF's?



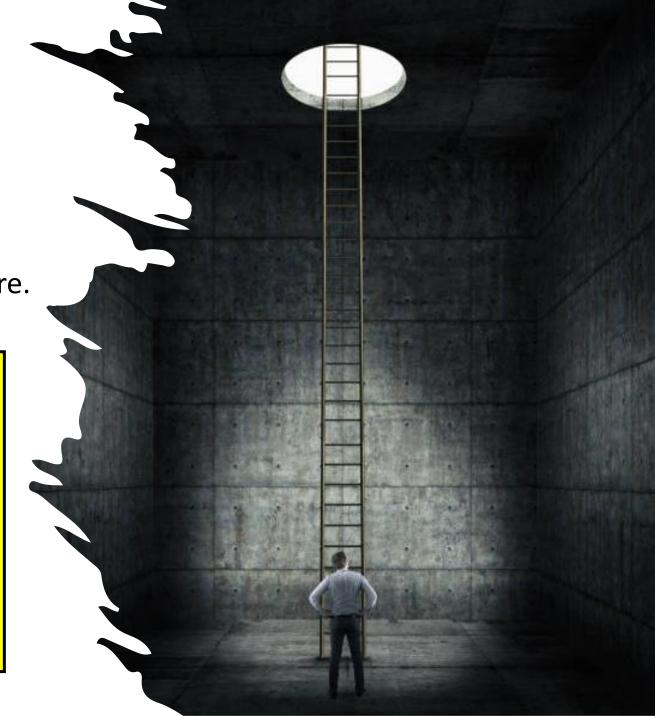
Climbing out of the hole you have created

Add LIGHT to the darkness.

Define clearly what NOVA Group 4 UPF's are.

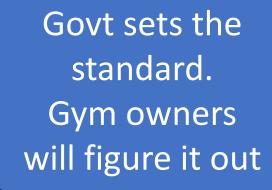
APP's to the rescue: Scan barcodes to easily identify Ultra-Processed Foods (NOVA Group 4).

- Yuka
- Processed
- Open Food Facts
- UPF Detector





If the agenda is "health" then exercise is key.



Incentive Programs – Govt pays gym membership

Gym is required to:

- Document attendance
- Offer physical assessment
- Improvement in a measurable metric



What gets MEASURED gets DONE.

- Insulin lab \$4
- CRP-hs \$4
- Continuous Glucose Monitor
- Fitness VO2 Max vs Step Ups
- BP & Resting Heart Rate
- Waist/Height ratio (Not BMI)

EASY!!

Create a simple path

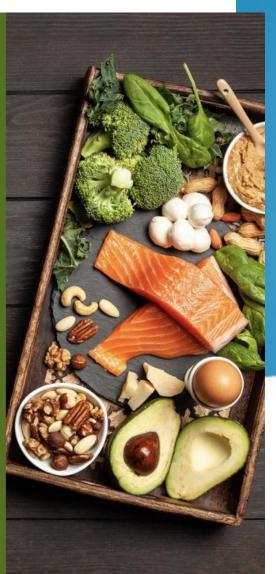
Show me how and I will follow

METABOLISM FIX

10 WEEK PROGRAM

Get UNSTUCK!

Feeling STUCK?
Tired of feeling
frustrated and
disappointed with
your results? Engage
in a personalized
program that
GUARANTEES your
results.





Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior (2016)

Kids involved in gardening are more likely to try and prefer vegetables they have grown.

The IKEA effect: people value things more when they have put effort into creating them.



• Promote home gardening as a way to increase whole food production and consumption.

How fast are you AGING?



Road Map to Longevity
What gets measured gets done

Aging Score

Goal for total score is 100. Fill in ALL of the grey boxes to arrive at a total score.

90-100 = you are aging SLOWER than actual chronology

80-90 = aging appropriate for years

70-80 = you are aging slightly faster than your stated age

60-70 = accelerated aging – easily corrected with the right action.

50-60 = free fall status and immediate correction is strongly recommended.

Creating a measurable metric drives change.

There are 6 sections, each scored separately. This allows you to see which area needs the most attention. Average the 6 sections to arrive at your total GRADE. All sections are based on 100-point grading system.

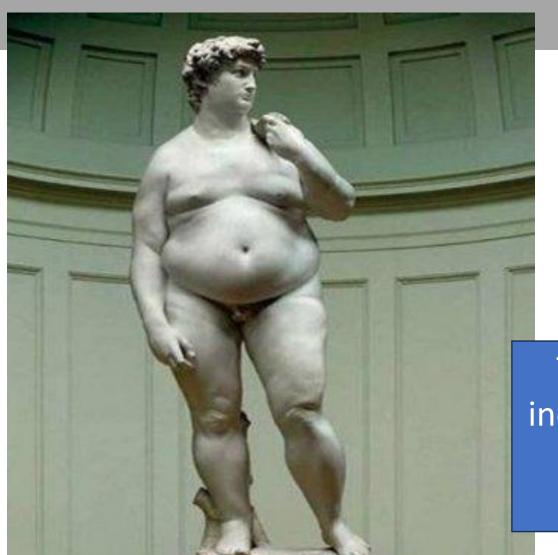
LAB		VITALS	FITNESS	SLEEP	COGNITION	NUTRITION	

Michelangelo's "David"

Visits the U.S. in 2009



After 1 year in the U.S.



Our culture is embarrassing in some ways!

But we can change that.

The Medical & Food industries have failed at the simple task of "health".



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