

# **NUTRITION OBESITY AND PREVENTION**



# WHAT SHOULD WE PREVENT?

- DISEASES THAT ARE THE MAJOR CAUSES
  - OF
  - CHRONIC ILLNESS AND EARLY DEATH



OBESITY



HEART DISEASE  
STROKE



DIABETES



COLON  
CANCER



INFIRMITY  
OF  
AGING



**DIABETES**



**METABOLIC  
SYNDROME**

**OBESITY**



**HEART DISEASE  
STROKE**



**COLON CANCER**



# HOW AGING AFFECTS BELT HEIGHT...



YOUTH

ADULT

MIDDLE-  
AGE

OLD  
AGE

*Reynolds*

# IS LIFESTYLE INTERVENTION BETTER THEN DRUGS?

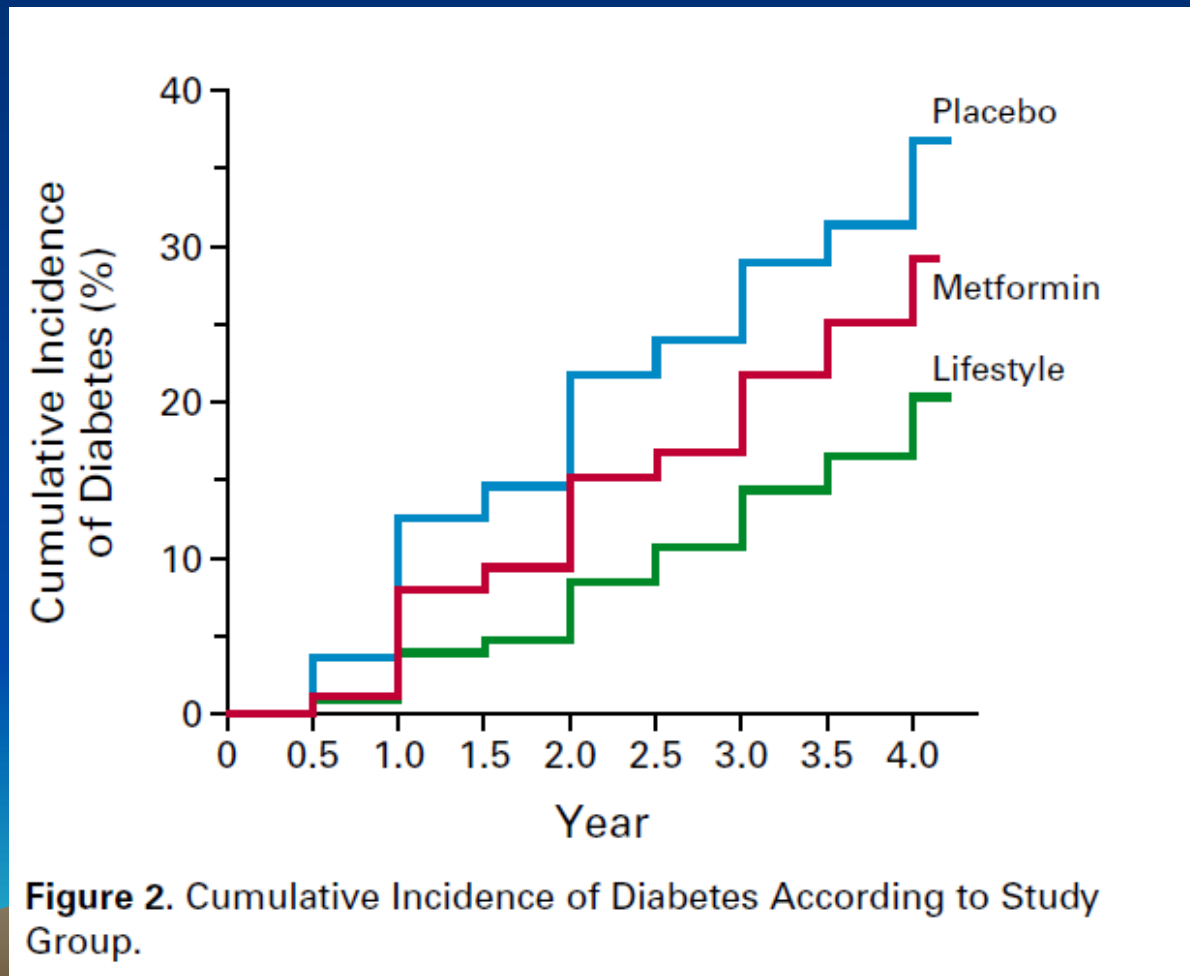


REDUCTION IN THE INCIDENCE OF TYPE 2 DIABETES WITH  
LIFESTYLE  
INTERVENTION OR METFORMIN : NEJM 2002;346:393-403

- 3234 nondiabetic persons with elevated fasting and post-load plasma glucose concentrations
- Randomized to placebo,
  - metformin (850 mg twice daily)
  - lifestyle-modification program
    - Goals of at least a 7 percent weight loss and
    - At least 150 minutes of physical activity per week.



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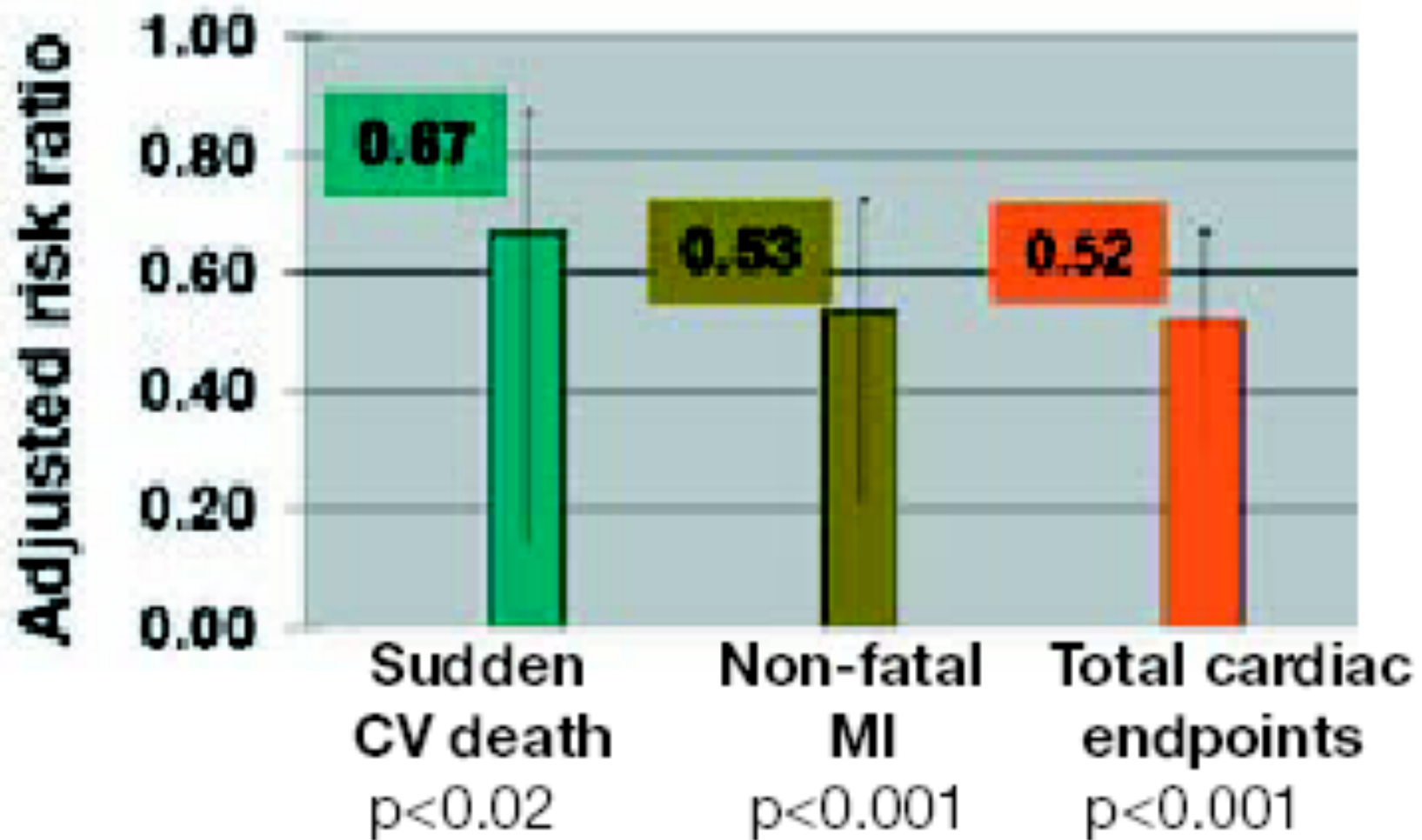


# Mediterranean Diet: Lancet

2002;360:1455-61

- **Control group Cholesterol Education Program step I diet,**
- **exercise, stress relief and other lifestyle measures.**
- **Intervention group had the same advice+:**
  - **400 gm/day of fruits, vegetables, and nuts.**
  - **400 g/day of whole grains and legumes**
  - **3-4 servings of mustard seed or soybean oil (rich in alphinolenic acid).**
- **Follow-up was for 2 years, dietary compliance was assessed regularly.**





**Graph: Risk ratio for cardiac outcomes at 2 years**  
(adjusted for selected baseline characteristics)

# PARADOX OF OBESITY TREATMENT

- HOW TO EAT AD LIB WITHOUT WEIGHT GAIN?



1. It is well established that weight loss and loss of body fat will reduce the risk of CAD

2. Can diet composition :

a. Promote weight loss when eaten ad lib ?

b. Can diet have specific effect on risk factors?

# CARMEN TRIAL

Saris et al Int J Obesity 2000;24:1310-1318

- **290 subjects overweight only with BMI 26-35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>**
- **Randomized to:**
  - **control**
  - **Low-fat high COMPLEX CHO (HCC)**
  - **Low-fat high SIMPLE CHO (HSC)**



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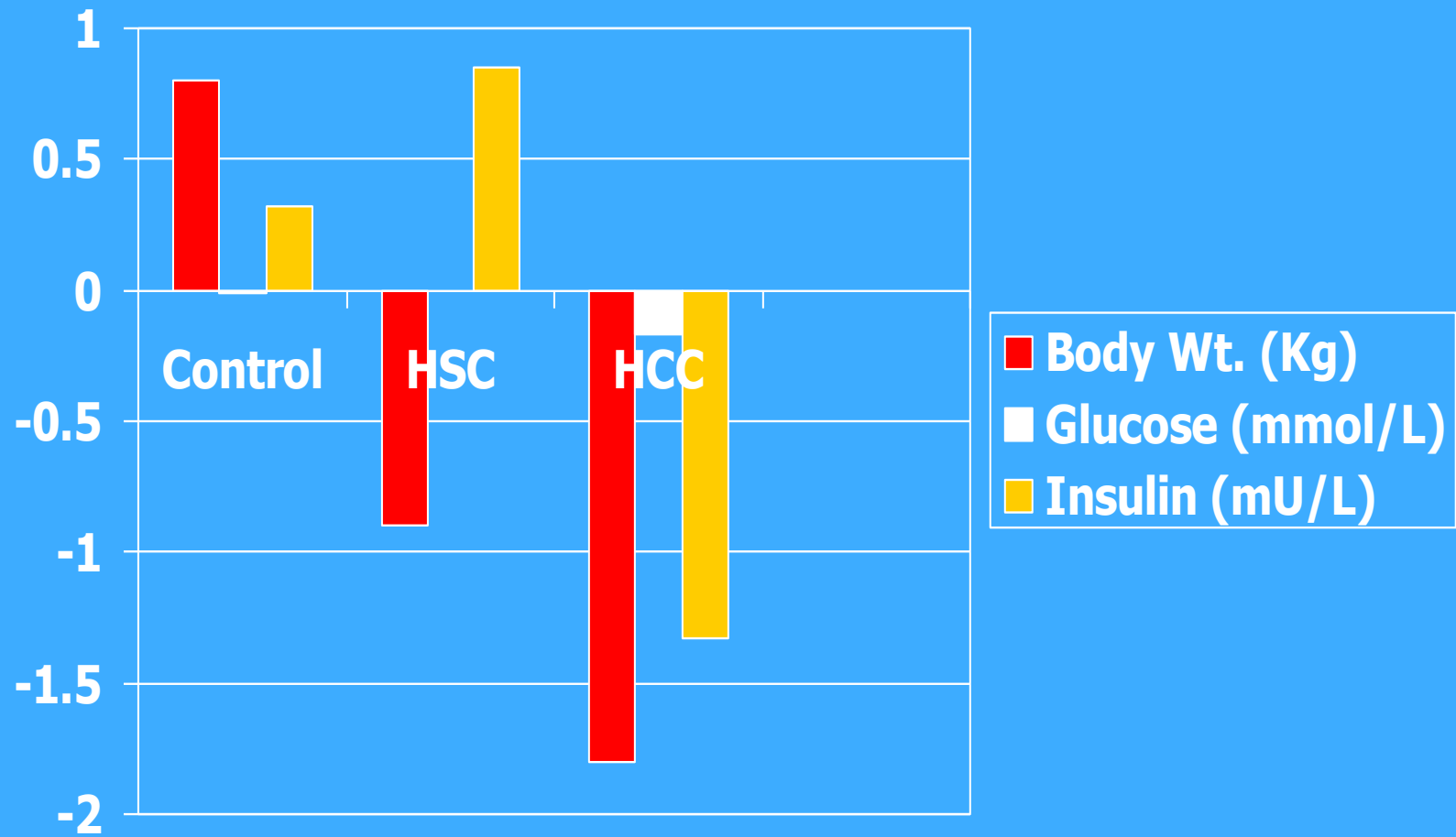
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- **Energy intake:**
  - **Control 10300 kJ**
  - **HSC 10400 kJ**
  - **HCC 9300 kJ P=0.0031**



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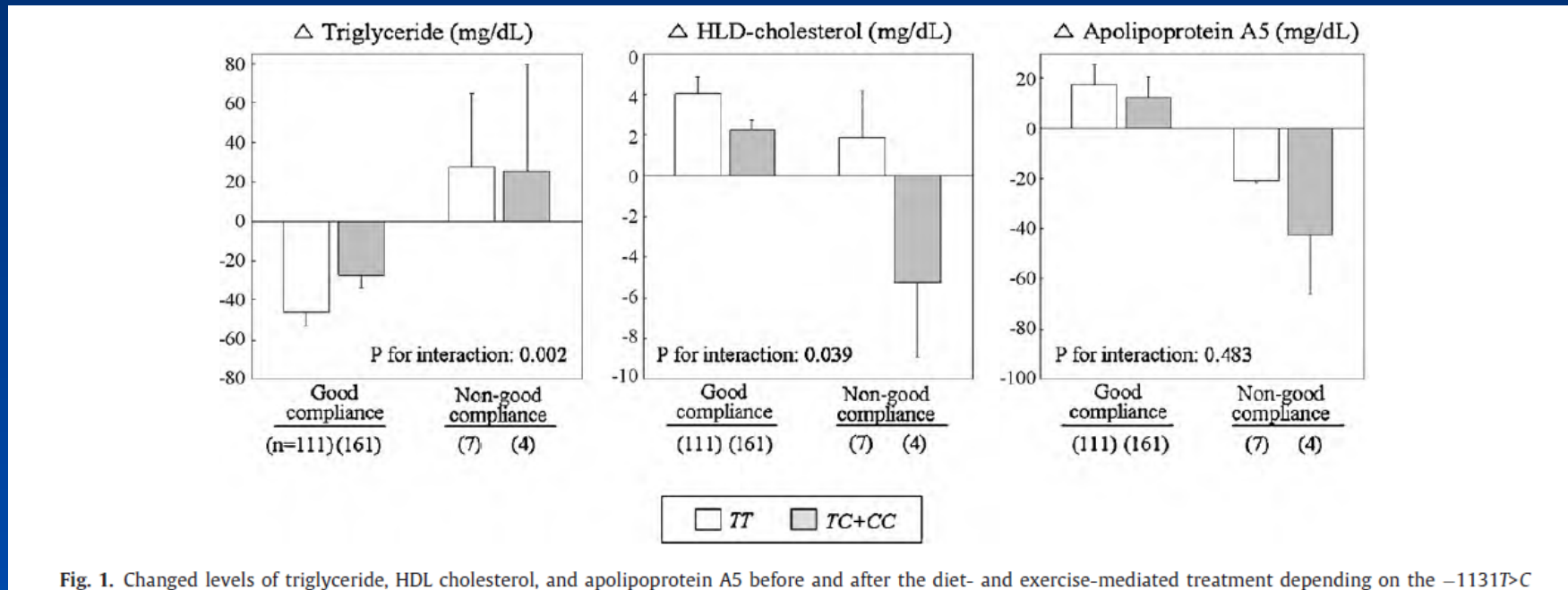


CHO restricted vs Fat restricted diet  
Metabolic syndrome  
Lipids (2009) 44:297–309



# A5 Polymorphism and Diet

DIET CHANGE = Total Energy -135 kcls/day, CHO - 5.8% , FAT +3.9%, Protein + 2%





# Comparison of Low Carbohydrate vs Low Fat diet on Metabolic syndrome



# CHANGE

Canadian Health Advanced By Nutrition and  
Graded Exercise CHANGE Health Paradigm



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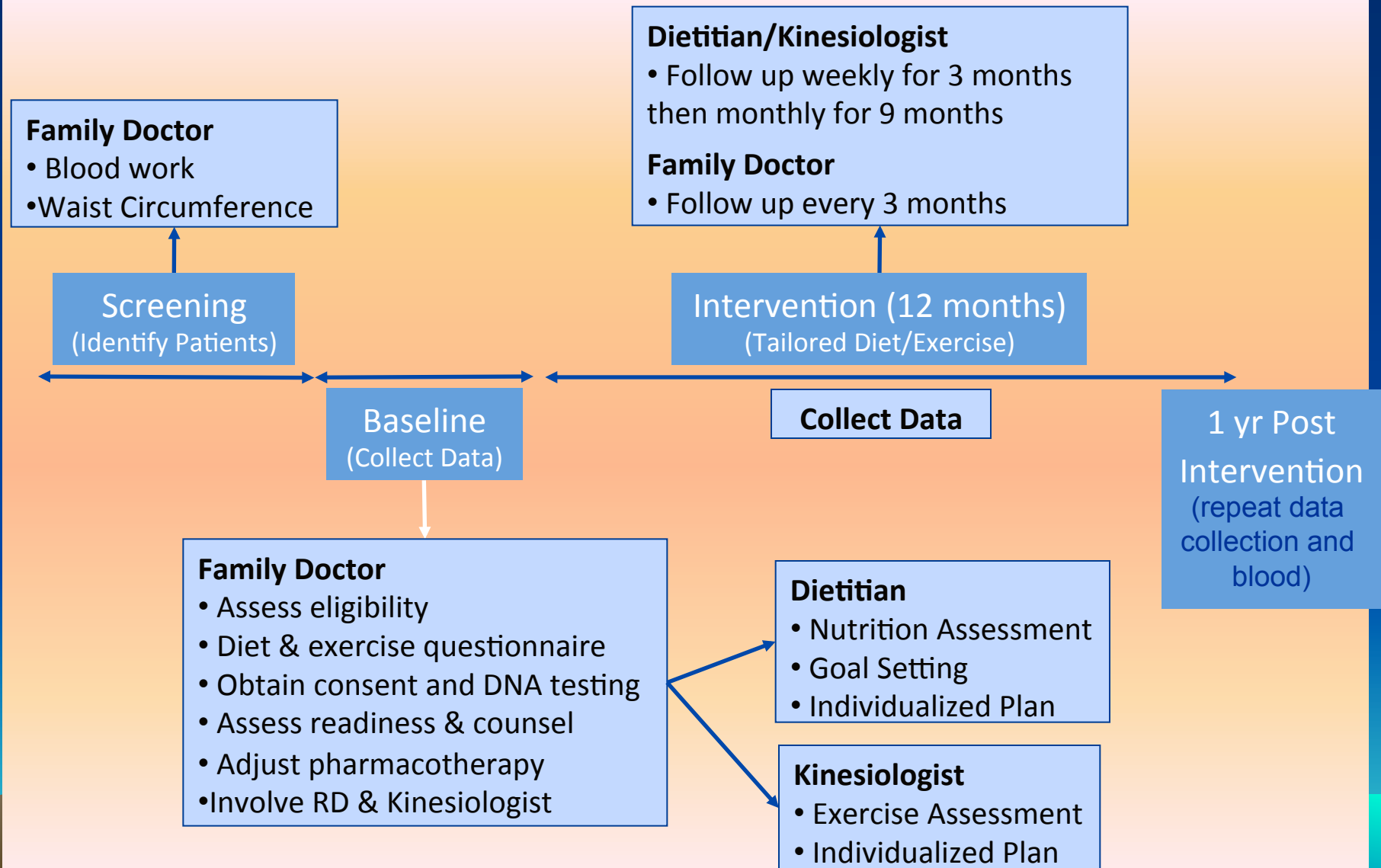
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# Project Objectives

- Develop and implement a program through FDs supported by kinesiologists and dietitians to show that a regimen of nutritional modification and graded exercise over a 1 year period will:
  - Reduce components of the Metabolic syndrome
  - Reduce reliance on pharmacological drug use
  - Evaluate the feasibility of team-based approach to manage MetS
- Explore the relationship of the response to lifestyle changes on cardiometabolic risk according to genotype.



# Study Overview



# Conclusions

- **Diet recommendations need to consider the genetic status of the individual**
- **Diet composition influences risk factors by:**
  - **Altering satiety**
  - **Altering cholesterol status**
  - **Altering thrombogenicity**
  - **Reducing blood pressure**
- **Complemented by individualized exercise**
- **Both have powerful effects on risk factors**

## Conclusions

- **Totally neglected in practice except for platitudes like**
  - **“Balanced intake of all food groups”**
  - **“Go for long walks”**

**INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED  
PROGRAM NEEDS TO BECOME  
PART OF MEDICAL CARE**

