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to watch out for my weight



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- Moderate my intake of fats and sweet foodstuffs.
- Fractionate my food intake into several meals and snacks.
- Avoid nibbling.
- Favour vegetables and fruits to limit calorie intake.
- Engage in regular physical activity.
- Weigh myself once a week.
- Have my waist circumference measured by my physician.



Some references

• Weighing yourself is not sufficient! A better health indicator of your ideal weight is your Body Mass Index (BMI). To calculate it, the following equation is used:

BMI = weight (in Kg) / height (in m) x height (in m)

Example: for a weight of 70 kg and a height of 1.70 m: $70 / 1.70 \times 1.70 = 24 \text{ kg/(m}^2)$

BMI Categories: Underweight = <18.5 Normal weight = 18.5-24.9

Overweight = 25-29.9 Obesity = BMI of 30 or greater

- Waste circumference measured at the level of the belly button must be lower than 102 cm for men and 88 cm for women.
- If overweight, a loss of 10% of ones current weight improves blood pressure, total cholesterol and glycaemia.
- Progressively changing eating habits enables one to decrease ones weight and to stabilize it on the long term.

Useful addresses

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