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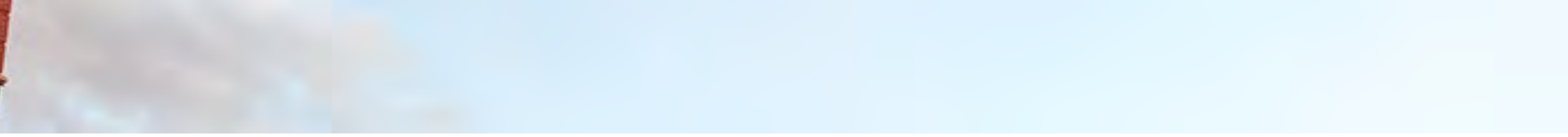
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Obesity and Arthritis



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- A general Overview of Arthritis and Obesity.
- Examine the relationship between obesity and the risk of developing Arthritis.
- Influencing factors

Arthritis



- Disabling degeneration of the joints due to inflammation, often leading to **pain**.
- Most common cause of disability among adults residing in the United States, limiting everyday activities for **24 million Americans**.
- Affects all ages, gender, and races, but it is especially high in adults **aged 45 to 64 at 30.7%**.

Arthritis

Pathophysiology



Arthritis

Risk Factors: Gene & Environment

- Age
- Gender
- Race
- diet
- Physical activities
- Smoking
- Alcohol consumption

Arthritis

- **Medical Costs**

In 2013, the national arthritis-attributable medical costs were **\$140 billion**.

That's **\$2,117 in extra** medical costs per adult with arthritis.

Ambulatory care medical care costs accounted for nearly half of arthritis-attributable medical costs.

- **Earnings Losses**

Total national arthritis-attributable lost wages were \$164 billion in 2013.

That's **\$4,040 less pay** for an adult with arthritis compared with an adult without arthritis.

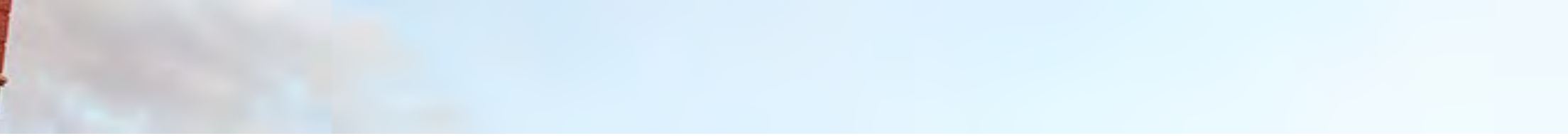
- **Job losses**

Highest among people whose jobs are physically demanding

Arthritis

Types

- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Osteoarthritis
- Psoriatic Arthritis
- Gout



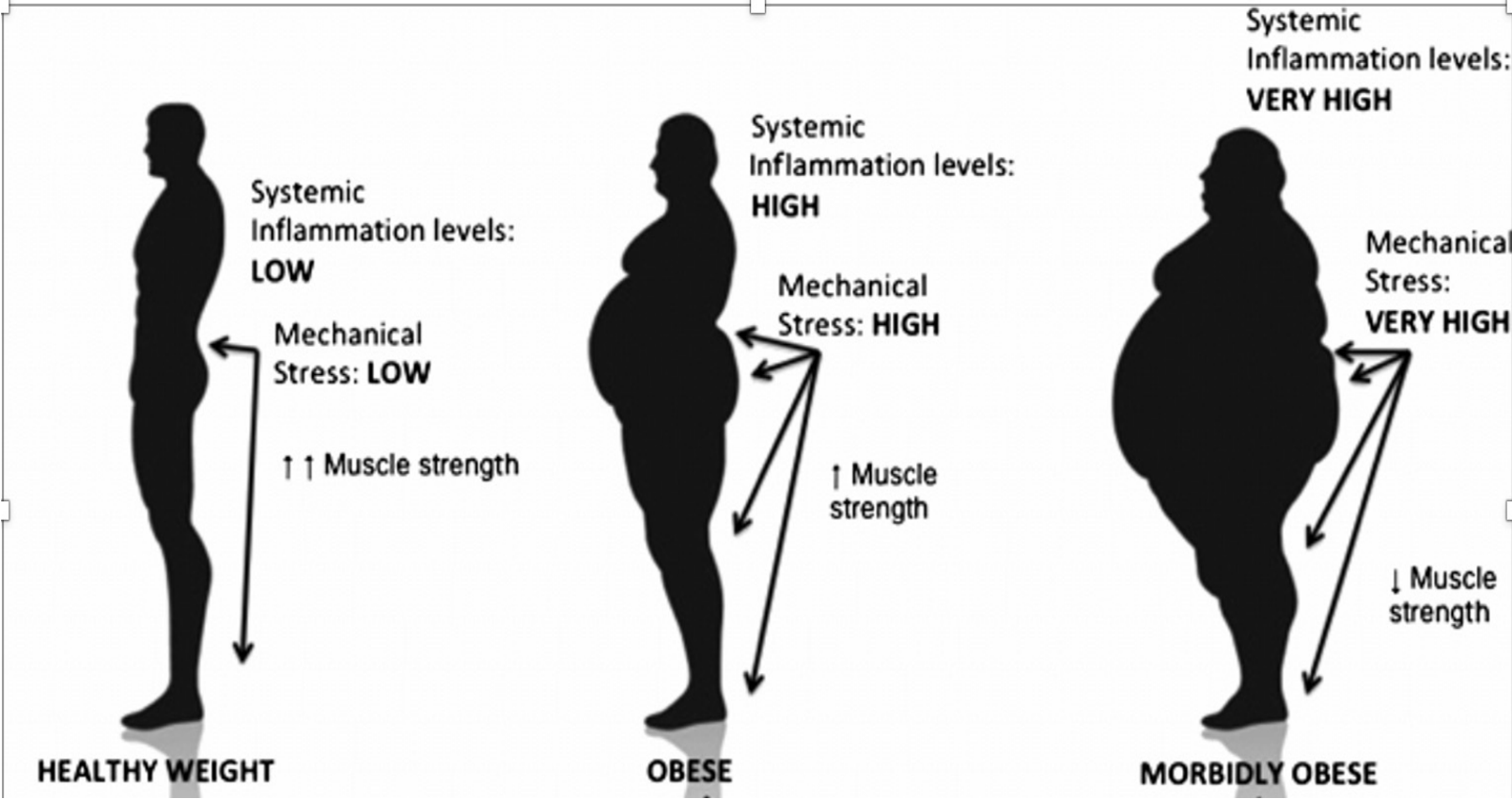
Could obesity be a contributing cause?

Obesity

A known risk factor for many disease including **musculoskeletal disorders**.

Obesity

- Mechanical
- Pro-inflammatory



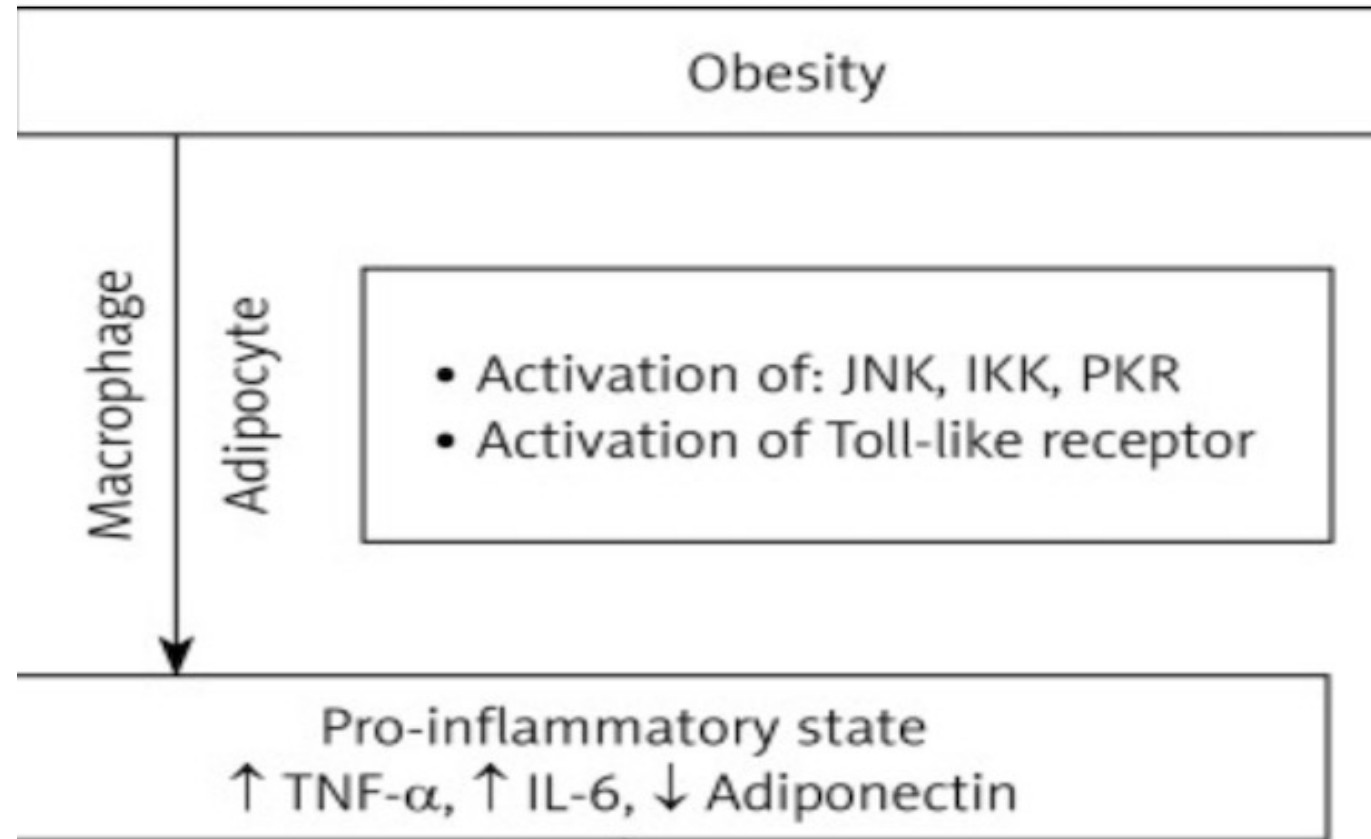
Obesity

Mechanical: Increased wear-and-tear.



Obesity

Systemic Inflammation



Obesity

WEIGHT IN POUNDS (lbs)

HEIGHT IN FEET

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Severly Underweight: < 17.5

Optimal: 18.5 - 25

Overweight: 25.1 - 30

Obese: 30.1 - 40

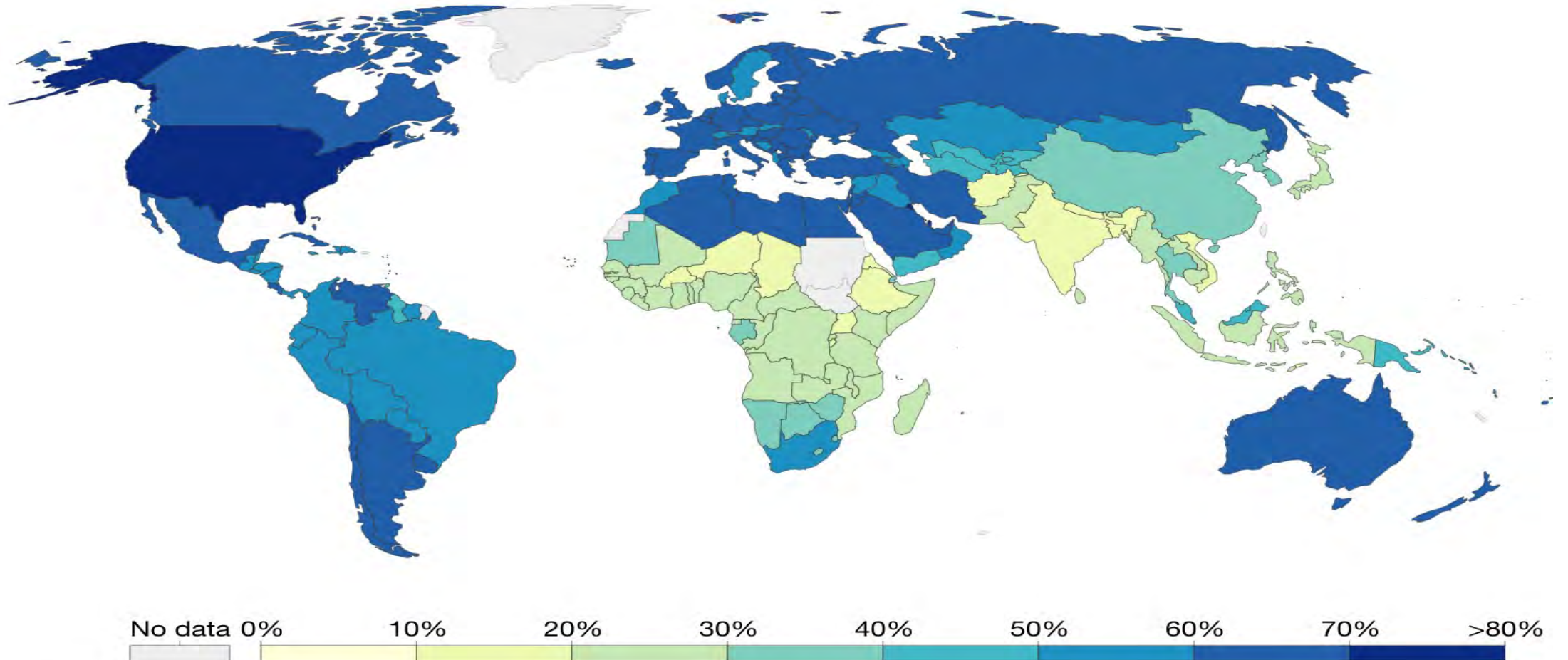
Underweight: 17.5 - 18.4

Severly Obese: > 40.1

Obesity as a Global Problem

Share of adults that are overweight or obese, 2016

Being overweight is defined as having a body-mass index (BMI) greater than or equal to 25. Obesity is defined by a BMI greater than or equal to 30. BMI is a person's weight in kilograms divided by his or her height in metres squared.

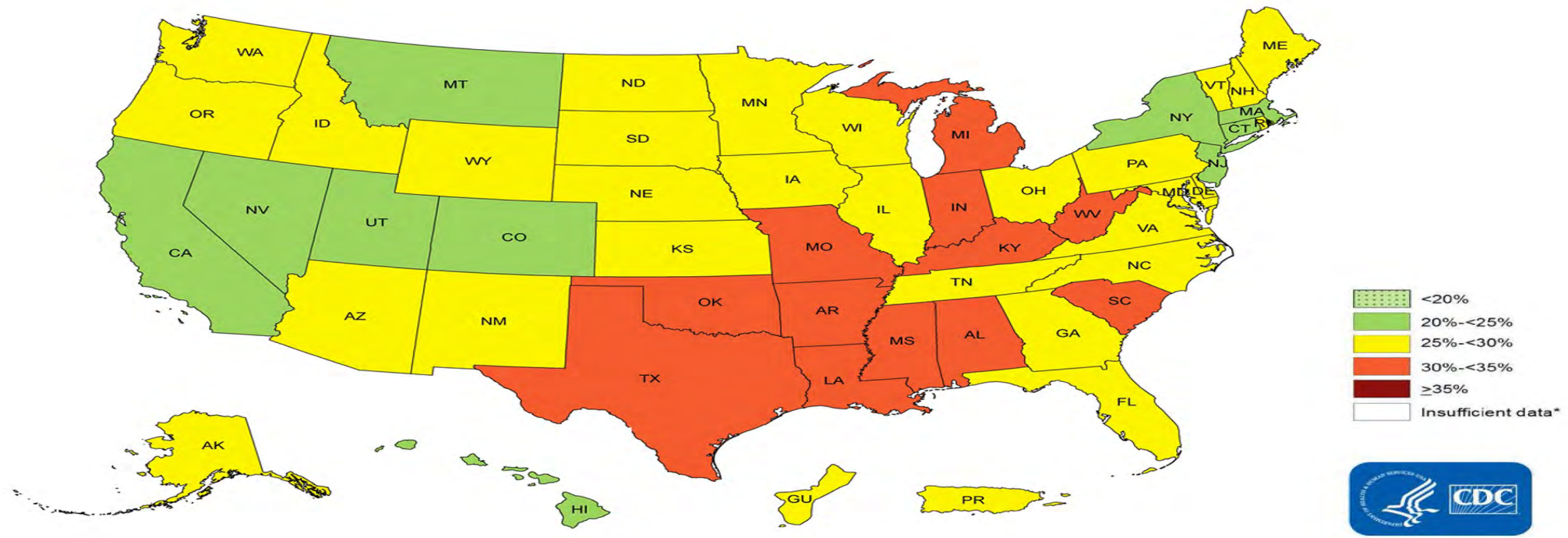


An American Problem

Prevalence[†] of Self-Reported Obesity Among U.S. Adults by State and Territory, BRFSS

[†]Prevalence estimates reflect BRFSS methodological changes started in 2011. These estimates should not be compared to prevalence estimates before 2011.

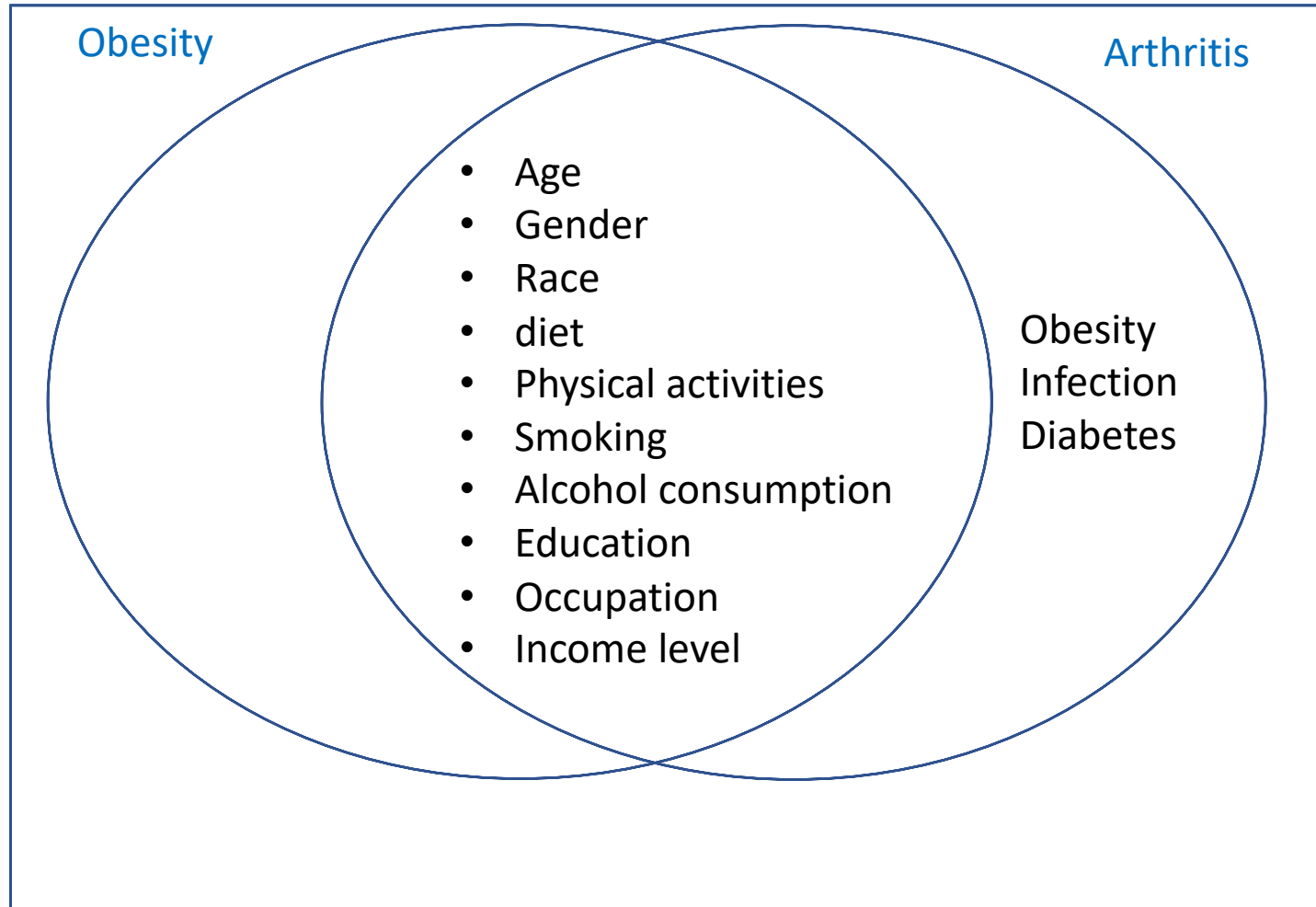
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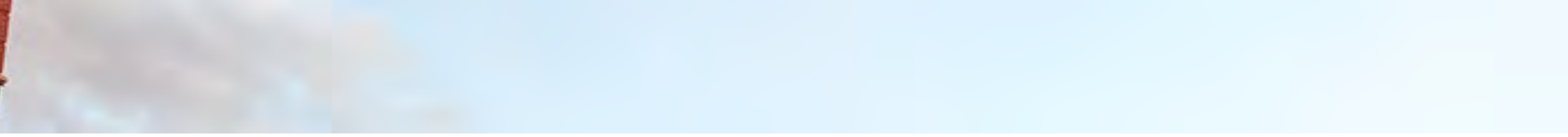


*Sample size <50 or the relative standard error (dividing the standard error by the prevalence) ≥30%.

Overlap in Risk factors?

Gene & Environment





The Study

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES)



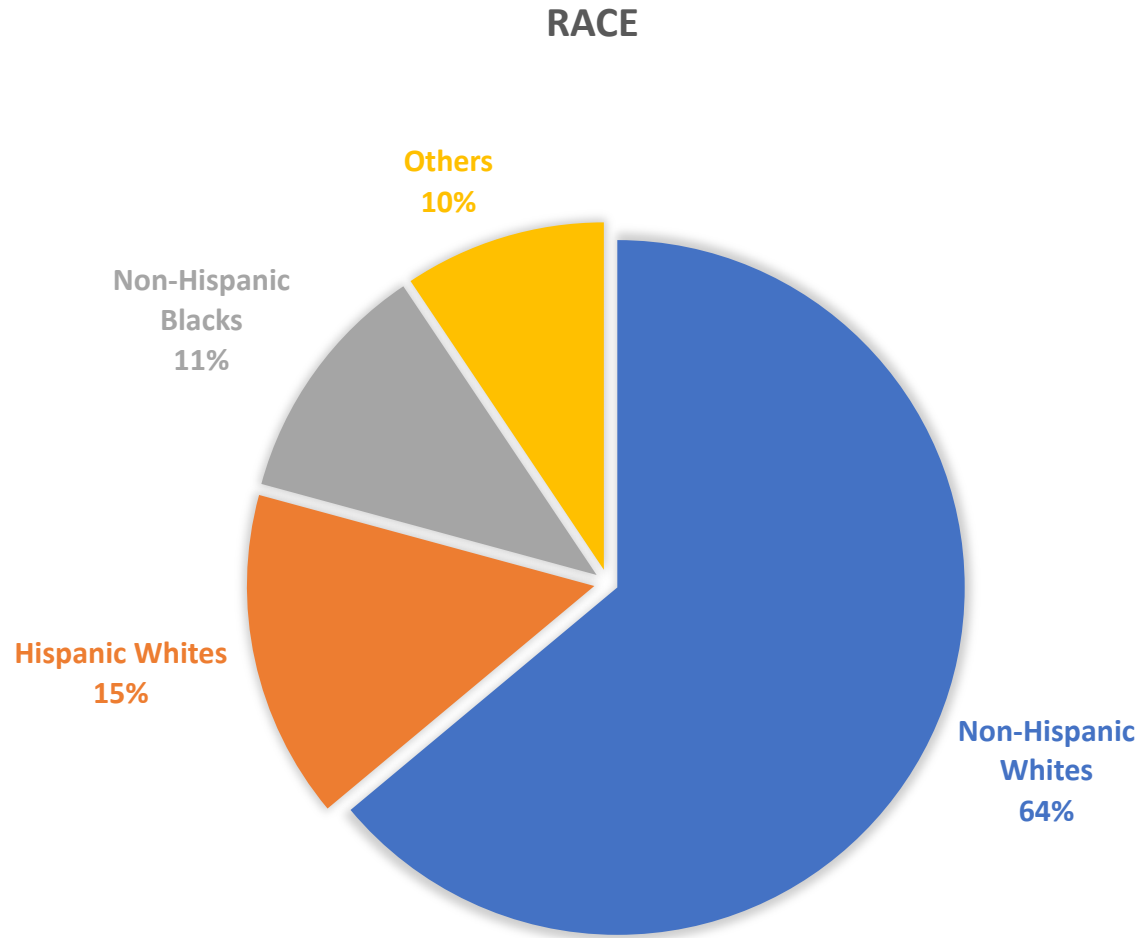
- A nationally **representative sample** of non-institutionalized persons each year. (2012 – 2018).
- Combine **assessment of risks and lifestyle factors and physical examination with laboratory tests** (include medical, dental, physical, and physiological)

Goals

- Investigate the relationship between obesity in Americans 30 years and above.
- Influencing ([risk factors](#)).
- Investigate [inflammatory](#) vs [wear-and-tear](#) effects of obesity on arthritis.

Study

Demographics (N=17,016)



- ≥ 30 years of age = 79.7 %
- Women = 51.8%
- At or above the poverty level = 85%
- Lacked college education = 69%

Results

Relationship

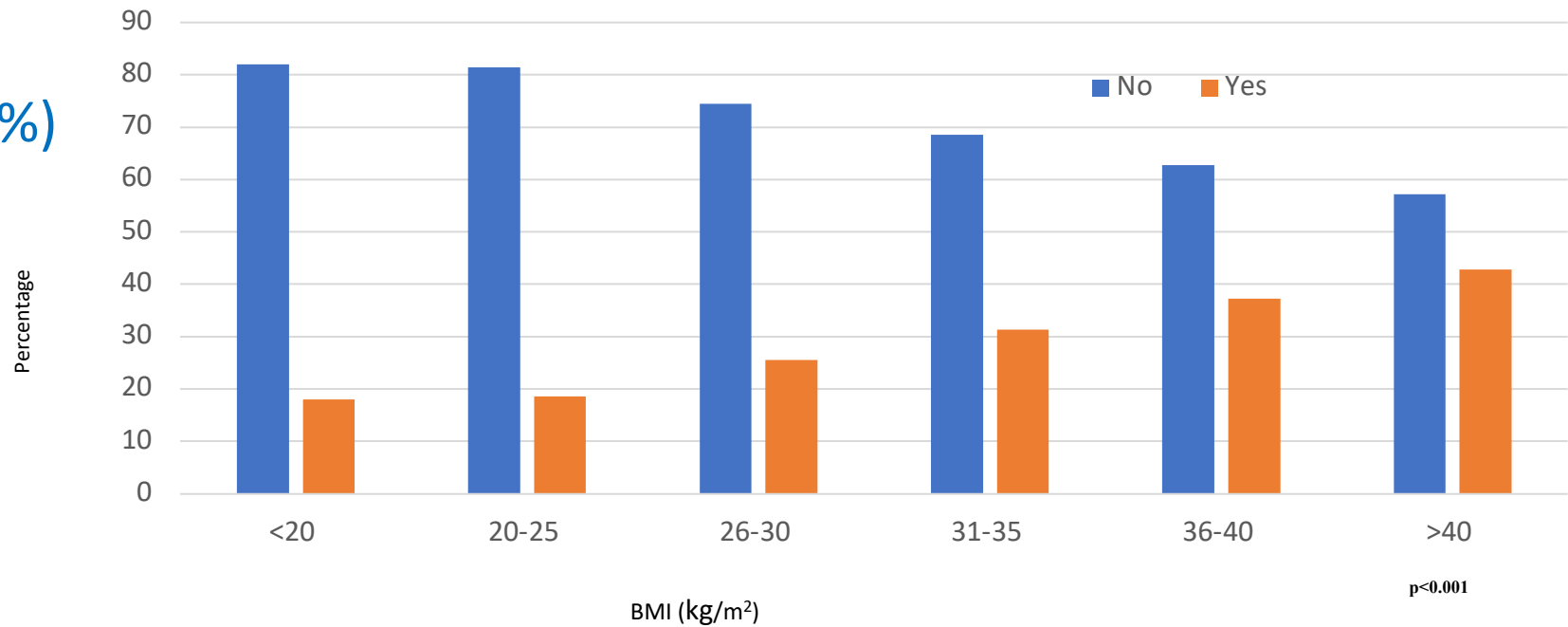
Obesity → Arthritis

N=17,016

Prevalence:

- Obesity was 40.0% (42.4%)
- Arthritis 27.5% (22.7%)

Arthritis by Weight Category



Results

Variable	Unadjusted		Adjusted	
	OR (95%CI)	p-value	OR (95%CI)	p-value
Obesity				
Normal (<30kg/m ²)	Ref		Ref	
Obese (≥ 30kg/m ²)	1.88(1.70-2.08)	0.00	1.55(1.35-1.80)	0.00
Age				
< 30 years	Ref		Ref	
≥ 30 years	12.01(9.71-14.87)	0.00	10.81(6.36-18.37)	0.00
Gender				
Male	Ref		Ref	
Female	1.61(1.49-1.74)	0.00	1.94(1.66-2.28)	0.00
Race				
Non-Hispanic Whites	Ref		Ref	
All Hispanics	0.42(0.37-0.48)	0.00	0.43(0.35-0.52)	0.00
Non-Hispanic Blacks	0.70(0.62-0.79)	0.00	0.65(0.50-0.85)	0.00
Other Races	0.55(0.46-0.65)	0.00	0.80(0.62-1.04)	0.10
Educational Level				
College Degree or higher	Ref		Ref	
Less than College Degree	1.32(1.15-1.52)	0.00	1.23(0.94-1.60)	0.12*
Poverty income ratio				
At or above	Ref		Ref	
Below (Poor)	0.99(0.84-1.16)	0.89*	1.36(1.09-1.70)	0.01
Smoking Status				
Non-Smoker	Ref		Ref	
Current Smoker	0.69(0.61-0.79)	0.00	0.72(0.60-0.88)	0.00
Engages in moderate work activity				
Yes	Ref		Ref	
No	1.07(0.96-1.20)	0.24*	1.24(1.05-1.46)	0.01
Alcohol Consumption				
Normal drinker	Ref		Ref	
Often Drinker	1.43(0.89-2.29)	0.14*	0.78(0.37-1.69)	0.53*
Diet				
Healthy Diet	Ref		Ref	
Fairly Healthy Diet	0.98(0.86-1.12)	0.76*	1.06(0.87-1.29)	0.57*
Poor Diet	1.20(0.97-1.49)	0.09*	1.09(0.70-1.72)	0.69*

Influencing factors

More likely

- Obese individuals = 55%
- ≥ 30 years = 10 times likely
- Female = 94%
- Poor = 36%
- Alcoholics (> 14 drinks/week)= 24%
- Lack of Physical activity = 24%

Less Likely

- Race
 - All Hispanics = 57%
 - Non- Hispanic Blacks =35%
 - Others = 20 %
- Smokers* = 28 %

Results

Inflammation

Inflammatory markers:

- C-reactive protein (CRP)
- Erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR)

No significant difference between obese with arthritis and obese without arthritis.



Inference

- The results suggest, at least in part, that **obesity-induced inflammation** might not be the major driver for the development of arthritis.
- Prevalence due to the impact of **greater weight exerted** on the cartilage and underlying bone in weight-bearing joints of obese individuals.

Summary

- Obesity
- Gender
- Age
- Physical Activities

Summary

Maintaining healthy weight

- Energy balance

(2,000 calories per day), but **Don't just count calories.**

- Physical activity

Adults: 150 minutes of physical activity each week (**30 minutes a day**, five days a week), including aerobic activity and muscle strengthening activity.

≥65: at least 150 minutes a week of moderate intensity activity such as **brisk walking**, at least two days a week.



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