

A health care provider can help form a personalized plan for weight management personalized to fit your weight and lifestyle.

Managing weight isn't easy

When trying to lose excess weight, many of us have a goal in mind. When we reach that goal, we want to stay there. But it's not always that simple. Managing weight can include:

Weight lossLosing weight steadily



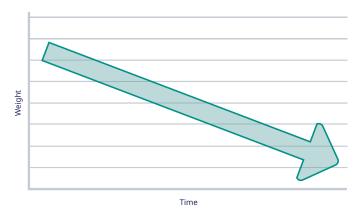
Plateau Staying at the same weight



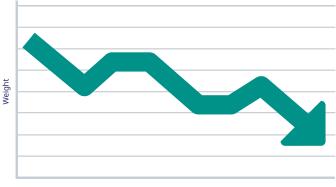
RegainGaining weight previously lost



Once we lose weight, we expect to keep dropping pounds



Yet managing weight often includes plateaus and regain



Planning for long-term weight management

You're not alone if you find it hard to lose weight and maintain progress. According to one study, 9 out of 10 adults with excess weight are not able to drop pounds and keep the weight off long term.



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And science shows—after weight loss by reducing calories, the body's metabolism slows down and appetite hormones change, which can lead to weight regain. That's why it's important to work with a health care provider to create a weight-management plan.



Personalizing your weight-management plan

Sometimes weight loss stops. We call this a plateau. It's very common to plateau or even gain some of the weight back. This may be a good opportunity to speak to a health care provider to evaluate your weight-management plan.



Weight-management plans can be adapted
People can lose 5 times more weight by working with a health
care provider, compared with people who do it alone. Talk to a
health care provider about how you can improve your plan.

1 Discover healthy food options

- Cutting calories doesn't have to mean going hungry. By partnering with a health care provider, it's possible to incorporate nutritious, low-calorie foods into your diet
- With the right approach to meal planning, healthy foods can keep you full

2 Find new ways to stay active

- Physical activity is a part of every weight-management program, but it should be individualized
- Work with your health care provider to slowly add more activity,
 3 to 5 times a week

3 Explore prescription medicines

- Obesity is a long-term medical condition, so long-term medical options may be an important part of weight management
- Many people can manage their weight by taking a prescription medicine. Ask your health care provider if a medicine could help you manage your weight

Consider lifestyle changes

- Professional help can identify potential problems that go beyond the physical aspect
- A behavioral therapist may be an important partner in developing ways of adapting your lifestyle to help with weight management

What to ask a health care provider. \rightarrow

Work with a health care provider

Establishing an individualized weight-management plan with a health care provider is important. It all starts with a conversation. Depending on where you are in your weight-management journey, the suggestions below may help:



Weight loss—Start with the progress you've made so far

- I've lost some weight.

 Here's what I think worked... 99
- I'm making progress...just slowly.
 What can I do to keep it going?
- I've changed my lifestyle and lost weight. Is there more I can do?



Plateau—Discuss what's no longer working for you

- I'm doing everything we planned and the scale doesn't budge.
- I'm trying to stay active,
 but it's hard to fit into my life.
 What would you suggest?
- Could a personal coach or trainer be key to continued weight loss?





Regain—Ask how you might partner to prevent gaining weight back

- I've lost some of the progress I made.
 What other activities could I try?
- Should I be eating different foods?

 Do you think a dietitian could help?
- Are there medicines that could play a part in my weight management?

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