

# REEXAMINING OBESITY

## beyond your patients' weight

### Obesity is associated with a number of comorbidities<sup>1</sup>

A comprehensive examination of your patients with obesity may be in order. They may present with:

**Type 2 diabetes**

**Diabetes risk (prediabetes)**

**Dyslipidemia**

**Hypertension**

**NAFLD/nonalcoholic steatohepatitis**

**Female infertility (including PCOS)**

**Cardiovascular disease and cardiovascular disease mortality**

**Male hypogonadism**

**OSA**

**Asthma/reactive airway disease**

**Osteoarthritis**

**Urinary stress incontinence**

**Depression**

**GERD**

GERD, gastroesophageal reflux disease; NAFLD, nonalcoholic fatty liver disease; OSA, obstructive sleep apnea; PCOS, polycystic ovary syndrome.

Patients who are provided behavioral weight-loss intervention strategies may achieve and sustain clinically significant weight loss.<sup>2</sup>

# YOUR SUPPORT can make all the difference

Without intervention, your patients' health may continue to be impacted by their chronic weight problems.



**Jeannine, 44**

Human resources manager at a local construction company

5'4" and 184 lb/BMI 31.6 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	<i>Obesity is defined as a BMI &gt;30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. What strategies are available to reduce her weight?</i>
Other than her lunch time walk, she is sedentary for much of the workday	<i>What strategies would you suggest to get Jeannine moving more during the day?</i>
Hypertension and dyslipidemia currently managed with prescriptions	<i>While these are currently controlled, could weight loss help as well?</i>
Recent weight high/low: 204 lb/151 lb	<i>Do her struggles in losing weight and keeping it off indicate a need to consider pharmacotherapy?</i>

BMI, body mass index; HCP, health care provider.

In one study, it was shown that patients **lost ~5x more weight** with counseling from their HCP than with a self-directed program.<sup>2</sup>

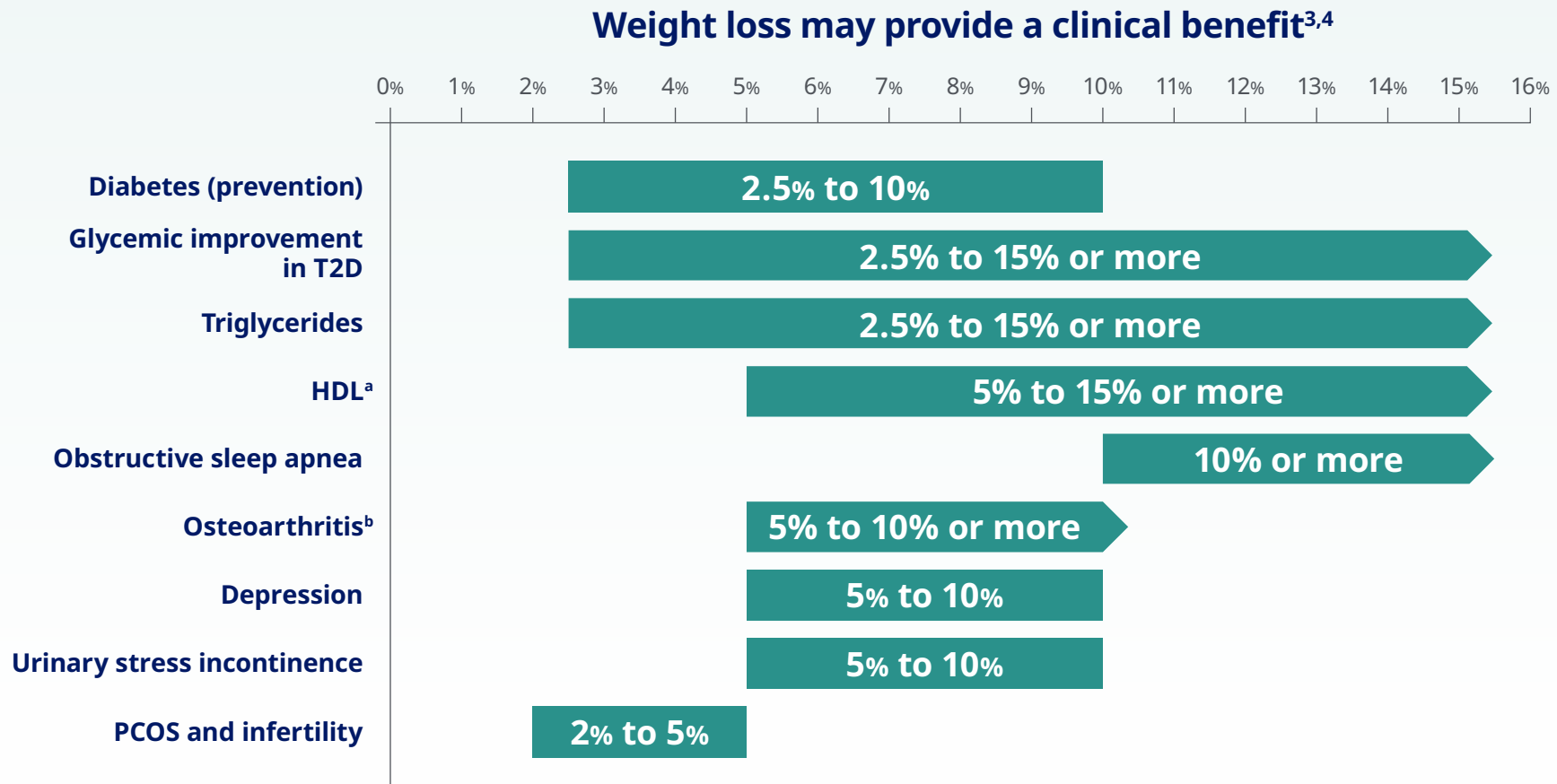
STUDY DESIGN: A randomized, controlled study of 415 patients with obesity showed that patients lost more weight with HCP counseling, weight-loss coaches, and web-based support (5.2% weight loss) when compared with a self-directed program (1.1% weight loss) at 24 months. A meta-analysis of survey data indicated that weight-loss advice from HCPs has a positive effect on a patient's attempt at behavior change and on weight-loss efforts.<sup>2</sup>



# Weight loss can lead to

## **IMPROVEMENT IN CERTAIN COMORBIDITIES**

For certain conditions, greater weight loss may be associated with greater improvements.<sup>3,4</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Not true for BMI >40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>b</sup>While weight loss of 5% or more may provide a clinical benefit to the signs and symptoms of osteoarthritis, no change is evident in knee MRIs or X-rays.

HDL, high-density lipoprotein; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; PCOS, polycystic ovary syndrome; T2D, type 2 diabetes.

# What are **YOUR NEXT STEPS?**

**Obesity may shorten life expectancy by up to 8 years in adults aged 20 to 39 with a BMI  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>.<sup>5</sup>**

## Years of life lost due to obesity (US survey of adults, 2003 to 2010)

	Aged 20-39 yrs		Aged 40-59 yrs		Aged 60-79 yrs	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
BMI: 30-<35	5.9	5.6	1.7	3.0	0.8	1.6
BMI: $\geq 35$	8.4	6.1	3.7	5.3	0.9	0.9

BMI, body mass index (kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

### STUDY DESIGN

Calculated years of life lost in men and women with BMI of 30 to <35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, compared to those with ideal body weight, defined as a BMI of 18.5 to <25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>. Data are based on cardiometabolic risk factors in US adults in the National Health Examinations and Nutrition Survey data from 2003 to 2010.<sup>5</sup>

For your patients with these weight-related comorbidities, it may be time to consider pharmacotherapy. Learn more at [www.rethinkobesity.com](http://www.rethinkobesity.com)

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