Is Liquid Candy Harming Your Health?

Rethink Your Drink!

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Sugar

Sugar becomes new bogeyman as fats take a back seat in new consumer survey

Commentary

Consumption of high-fructose corn syrup in beverages may play a role in the epidemic of obesity ^{1,2}

George A Bray, Samara Joy Meisen, and Barry M Popitin

Sugar

FDA rejects new name for high fructose corn syrup

AP By CANDICE CHOI | Associated Press - 14 hrs ago





Sugar

- Added sugars vs. naturally occurring sugars
- Natural sugars
- Supplies nutrients





Sugar

- Added sugars
- Empty calories, no nutrients
- Supply calories only



Sugar

 Added sugars contribute an average of 16% of total calories in the American diet





Sugar

- How much is recommended?
 - American Heart Association: 6-9 teaspoons / day (100-150 calories)
 - Currently consuming approximately 22 teaspoons / day
 - About 355 calories per day
 - -Teens consuming more!

- NHANES Data

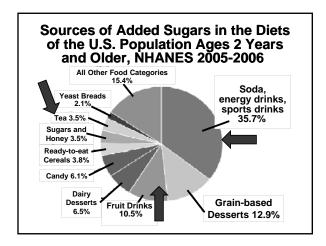
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3-4 teaspoons / day for children recommended



Sugar

What are the food sources?



Soda

- 20 ounce soda = 16 teaspoons of sugar
- 65 grams of sugar





Beverage Consumption

• Alabama's Youth?

Beverage Consumption

- YRBS data from CDC (2011)
 - -19.5 % of Alabama youth consumed soda 3 or more times per day
 - Diet sodas are not included
 - -Tied with Mississippi for first place!

Beverage Consumption

- Alabama Males 24%
- Alabama Females 15%
- -National Average 11.3%

Beverage Consumption

- National average for milk consumption
 - -3 or more glasses per day
 - Only 15%



Obesity

- YRBS Data from CDC
 - -AL Youth
 - 17% are obese
 - Ranked #1 in the US
 - -AL Adults (2012)
 - 33% are obese
 - Ranked #5 in the US



American Academy of Pediatrics

- Sports drinks have a limited function for pediatric athletes
 - They should be ingested when there is a need for rapid replenishment of carbohydrates and/or electrolytes in combination with water during prolonged, vigorous physical activity

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 Routine ingestion of carbohydratecontaining sports drinks by children and adolescents should be avoided or restricted, because they can increase the risk of overweight and obesity, as well as dental erosion

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- Energy drinks pose potential health risks because of the stimulants they contain, and should never be consumed by children or adolescents
- Water, not sports drinks, should be the principal source of hydration for children and adolescents

Sugar and Obesity

 Reducing the consumption of sugar sweetened beverages is a strategy to prevent obesity

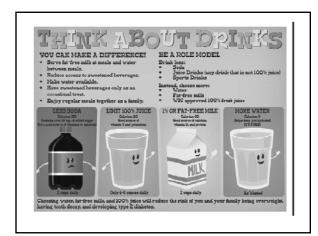














Resources

 Southeastern Dairy Association: www.southeastdairy.org



Resources

- Alabama Obesity Task Force
 - -www.adph.org/obesity
 - -Click on Rethink Your Drink



Questions

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