

Childhood obesity and its consequences across the lifecourse: a call for abstracts



We are pleased to invite submissions of abstracts for oral presentation at *The Lancet* Summit on childhood obesity: consequences across the lifecourse. This event, organised by *The Lancet Global Health* in collaboration with *The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology* and *The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health*, will be a virtual conference running March 2–3, 2023, to include keynote addresses from both established and rising leaders in the field, panel discussions on areas of controversy, and oral abstract presentations. Accepted abstracts will be published in *The Lancet Global Health* in a dedicated special issue.

The burden of childhood and adolescent obesity has increased substantially over the past 50 years, and although prevalence seems to have plateaued in some high-income countries, it is still rising dramatically in low-income and middle-income countries. The causes are multifactorial and complex and include gestational exposures and other biological predisposition; familial, societal, commercial, and political influences; as well as built environment characteristics such as transport infrastructure and the availability of green spaces.

The consequences of childhood obesity can be life-long and perpetuate into the next generation. Children with obesity are significantly more likely to develop non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in adulthood than their

counterparts of a healthy weight, and girls who remain obese into their childbearing years are more likely to have children who themselves have an increased risk of obesity and associated comorbidities.

This conference will bring together a global, multidisciplinary group of speakers and highlight emerging research on the many facets of this issue. It should appeal to those with an interest in paediatrics, nutrition, the biological determinants of obesity, NCDs, physical activity, healthy cities, early child development, and the developmental origins of health and disease. We invite abstract submissions on the following topics in particular: early life weight trajectories and links to NCDs in adulthood; interventions to optimise development and minimise excessive weight gain; risk-profiling in pregnancy; and the social, commercial, and environmental determinants of childhood obesity.

Abstracts should be submitted via the conference registration system, with a deadline of Sept 16, 2022.

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