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#### Abstract

AIM The aim is to study BODY FAT INDICES FOR IDENTIFYING RISK OF HYPERTENSION IN INDIAN CHILDREN.


## METHOD

The study was conducted during July 2015 to October 2015 in urban schools, chennai. 2000 children participated in the study,following 5 basic indices were measured,height using portable stadiometer, weight using electronic scale, waist circumference using resistant tape, TRICEPS SKIN FOLD THICKNESS using harpenden caliper, blood pressure using sphygmomanometer, and set of questions asked to them, with the results BODY MASS INDEX and WAIST TO HEIGHT RATIO calculated. The reading and answers were analyzed together to obtain the results.

## RESULTS

The body fat indices like TSFT WAIST TO HEIGHT RATIO, WAIST CIRCUMFERENCE strongly correlated with systolic and diastolic hypertension. Through questionnaire the physical activity food habits and exercise correlates with systolic and diastolic hypertension.

## CONCLUSION

To conclude, the measures of adiposity are significantly associated with risk of hypertension in a multicentric sample of Indian children and adolescents. age -gender specific values for, BODY MASS INDEX TRICEPS SKINFOLD THICKNESS,WAIST TO HEIGHT RATIO,WRIST CIRCUMFERENCE collected in this study may be useful in the screening for risk of hypertension.

## INTRODUCTION

## BACKGROUND

Hypertension in the pediatric population is now commonly observed. Hypertension is known to be a major cause of morbidity and mortality in the United States and in man other countries, and the long-term health risks to children with hypertension may be substantial. In the United States, extensive normative data on blood pressure (BP) in children are available. ${ }^{(1)}$

The Task Force on Blood Pressure Control in Children, Commissioned by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), developed standards for BP by using the results of 11 surveys of more than 83,000 person-visits of infants and children (including approximately equal numbers of boys and girls). The percentile curves were first published in 1987 and describe age-specific distributions of systolic and diastolic BP in infants and children, with corrections for height and weight ${ }^{(2)}$

The Third Report of the Task Force, published in 1996, provided further details Regarding the diagnosis and treatment of hypertension in infants and children.

In 2004, the Fourth Report added normative data and adapted the data to Growth charts from cdc 2000. In accordance with the recommendations of the Task Force, BP is considered normal when the systolic and diastolic values are less than the 90th percentile for the child's age, sex, and height.

The Fourth Report introduced a new category, prehypertension, which is Diagnosed when a child's average BP is above the 90th Percentile but below the $95^{\text {th }}$. Any adolescent whose BP is greater than $120 / 80 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ is also given this diagnosis, even if the BP is below the 90th percentile. This classification was created to align the Categories for children with the categories for adults from the recommendation.

Stage I hypertension is diagnosed if a child's BP is greater than the $95^{\text {th }}$ Percentile but less than or equal to the $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile plus 5 mm Hg Stage II Hypertension is diagnosed if a child's BP is greater than the $99^{\text {th }}$ percentile plus 5 mm Hg . It may be categorized as prehypertension if the BP is between 90th to 95 th percentile . If the systolic and diastolic pressures give rise to a discrepancy with respect to Classification, the child's condition should be categorized by using the higher value.

## PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

BP is determined by the balance between cardiac output and vascular resistance . A rise in either of these variables, in the absence of a compensatory decrease in the other, increases mean BP , which is the driving pressure. Factors that affect cardiac output include the following ${ }^{[4]}$ :

- Baroreceptors
- Extracellular volume
- Effective circulating volume - Atrial natriuretic hormones, mineralocorticoids, Angiotensin
- Sympathetic nervous syndrome

Factors that affect vascular resistance include the following ${ }^{(3)}$

- Pressors - Angiotensin II, calcium (intracellular), catecholamines, sympathetic nervous System, vasopressin
- Depressors - Atrial natriuretic hormones, endothelial relaxing factors, kinins, Prostaglandin $\mathrm{E}_{2}$, prostaglandin $\mathrm{I}_{2}$

Changes in electrolyte homeostasis, particularly changes in sodium, calcium, and potassium concentrations, affect some of these factors.

Under normal conditions, the amount of sodium excreted in the urine matches the amount ingested, resulting in near constancy of extracellular volume Retention of sodium results in increased extracellular volume, which is associated with an elevation of BP. By means of various physical and hormonal mechanisms, this elevation triggers changes in both the glomerular filtration rate (GFR) and the tubular reabsorption of sodium, resulting in excretion of excess sodium and restoration of sodium balance.

A rise in the intracellular calcium concentration, due to changes in plasma calcium concentration, increases vascular contractility. In addition, calcium stimulates release of renin, synthesis of epinephrine, and sympathetic
nervous system activity. Increased potassium intake suppresses production and release of renin and induces natriuresis, decreasing BP.

The complexity of the system explains the difficulties often encountered in identifying the mechanism that accounts for hypertension in a particular patient. These difficulties are the main reason why treatment is often designed to affect regulatory factors rather than the cause of the disease. In a child who is obese, hyperinsulinemia may elevate BP by increasing sodium reabsorption and sympathetic tone.

## ETIOLOGY

Hypertension can be primary (ie, essential) or secondary. In general, the younger the child and the higher the BP , the greater the likelihood that hypertension is secondary to an identifiable cause (see Table 2 below). A secondary cause of hypertension is most likely to be found before puberty; after puberty, hypertension is likely to be essential.

Common Causes of Hypertension by Age .

| Infants | Children | Adolescents |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $1-6 y$ | $7-12 \mathrm{y}$ | Renal artery stenosis |

A review of the literature revealed that most of the young patients with secondary hypertension had a renal parenchymal abnormality; in the remaining patients, the causes of hypertension (in order of frequency) were renal artery stenosis, coarctation of the aorta, pheochromocytoma, and a variety of other conditions ${ }^{(4)}$.

## International statistics

Because of differences in genetic and environmental factors, incidences vary from country to country and even from region to region in the same country.

## Age-related demographics

Height and weight affect BP. However, these relations do not become evident until children reach school age. The Task Force on Blood Pressure Control in Children considered these factors when they published their normative data in 1987. ${ }^{[1]}$ Numerous investigators have noted a correlation between the BP parents and that of their offspring. Familial aggregation of BP is detectable early in life. Some data relate this association to concomitant obesity in both parent and child ${ }^{(5)}$.

## Sex-related demographics

There are no significant differences in BP between girls and boys younger than 6 years. From that age until puberty, BP is slightly higher in girls than in boys. At puberty and beyond, BP is slightly higher in male adolescents and men than in comparably aged female adolescents and women.

## Race-related demographics

The Task Force on Blood Pressure Control in Children noted no differences in BP between African American and white children. However, both peripheral vascular resistance and sensitivity of BP to salt intake appear to be greater in African American children than in white children, at any age.

## PROGNOSIS

High blood pressure is a precursor of heart attacks and strokes, as has been well established in the adult literature. Obese children have approximately a 3-fold higher risk for hypertension than non obese children. ${ }^{[6]}$ As many as $41 \%$ of children with high BP have left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH). ${ }^{[7]}$ Almost $60 \%$ of children with persistent elevated BP have relative weights greater than $120 \%$ of the median for their sex, height, and age. As in adults, in whom abdominal girth correlates to elevated blood pressure, studies show that this measurement is also to be considered in the assessment of a teenager with suspected BP elevation at an early age. ${ }^{[8]]}$

## PATIENT EDUCATION

Parents, caregivers, and children themselves must be properly advised about restriction of exercise, when appropriate. They must also be informed about the potential adverse effects of medication. Finally, it is vital to educate parents, caregivers, and children about the potential complications of persistent hypertension.

## HISTORY

A well-taken history provides clues about the cause of hypertension and guides the selection and sequencing of ensuing investigations. Presenting symptoms and signs are not specific in neonates and are absent in most older children unless the hypertension is severe.

Relevant information includes the following:

- Prematurity
- Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
- History of umbilical artery catheterization
- Failure to thrive
- History of head or abdominal trauma
- Family history of heritable diseases (e.g., neurofibromatosis, hypertension)
- Medications (e.g., pressor substances, steroids, tricyclic antidepressants, cold remedies, medications for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder [ADHD])
- Episodes of pyelonephritis (perhaps suggested by unexplained fevers) that may result in renal scarring
- Dietary history, including caffeine, licorice, and salt consumption
- Sleep history, especially snoring history
- Habits, such as smoking, drinking alcohol, and ingesting illicit substances Signs and symptoms that should alert the physician to the possibility of hypertension in neonates include the following:
- Seizure
- Irritability or lethargy
- Respiratory distress
- Congestive heart failure

Signs and symptoms that should alert the physician to the possibility of hypertension in older children include all of the above, as well as the following:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Blurred vision
- Epistaxis
- Bell palsy


## PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

## Measurement and recording of blood pressure:

Best medical care includes yearly measurement of blood pressure (BP) in every child older than 3 years, preferably by means of auscultation with a mercury gravity manometer. Doppler and oscillometric techniques can be used in children in whom auscultatory BP measurements are difficult to obtain. Measurements obtained with oscillometry that exceed the 90th percentile should be repeated with auscultation. Measurements repeated over time are required to obtain meaningful information.

Proper cuff size is essential for accurate measurement of $\mathrm{BP}(9)$. The width of the rubber bladder inside the cloth cover should cover at least $40 \%$ of the patient's arm circumference at a point midway between the olecranon and the acromion. The length of the bladder in the cuff should cover $80-100 \%$ of the circumference of the arm. If a cuff is too small, the next larger cuff size should be used, even if it appears too large.

The child should be relaxed and in a comfortable, preferably sitting, position with the feet on the floor and the back supported. The patient's right arm should be resting on a supportive surface at the level of the heart. Infants and young children can be examined while supine. The cuff should be inflated at a pressure approximately 20 mm greater than that at which the radial pulse disappears, then allowed to deflate at a rate of $2-3 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg} / \mathrm{s}$. The first Korotkoff sound (i.e., appearance of a clear tapping sound) defines the systolic pressure, whereas the fifth Korotkoff sound (i.e., disappearance of all sounds) defines the diastolic pressure. The fourth (low-pitched, muffled) sound and the fifth sound frequently occur simultaneously, or the fifth sound may not occur at all. Diastolic BP must be recorded. When Korotkoff sounds can be heard down to 0 mm Hg , the BP measurement should be repeated with less pressure applied to the head of the stethoscope than was applied before. Systolic BP in the lower extremities must be measured when elevated systolic BP in the upper extremities is first noted, regardless of whether the amplitude of the arterial pulse seems lower in the legs than in the arms. Increased systolic pressure in the arm suggests coarctation of the aorta. If found, systolic pressure must also be measured in the left arm and leg. With the patient in the supine position, place a cuff on the calf. The cuff should be wide enough to cover at least two thirds of the distance from knee to ankle. Doppler sonography can be used to detect onset of blood flow, which reflects systolic BP, in the posterior tibial or
dorsalis pedis artery. The value should be compared with similarly obtained Doppler systolic BP in the arm, again with the patient supine.

Remember that the artifact of distal pulse amplification causes the measured systolic BP at the brachial artery to be less than that at the posterior tibial or dorsalis pedis artery. This difference may be only a few millimeters of mercury in the infant but can rise to $10-20 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ in the older child or adult. The magnitude of this artifact is directly proportional to the pulse pressure. In a patient with chronic aortic regurgitation, for example, the difference in measured systolic pressure may exceed 40 mm Hg . At no time should the systolic pressure in the arm exceed that in the foot. If it does, pressures in both arms and legs should be measured. Consistent recording of higher arm systolic pressure indicates aortic coarctation. High pressure in only the right arm suggests that an obstruction is present proximal to the origin of the left subclavian artery.

## Interpretation of blood pressure values

Hypertension is defined as an average systolic or diastolic BP above the $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile. Any child with a BP exceeding the 90th percentile requires scrutiny. Patients with severe hypertension and target-organ damage require immediate attention. For other patients, several measurements of BP should be made at weekly intervals to determine if the elevation is sustained.

The average of multiple measurements should be plotted on an appropriate percentile chart. If the average measurement is between the 90th and 95th percentiles (ie, the patient is prehypertensive) the child's BP should
be monitored at 6 -month intervals. If the average BP is greater than the 95 th percentile, the child should be evaluated further and therapy considered. Patients with stage I hypertension should be seen again in 1-2 weeks. Those with stage II hypertension should be reevaluated in 1 week or sooner if the patient is symptomatic.

So-called white-coat hypertension is diagnosed in a patient who has a BP above the 95th percentile when measured in the physician's office but who is normotensive outside the clinical setting. Ambulatory monitoring of BP usually is required to diagnose white-coat hypertension.(10) Identification of signs of secondary hypertension

A primary objective of the physical examination is to identify signs of secondary hypertension. The following should be evaluated to assess for potential causes of the hypertension

## WORKUP

CBC
RFT
URINE ROUTINE URINE CULTURE
BLOOD HORMORE LEVELS
URINE SODIUM
ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY
ULTRASONOGRAPHY
ANGIOGRAPHY
CT AND MRI ANGIOGRAPHY
CARDIAC CATHETERISATION


## NON PHARMACOLOGIC THERAPY

In children with mild or moderate hypertension, non pharmacologic therapy may suffice to lower blood pressure (BP) to within normal limits This approach avoids the need for drugs that have adverse effects and that require a degree of compliance difficult to achieve in children

Weight reduction should be a goal in all overweight children with hypertension, regardless of etiology. Obesity and hypertension are closely correlated, particularly in adolescents. ${ }^{(11)}$ Aerobic and isotonic exercises have a direct beneficial effect on $\mathrm{BP}^{(12) .}$ They help in reducing excess weight or maintaining appropriate body weight. Encourage participation in sports ${ }^{(13)}$. Only patients with severe uncontrolled hypertension or cardiac abnormalities that require exercise restriction are exempt from aerobic and isotonic exercises. Potassium supplementation can decrease BP and reduce ventricular hypertrophy in adults. How potassium supplementation affects children with hypertension remains to be determined. However, avoiding potassium depletion (eg, from diuretic therapy) and prescribing a potassium-rich diet in patients without renal insufficiency appear reasonable.

A low-fat diet is recommended for all patients with a high BP; a low-salt diet is also recommended for all such patients, though it may yield only a $4 \%$ reduction of the elevated pressure $\left({ }^{14}\right)$ (see Dietary Measures). Stress-reducing activities (e.g., meditation, yoga, biofeedback) can reduce BP when performed on a regular basis. However, this effect is lost when the activity is discontinued.

When sleep-disordered breathing is discovered, weight loss, tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy, or use of continuous positive airway pressure may improve the patient's sleep and secondarily improve BP.

## PHARMACOLOGIC THERAPY

Many of the antihypertensive agents available for adult use may also be used to manage hypertensive children and adolescents, even though only limited data are available to support this practice. Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, angiotensin II receptor blockers (ARBs), ${ }^{(15)}$ and calcium-channel blockers have the strongest data to support their use in pediatric patients. Nevertheless, there is a need for more trials in pediatric populations, especially comparative trials of different agents.Indications for pharmacologic treatment include symptomatic hypertension, secondary hypertension, hypertensive target-organ damage, diabetes, and hypertension that persists despite non pharmacologic measures.

Pediatric clinical trials have focused on the ability of each drug tolower BP , but the effects of these drugs on clinical endpoints have not been compared. Therefore, the choice of drug is the clinician's.

Children are becoming overweight and obese at progressively younger ages throughout the world, both in high-income as well as middle and lowincome populations.

Obesity is identified as the most important risk factor affecting blood pressure (BP) distribution in children .Increasing evidence suggests that adult BP is correlated with childhood BP and body size.

Normal range of BP in childhood varies with age and gender. Identifying risk of hypertension becomes difficult for want of easy access to age- and gender-specific values.

Considering the strong correlations of anthropometric parameters such as body mass index (BMI) and waist circumference (WC) with BP, an indirect assessment of high BP using these indices may be an efficient strategy in the community setup. Excess body fat or adiposity is an important cardio metabolic risk factor than excess body weight per se. Since BMI does not differentiate between fat and lean Other surrogate measures of body fat distribution such as WC, triceps skin fold thickness (TSFT), waist to height ratio (WHTR) are presently being evaluated for their association with metabolic risk. While WC is a crude measure of intra abdominal fat, TSFT ${ }^{(16)}$ is predictive value of body fat and metabolic risk in children and adolescents
. Measurement of Wrist circumference (WRC) is also an easy-to-detect clinical marker to identify at risk in children. Although there are ethnic-specific definitions for general and central obesity, few studies have compared ability of various adiposity indices and provided age-gender specific cut offs for screening children and adolescents for the risk of hypertension.

Therefore, the objectives of the present study were to investigate relationships of BMI, ${ }^{(17)} \mathrm{WC}$, WHTR, TSFT and Wrist circumference with BP;

## REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Claire Friedemann, et al describe the association , and its magnitude between body mass index category ,sex ,and cardiovascular disease risk parameters in school aged children in highly developed countries. Associations between groups in diastolic and 24 h ambulatory systolic blood pressure. Obesity adversely affected concentrations of all blood lipids; total cholesterol and triglycerides were higher in obese children.

Abdishakur Abdulle et alJanuary 20, 2014 To estimate the prevalence of high bloodpressure (BP) and its relationship with obesity among children and adolescents The prevalence of elevated BP, notably systolic was significantly high. High BP was strongly related to body weight, and appears more strongly associated with BMI than WC.

Monyeki1,*,doi et al The association between different adiposity
indicators and elevated blood pressure in a huge population-based study $7.4 \%$ of boys and $6.4 \%$ of girls had elevated blood pressure association between high diastolic BP and high BMI.

The association of fat patterning with blood pressure in rural South African children: the Ellisras Longitudinal Growth and Health Study.The prevalence of hypertension is evident from the age 6Years for girls, while that of overweight was low. Overweight became evident from the age 10 to 13 years for both sexes. A significant BMI was noted.

ChiplonkarIndian Pediatr 2012To develop age and sex specific cutoffs for BMI to screen for overweight and obesity in Indian children linked to an adult BMI of 23 and $28 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m} 2$ respectively, using contemporary Indian data. Contemporary cross sectional age and sex specific BMI cutoffs for Indian children linked to Asian cutoff sof 23 and $28 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m} 2$ for the assessment of risk of overweight and obesity, respectively are presented..

Anju Seth Department of Pediatrics, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi, India Indian Body mass index has been validated as a simple, low cost tool to assess body fatness for routine clinical evaluation in children and adolescents ${ }^{[1]}$, and is found to be strongly correlated with adiposity ${ }^{[2]}$. Increasing BMI is also shown to be associated with higher risk of metabolic complications.

Brian Torrance,et alVasc Health Risk Manag. 2007 aim of this review is to provide clinicians and clinical scientists with an overview of the current state of the literature describing the negative influence of obesity on blood pressure and it's determinantsin children. After reviewing a number of physical activity intervention studies performed in children, it appears as though 40 minutes of moderate to vigorous aerobic based physical activity 3-5 days/week is required to improve vascular function and reduce blood pressure in obese children.

Jonathan Sorof, Stephen Danielshyper. ahajournals. org Hypertension. Obesity is also the most common nutritional problem among children in
developed countries. This epidemic of pediatric obesity has resulted in great concern regarding the management of obesity and its complications. Surveys from the 1960s to the 1990s, the prevalence of overweight in children grew from 5\% to $11 \%$

Morrison et al showed that much of the increase in body mass index (BMI) in grade school-aged children between the 1970s and 1990 occurred in children between the $50^{\text {th }}$ to 100 th percentiles. This increase in the severity of obesity has also translated intoan increase in the prevalence of outcomes such as type 2 diabetes mellitus and hypertension. A hospital-based study by PinhasHamiel et al reported a 10-fold increase in the prevalence of newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes mellitus in adolescents from 1982 to 1994 . The average BMI in this group was $37 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}$. Similarly, Leupker et al found a concordant increase in BMI and systolic blood pressure in middle school students, aged 10 to 14 years, from 1986 to 1996.

Rosner et al pooled data from 8 large US epidemiological studies Involving over 47000 children to describe the blood pressure differences between black and white children in relation to body size. Irrespective of race, gender, or age, the risk of elevated blood pressure was significantly higher for children in the upper compared with the lower decile of BMI, with an odds ratio of systolic hypertension ranging from 2.5 to 3.7.

Freedman et al reported that overweight children in the Bogalusa Heart Study were 4.5 and 2.4 times as likely to have elevated Systolic blood pressure and diastolic blood pressure, respectively.

Sorof et al recently reported a 3 times greater prevalence of hypertension in obese compared with non obese adolescents in a school-based hypertension and obesity screening study.

In the school-based screening for hypertension and obesity by Sorof et al, the prevalence of isolated systolic hypertension among adolescents who were obese and had blood pressure above the 95th percentile on a single set of measurements was $94 \%$. Because isolated systolic hypertension has been shown to be a major risk factor for cardiovascular morbidity and mortality in adults, further investigation of the causes and interventions for this pattern in children is clearly needed.

Lughetti et al studied 350 obese children who were categorized as hypertensive or normotensive. Although insulin was significantly higher in hypertensive than in normotensive children, the difference was not clinically relevant. Furthermore, insulin explained only a small amount of systolic and diastolic blood pressure variance, which disappeared after accounting for the confounding effects of age, weight, or other anthropometric dimensions. Weight loss in obese adolescents has also been shown to result in reductions in serum insulin levels and blood pressure $\Downarrow$ and to render previously saltsensitive individuals insensitive to the hypertensive effects of salt-loading. Based on these data, it has been suggested that the insulin resistance associated
with obesity may prevent insulin-induced glucose uptake but leave the renal sodium retention effects of insulin relatively preserved, thereby resulting in chronic volume overload and maintenance of blood pressure elevation.,

Csabi et al found no relationship between insulin levels and reduced sodium excretion in obese children. Thus, a causal role of insulin resistance in the pathogenesis of obesity hypertension remains uncertain.

Obesity in children has been associated with the development of early myocardial changes and coronary and carotid artery pathology. Kortelainen evaluated the autopsies of 210 children aged 5 to 15 years who had suffered a violent death. Ponderal index was a significant predictor of heart weight and the presence of coronary artery intimal fatty streaks.

Berenson et al demonstrated in the Bogalusa Heart Study that children and young adults who died primarily of trauma showed an association between BMI, systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure, and the presence of fatty streaks and fibrous plaques in the aorta and coronary arteries at autopsy.

Gidding et al studied by electron beam computed tomography29 patients aged 11 to 23 years with familial hypercholesterolemia to evaluate the presence of coronary artery calcium. Coronary artery calcium deposits were found in 7 of 29 subjects and were associated with increased body mass index.

Sorof et al measured carotid intimal-medial thickness by duplex vascular ultrasound in children and adolescents with essential hypertension to assess for
evidence of early arterial changes. Carotid intimal-medial thickness was positively correlated with weight, BMI, and left ventricular mass index, but not with height overage.

In a study of adolescent girls, Morrison et al found that almost $11 \%$ of overweight white girls and $65 \%$ of overweight black girls had three cardiovascular risk factors compared with an expected frequency of $0.8 \%$.Similar findings were reported for boys.

The most compelling evidence of cardiovascular risk factor clustering in youth $\backslash$ comes from the Bogalusa autopsy study, in which subjects with $0,1,2$, and 3 or 4risk factors had, respectively, $19.1 \%, 30.3 \%, 37.9 \%$, and $35.0 \%$ of the intimal surface covered with fatty streaks in the aorta.

A Chiolero Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (IUMSP), Lausanne University Hospital, Lausanne, Switzerland Journal of Human Hypertension(2015) obesity is a major risk factor for elevated blood pressure in children. For instance, in a school based study of 5207 children aged 10-12 years, the prevalence of hypertension, which is sustained elevated blood pressure over several visits, was $1.5 \%, 3.9 \%$ and $17.5 \%$ in normal weight, overweight and obese children, respectively.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

## AIM

To identify prevalence of obesity and hypertension in urban school going children.

## PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

To examine relationship of BODY MASS INDEX(BMI), WAIST CIRCUMFERENCE (WC) WAIST TO HEIGHT RATIO (WHTR),TRICEPS SKIN FOLD THICKNESS (TSFT) and WRIST MEASUREMENTS with blood pressure values in children and adolescents.

## SECONDARY OBJECTIVE

To identify risk factors associated with obesity and hyper tension.

## STUDY JUSTIFICATION

1. Various studies have shown significantly high body mass index(BMI), waist circumference (WC), waist to height ratio (WHTR), triceps skin fold thickness (TSFT) and wrist measurements were significantly associated with risk of hypertension in a multi-centric sample of Indian children and adolescents
2. In Institute of child health and hospital for children for the past $8 y r s$ no study on risk factors for Hypertension in children .
3. The study will bring out the reasons for prevalence of childhood obesity and hypertension in school going population of 10-18 years of age.
4. This study will bring out the risk factors for obesity and hypertension.

## MATERIALS \& METHODS

## METHODOLOGY

- Study design

Cross sectional study

- Study setting

Urban schools in Chennai

- Study period

June 2015 to August 2015.

- Study population

Sample size- 2000 children (Convenient sampling)

- Inclusion criteria

Urban school going children aged 10 to 18 yrs.

- Exclusion criteria

Pre existing serious illness.

## CASE DEFINITIONS

Hypertension is defined as

1) Blood pressure
a) Systolic -
2) Normal $<90^{\text {th }}$ percentile
3) Prehypertension 90 to $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile
4) Hypertension $>95^{\text {th }}$ percentile
b) Diastolic -
5) Normal $<90^{\text {th }}$ percentile
6) Prehypertension 90 to $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile
7) Hypertension $>95^{\text {th }}$ percentile
2). Height ( in cm)
8) $<3^{\text {rd }}$ centile-stunted
9) 3-97 centile-normal
10) $>97^{\text {th }}$ centile- tall
3)Weight (in kg )
11) $<3^{\text {rd }}$ centile-wasted
12) 3-97 centile-normal
13) $>97^{\text {th }}$ centile-obese
8. BMI; Actual (according to IAP classification)
1) Underweight
2) Normal weight
3) Over weight
4) Obese
9. Waist circumference (in cm )
10. $<90$ percentile-normal
11. $>90$ percentile-adipose
12. Waist to height ratio ;
13. $<0.44$ - normal
2.>0.44-adipose
14. Triceps skin fold thickness (in cm)
15. Normal $<85^{\text {th }}$ percentile
16. Moderate 85 th to $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile-
17. Excess $>95^{\text {th }}$ percentile-

## MANOEUVRES

All apparently healthy children from 10 to 18 years of age from the selected urban schools were included after informed written consent from parents and assent from children. The exclusion criterion is children with preexisting serious illnesses. A single team led the data collection at each site and equipments were calibrated daily. Height (Ht), Weight (Wt), Waist Circumference (WC) ${ }^{(18),}$ Triceps Skin fold Thickness (TSFT), Wrist circumference (WRC) ${ }^{(19)}$ and Blood Pressure measurements Z were taken and differences between observers if statistically significant noted.

## Anthropometric measurements

Standing height was measured using a portable stadiometer (Leicester Height Meter, Child Growth Foundation, and UK). Weight will was measured using electronic scales (Salter, India measuring up to 100 g . $\mathrm{BMI}^{(20)}$ categories were defined as (a) Normal weight, (b) Overweight and (c) Obese using IAP growth chart [17] and height for age, weight for age and BMI for age z-scores were computed using Indian reference data

WC was measured in standing position, by a stretch resistant tape which was applied horizontally just above the uppermost lateral border of the right ileum using NHANES protocol ${ }^{(21)}$ WC above 90th centile of available reference population ${ }^{[ }$was considered as Adipose. Waist to height ratio (WHTR) was computed and optimal cut-off value of 0.44 WHTR for children and adolescents was used to classify children as normal or adipose ${ }^{[22]}$.

TSFT was recorded using Harpenden caliper, on the non -dominant upper arm as per standard protocol ${ }^{[23]}$. Children were classified as normal (< 85th centile), moderate (85th -95 th) and excess fat (>95th centile) with respect to references in centiles. In the absence of Indian reference data for TSFT, Western cut-Offs were used ${ }^{[24]}$. Similarly, Wrist circumference was measured using stretch resistant tape using NHANES protocol

The most prominent aspect of the radial styloid process waslocated with the middle or index finger of the left hand. Firm pressure was applied and the circumference was recorded to the nearest $0.1 \mathrm{~cm}{ }^{\text {[ }}$ Average of two readings for all parameters was used for analysis.

## STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

SPSS version 20.0 (Chicago, 2011) was used for analysis. All results are expressed as mean (SD). Correlations were estimated (unadjusted and after age adjustment) separately for both genders to examine association of anthropometric measurements with BP. Level of significance was set at $P<0.05$. Two separate multiple logistic regression models adjusted for age and gender were used to examine relationship of hypertension with BMI categories, TSFT classes and Wrist with WC categories in the first model, and with WHTR categories in the second model to avoid multi-co linearity. The. Optimal cut-off points for each anthropometric indicator was determined [26,27]. The differences between area under for BMI, WC, WHTR, TSFT and WRC to determine the best predictor for hypertension were tested .

## DATA COLLECTION FORM

## IDENTIFICATION

1. Study Id :
2. No
3. Name

## DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

4. Age
a) DOB
b) Actual (in yrs, months)
1) $10-12$
2) $12-14$
3) $14-16$
4) $16-18$
5. Sex
1) Male
2) Female

## ANTHROPOMETRY

6. Height (in cm)
1) $<3^{\text {rd }}$ centile
2) 3-97 centile
3) $>97^{\text {th }}$ centile
7. Weight (in kg)
1) $<3^{\text {rd }}$ centile
2) 3-97 centile
3) $>97^{\text {th }}$ centile
8. BMI; Actual
1) Underweight
2) Normal weight
3) Over weight
4) Obese.
9. Waist circumference (in cm )
10. $<90$ percentile
2.>90 percentile
11. Waist to height ratio ;
1.<0.44
12. $>0.44$
13. Triceps skin fold thickness (in cm)
14. Normal $<85^{\text {th }}$ percentile
15. Moderate 85 th to $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile
16. Excess $>95^{\text {th }}$ percentile
17. Wrist measurements

## CLINICAL EXAMINATION

13. Blood pressure
a) Systolic -
1) Normal $<90^{\text {th }}$ percentile
2) Prehypertension 90 to $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile
3) Hypertension $>95^{\text {th }}$ percentile
b) Diastolic-
1)Normal $<90^{\text {th }}$ percentile
2)Prehypertension 90 to $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile
3)Hypertension $>95^{\text {th }}$ percentile

## RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

In our study 2000 children were included in this study BODY FAT INDICES measured and blood pressure was measured.

Obtained indices are

BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)

WAIST CIRCUMFERANCE(WC)

WAIST TO HEIGHT RATIO (WHtR)

TRICEPS SKIN FOLD THICKNESS(TSFT)

WRIST CIRCUMFERENCE.

Body fat indices were correlated with systolic and diastolic blood pressure and analysed

## CHART 1



Bar chart representing number of children participated in 10 to 18 years of age. 50.1 \%of children are coming under 10to 12 years of age. $12.5 \%$ from12 to 14 years $12.5 \%$ in 14to 16 years.

## CHART 2



## HEIGHT DISTRIBUTION OF STUDY POPULATION

CHART 3


## WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION OF STUDY POPULATION

CHART 4


## BMI OF STUDY POPULATION

## CHART 5



## WAIST CIRCUMFERENCE OF STUDY POPULATION

CHART 6


## WAIST HEIGHT RATIO OF STUDY POPULATION

## CHART 7



## TRICEPS SKIN FOLD THICKNESS

## CHART 8



## SYSTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE

## CHART 9



## DIASTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE

CHART 10


## LIFE STYLE PATTERNS

## CHART 11



## CHART 12




CHART 13

## FREQUENCY OF VEGETABLE

 INTAKE

$$
\begin{aligned}
& ■ \text { Nil } \\
& ■ \text { One } \\
& ■ \text { Two } \\
& ■ \text { Three } \\
& ■ \text { Four and more }
\end{aligned}
$$

CHART 14


CHART 15


CHART 16

The above 8 pie charts showing eating behaviour of school going children

## DURATION OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



■ 10 minutes<br>- 20 minutes<br>- 30 minutes<br>$\square 40$ minutes<br>$■ 60$ minutes<br>$\square$ No need to be active everyday

CHART 17


CHART 18


## TIME SPENT ON COMPUTER DURING WEEK ENDS



- $<1$ HOUR
- 2-3 hours
- 3-4 hours
- 4 hours

CHART 20

## AGE WISE PREVALANCE OF HYPERTENSION IN STUDY POPULATION

|  |  |  | PRE |  | HGP <br> AGPMAL BP <br> HYPERTENSIO <br> N |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| YYERTENSIO <br> N |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-12 YEARS | 904 | 952 | 54 | 28 | 42 | 20 |
| 12-14 YEARS | 237 | 236 | 11 | 8 | 2 | 6 |
| 14-16 YEARS | 213 | 243 | 17 | 2 | 19 | 4 |
| 16-18YEARS | 453 | 472 | 26 | 18 | 21 | 10 |

## CORRELATION OF HEIGHT WITH BLOOD PRESSURE

|  | Systolic blood pressure |  |  |  | Diastolic blood pressure |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Norm al | Prehyperten sion | Hypertens ion | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{p} \\ \text { val } \\ \text { ue } \end{gathered}$ | Norm <br> al | Prehyperten sion | Hypertens ion | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { pal } \\ \text { val } \\ \text { ue } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & <3^{\text {rd }} \\ & \text { percent } \\ & \text { ile } \end{aligned}$ | 8 | 0 | 0 |  | 8 | 0 | 0 |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3^{\text {rd }}- \\ & 97^{\text {th }} \\ & \text { percent } \\ & \text { ile } \end{aligned}$ | 1800 | 108 | 84 | $\begin{gathered} 0.65 \\ 3 \end{gathered}$ | 1896 | 56 | 40 | $\begin{gathered} 0.81 \\ 8 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |

## CORRELATION OF WEIGHT WITH SYSTOLIC BP

| Systolic | Weight (in kg) |  |  | Statistical |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Below 3rd <br> centile (n=8) | 3 to 97 centile <br> $(\mathbf{n = 1 9 9 2})$ | Total <br> $(\mathbf{n}=2000)$ |  |
| Normal | $8(100 \%)$ | $1800(90.4 \%)$ | $1808(90.4 \%)$ | $\mathrm{X}^{2}=.853$ <br> $\mathrm{Df}=2$ <br> Nf |
| Pre <br> hypertension | 0 | $108(5.4 \%)$ | $108(5.4 \%)$ | $653>0.05$ <br> Not |
| Hypertension | 0 | $84(4.2 \%)$ | $84(4.2 \%)$ | Significant |

Study indicates that though children with increased weight correlated with hypertension it was not significant.

## CORRELATION OF WEIGHT WTH DIASTOLIC BP

| Diastolic | Weight (in kg) |  |  | Statistical |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Below 3rd <br> centile (n=8) | $\mathbf{3}$ to 97 centile <br> $(\mathbf{n = 1 9 9 2 )}$ | Total <br> $(\mathbf{n}=\mathbf{2 0 0 0})$ |  |
| Normal | $8(100 \%)$ | $1896(95.2 \%)$ | $1904(95.2 \%)$ | $X^{2}=.405$ <br> $\mathrm{Df}=2$ <br> Mypertension |
| Pre <br> hypen |  |  |  |  |
| Hypertension | 0 | $56(2.8 \%)$ | $56(2.8 \%)$ | $817>0.05$ <br> Not |

Study indicates children with increased weight correlated with hypertension which was not significant

BMI CORRELATED WITH SYSTOLIC BP

| Systolic | BMI |  |  |  |  | Statistical |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Underweight <br> $(\mathbf{n = 9 6 6})$ | Normal <br> weight <br> $(\mathbf{n = 9 1 4 )}$ | Over <br> weight <br> $(\mathbf{n = 8 0})$ | Obese <br> $(\mathbf{n = 4 0})$ | Total <br> $(\mathbf{n = 2 0 0 0})$ |  |
| Normal | $870(90.1 \%)$ | 830 <br> $(90.8 \%)$ | 72 <br> $(90 \%)$ | 36 <br> $(90 \%)$ | 1808 <br> $(90.4 \%)$ | $\mathrm{X}^{2}=6.166$ <br> Df=6 |
| Pre <br> hypertension | 54 <br> $(5.6 \%)$ | 50 <br> $(5.5 \%)$ | 4 <br> $(5 \%)$ | 0 | 108 <br> $(5.4 \%)$ | $405>0.05$ <br> Not |
| Hypertension | 42 <br> $(4.3 \%)$ | 34 <br> $(3.7 \%)$ | 4 <br> $(5 \%)$ | 4 <br> $(10 \%)$ | 84 <br> $(4.2 \%)$ | Significant |

Study indicates even in underweight children $5.6 \%$ had prehypertension and $4.3 \%$ had hypertension but compare with overweight and obese children prehypertention and hypertension was less .

BMI CORRELATED WITH DIASTOLIC BP

| Diastolic | BMI |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Underweig <br> ht (n=966) | Normal <br> weight <br> $(\mathbf{n = 9 1 4})$ | Over <br> weigh <br> $\mathbf{t}$ <br> $(\mathbf{n = 8 0}$ <br> $)$ | Obese <br> $(\mathbf{n}=\mathbf{4 0})$ | Total <br> $(\mathbf{n = 2 0 0 0})$ | Statistical <br> Inference |
|  | 912 <br> $(94.4 \%)$ | 876 <br> $(95.8 \%)$ | 76 <br> $(95 \%)$ | 40 <br> $(100 \%)$ | 1904 <br> $(95.2 \%)$ | $\mathrm{X}^{2}=7.608$ <br> Df=6 |
| Pre <br> hypertension | 32 <br> $(3.3 \%)$ | 20 <br> $(2.2 \%)$ | 4 <br> $(5 \%)$ | 0 | 56 <br> $(2.8 \%)$ | $268>0.05$ <br> Not |
| Hypertension | 22 <br> $(2.3 \%)$ | 18 <br> $(2 \%)$ | 0 | 0 | 40 <br> $(2 \%)$ | Significan <br> t |

Diastolic BP increased in normal weighed and obese ,over weighed children, the incidence is more deviated towards obese and over weighed children in the given study group of 10 to 18 years of age

## CORRELATION OF WAIST CIRUMFERENCE WITH BLOOD PRESSURE

|  | Systolic blood pressure |  |  |  | Diastolic blood pressure |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Normal | Pre hypertension | Hypertension | $\underset{\text { value }}{\mathbf{p}}$ | Normal | Prehypertension | Hypertension | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{p} \\ \text { value } \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{array}{r} <90^{\text {th }} \\ \text { percentile } \end{array}$ | 1463 | 74 | 66 |  | 1549 | 32 | 22 |  |
| $\underset{\text { percentile }}{>90^{\text {th }}}$ | 345 | 34 | 18 | 0.003 | 355 | 24 | 18 | 0.000 |

Study indicates waist circumference is significantly correlated with sytolicBP $\mathrm{p}<0.003$. And also correlated with diastolic BP $\mathrm{p}<0.000$

## CORRELATION OF WAIST TO HEIGHT RATIO WITH BLOOD PRESSURE

|  | Systolic blood pressure |  |  |  | Diastolic blood pressure |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Normal | Prehypertension | Hypertension | $\underset{\text { value }}{\mathbf{p}}$ | Normal | Prehypertension | Hypertension | $\underset{\mathbf{p}}{\mathbf{p}}$ |
| <0.44 | 1250 | 78 | 44 | 0.003 | 1324 | 24 | 24 | 0.000 |
| >0.44 | 548 | 30 | 40 |  | 518 | 32 | 16 |  |

Our study shows significant correlation of waist ti height ratio $\mathrm{p}<0.003$ with systolic and $\mathrm{p}<0.000$ for diastolic BP

## CORRELATION OF TRICEPS SKIN FOLD THICKNESS WITH <br> BLOOD PRESSURE

|  | Systolic blood pressure |  |  | Diastolic blood pressure |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Normal | Prehypertension | Hypertension | $p$ <br> VALUE | Normal | Prehypertension | Hypertension | $p$ <br> VALUE |
| $<85^{\text {th percentile }}$ | 1682 | 84 | 54 |  | 1756 | 34 | 30 |  |
| $85^{\text {th }}-95^{\text {th }}$ <br> percentile | 122 | 24 | 10 | 0.000 | 132 | 18 | 6 | 0.000 |
| $>95^{\text {th }}$ <br> percentile | 4 | 0 | 20 |  | 16 | 4 | 4 |  |

Our study shows significant correlation of triceps skin fold thickness $\mathrm{p}<0.003$ for systolic and $\mathrm{p}<0.000$ for diastolic BP

MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS FOR SYSTOLIC BP

|  | B | S.E. | Sig. | $\operatorname{Exp}(\mathbf{B})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WAIST <br> CIRCUMFERENCE | $\mathbf{0 . 0 2 3}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 2 0 3}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 9 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 0 2 3}$ |
| WAIST TO HEIGHT <br> RATIO | 0.186 | 0.181 | 0.304 | 1.204 |
| TRICEPS SKINFOLD <br> THICKNESS | -4.259 | -3.001 | 0.596 | 0.00 |
| TRICEPS SKINFOLD <br> THICKNESS | 1.606 | 0.549 | 0.003 | 0.014 |
| CONSTANT |  |  | 0.051 |  |

MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS OF DIASTOLIC BP

|  | B | S.E. | Sig. | $\operatorname{Exp}(\mathbf{B})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WAIST <br> CIRCUMFERENCE | -0.851 | 0.232 | 0.00 | 0.427 |
| WAIST TO <br> HEIGHT RATIO | -0.43 | 0.229 | 0.06 | 0.65 |
| TRICEPS <br> SKINFOLD <br> THICKNESS | -1.817 | 0.488 | 0.00 | 0.162 |
| TRICEPS <br> SKINFOLD <br> THICKNESS | -0.448 | 0.506 | 0.376 | 0.639 |
| CONSTANT | -0.571 | 0.438 | 0.192 | 0.565 |

In multivariate analysis with systolic blood pressure and diastolic blood pressure shows very strong correlation with waist cicumferance and also significant correlation with waist to height ratio and triceps skin fold thickness

## SEX WITH. BMI

| Sex | BMI |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Underweight <br> $(\mathbf{n}=966)$ | Normal <br> weight <br> $(\mathbf{n}=\mathbf{9 1 4})$ | Over <br> weight <br> $(\mathbf{n}=\mathbf{8 0})$ | Obese <br> $(\mathbf{n}=40)$ | Total <br> $(\mathbf{n}=2000)$ | Statistical <br> Inference |
| Male | $318(32.9 \%)$ | $308(33.7 \%)$ | $18(22.5 \%)$ | $14(35 \%)$ | $658(32.9 \%)$ | $\mathrm{X}^{2}=4.263$ <br> Df=3 |
| Femalee | $648(67.1 \%)$ | $606(66.3 \%)$ | $62(77.5 \%)$ | $26(65 \%)$ | $1342(67.1 \%)$ | $234>0.05$ <br> Not <br> Significant |

As per data collected comparing sex of the children to BMI, female preponderance of Increased BMI is noted.

|  | Systolic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Statistical inference |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Normal |  | Pre hypertension |  | Hypertension |  | Total |  |  |
|  | ( $\mathrm{n}=1808$ ) | (100\%) | ( $\mathrm{n}=108$ ) | (100\%) | ( $\mathrm{n}=84$ ) | (100\%) | ( $\mathrm{n}=2000$ ) | (100\%) |  |
| $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { How often do } \\ \text { you eat } \\ \text { breakfast? } \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Always | 1316 | 72.8\% | 82 | 75.9\% | 56 | 66.7\% | 1454 | 72.7\% | $\mathrm{X}^{2}=9.596$ |
| Sometimes | 310 | 17.1\% | 22 | 20.4\% | 22 | 26.2\% | 354 | 17.7\% | . $048<0.05$ |
| Rare | 182 | 10.1\% | 4 | 3.7\% | 6 | 7.1\% | 192 | 9.6\% | Significant |
| At school you usually |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bring your lunch from home | 1136 | 62.8\% | 72 | 66.7\% | 68 | 81.0\% | 1276 | 63.8\% | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{X}^{2}=16.419 \\ \mathrm{Df}=6 \end{gathered}$ |
| Buy a meal from the cafeteria | 338 | 18.7\% | 18 | 16.7\% | 10 | 11.9\% | 366 | 18.3\% | Significant |


| Buy fast food | 196 | 10.8\% | 14 | 13.0\% | 6 | 7.1\% | 216 | 10.8\% |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Just eat snacks | 138 | 7.6\% | 4 | 3.7\% | 0 | .0\% | 142 | 7.1\% |  |
| How often do you eat fast food? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Everyday | 144 | 8.0\% | 6 | 5.6\% | 10 | 11.9\% | 160 | 8.0\% | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{X}^{2}=7.486 \\ & \mathrm{Df}=6 \\ & .278>0.05 \\ & \text { Not } \\ & \text { Significant } \end{aligned}$ |
| Once a week | 750 | 41.5\% | 48 | 44.4\% | 32 | 38.1\% | 830 | 41.5\% |  |
| Rarely | 621 | 34.3\% | 42 | 38.9\% | 24 | 28.6\% | 687 | 34.4\% |  |
| Never | 293 | 16.2\% | 12 | 11.1\% | 18 | 21.4\% | 323 | 16.2\% |  |
| How often do you usually eat fruit? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| More than three times a day. | 10 | .6\% | 2 | 1.9\% | 0 | .0\% | 12 | .6\% | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{X}^{2}=8.913 \\ \mathrm{Df}=6 \end{gathered}$ |
| Twice a day | 236 | 13.1\% | 14 | 13.0\% | 6 | 7.1\% | 256 | 12.8\% |  |
| Once a day | 985 | 54.5\% | 66 | 61.1\% | 48 | 57.1\% | 1099 | 55.0\% | Not <br> Significant |
| Zero times a day | 577 | 31.9\% | 26 | 24.1\% | 30 | 35.7\% | 633 | 31.7\% |  |
| On average, how many of your meals or snacks each day usually contain some type of vegetable? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nil | 638 | 35.3\% | 38 | 35.2\% | 32 | 38.1\% | 708 | 35.4\% | $\mathrm{X}^{2}=3.209$ |


| One | 830 | 45.9\% | 48 | 44.4\% | 34 | 40.5\% | 912 | 45.6\% | Df=8 <br> $.921>0.05$ <br> Not <br> Significant |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Two | 282 | 15.6\% | 18 | 16.7\% | 16 | 19.0\% | 316 | 15.8\% | Not Significant |
| Three | 46 | 2.5\% | 4 | 3.7\% | 2 | 2.4\% | 52 | 2.6\% |  |
| Four and more | 12 | .7\% | 0 | .0\% | 0 | .0\% | 12 | .6\% |  |
| Would you say you sometimes eat when you're not really hungry? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 983 | 54.4\% | 56 | 51.9\% | 46 | 54.8\% | 1085 | 54.3\% | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{X}^{2}=.270 \\ \mathrm{Df}=2 \end{gathered}$ |
| No | 825 | 45.6\% | 52 | 48.1\% | 38 | 45.2\% | 915 | 45.8\% | $.874>0.05$ <br> Not Significant |
| Would you say you sometimes overeat, past the point of being full? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes, most of the time | 113 | 6.3\% | 4 | 3.7\% | 2 | 2.4\% | 119 | 6.0\% | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{X}^{2}=8.111 \\ \mathrm{Df}=4 \end{gathered}$ |
| Yes, sometimes | 769 | 42.5\% | 42 | 38.9\% | 28 | 33.3\% | 839 | 42.0\% | $.088>0.05$ |
| No, never | 926 | 51.2\% | 62 | 57.4\% | 54 | 64.3\% | 1042 | 52.1\% |  |
| When you're eating, which of the following do you do? (Check all that apply.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Watch TV | 568 | 31.4\% | 40 | 37.0\% | 22 | 26.2\% | 630 | 31.5\% | $\mathrm{X}^{2}=39.285$ |


| Use the <br> computer | 166 | $9.2 \%$ | 6 | $5.6 \%$ | 22 | $26.2 \%$ | 194 | $9.7 \%$ | Df=10 <br> Study or do <br> homework. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |


| every day |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Which of the following health problems are linked to being overweight or obese? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arthritis | 100 | 5.5\% | 8 | 7.4\% | 2 | 2.4\% | 110 | 5.5\% |  |
| Depression | 114 | 6.3\% | 0 | .0\% | 4 | 4.8\% | 118 | 5.9\% |  |
| Trouble sleeping | 178 | 9.8\% | 12 | 11.1\% | 6 | 7.1\% | 196 | 9.8\% | =24.431 |
| Asthma | 374 | 20.7\% | 26 | 24.1\% | 24 | 28.6\% | 424 | 21.2\% | . $018<0.05$ |
| Heart disease | 496 | 27.4\% | 34 | 31.5\% | 26 | 31.0\% | 556 | 27.8\% | Significant |
| High blood pressure | 450 | 24.9\% | 22 | 20.4\% | 12 | 14.3\% | 484 | 24.2\% |  |
| Migraines | 96 | 5.3\% | 6 | 5.6\% | 10 | 11.9\% | 112 | 5.6\% |  |
| About how much time do you spend on your computer on weekdays? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 30 minutes | 402 | 22.2\% | 30 | 27.8\% | 24 | 28.6\% | 456 | 22.8\% |  |
| 1hour | 424 | 23.5\% | 18 | 16.7\% | 22 | 26.2\% | 464 | 23.2\% |  |
| 2hours | 90 | 5.0\% | 8 | 7.4\% | 2 | 2.4\% | 100 | 5.0\% | . $273>0.05$ |
| 3hours | 776 | 42.9\% | 42 | 38.9\% | 32 | 38.1\% | 850 | 42.5\% | Not Significant |
| More than 3 hours | 116 | 6.4\% | 10 | 9.3\% | 4 | 4.8\% | 130 | 6.5\% |  |


| About how much time do you spend watching TV each school day? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 minutes | 652 | $36.1 \%$ | 50 | 46.3\% | 24 | 28.6\% | 726 | 36.3\% | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{X}^{2}=33.615 \\ \mathrm{Df}=8 \end{gathered}$ |
| 30 minutes to 1 hour | 714 | 39.5\% | 32 | 29.6\% | 28 | 33.3\% | 774 | 38.7\% |  |
| 1 to 2 hours | 250 | 13.8\% | 14 | 13.0\% | 12 | 14.3\% | 276 | 13.8\% | . $000<0.05$ |
| 2 to 3 hours | 120 | 6.6\% | 10 | 9.3\% | 18 | 21.4\% | 148 | 7.4\% | Significant |
| 3 hours or more. | 72 | 4.0\% | 2 | 1.9\% | 2 | 2.4\% | 76 | 3.8\% |  |
| About how much time do you spend on your computer on a weekend day? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 hour or less | 156 | 8.6\% | 10 | 9.3\% | 2 | 2.4\% | 168 | 8.4\% | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{X}^{2}=26.790 \\ \mathrm{Df}=6 \\ .000<0.05 \\ \text { Significant } \end{gathered}$ |
| 2 to 3 hours | 791 | 43.8\% | 48 | 44.4\% | 22 | 26.2\% | 861 | 43.1\% |  |
| 3 to 4 hours | 606 | 33.5\% | 32 | 29.6\% | 34 | 40.5\% | 672 | 33.6\% |  |
| 4 hours or more | 255 | 14.1\% | 18 | 16.7\% | 26 | 31.0\% | 299 | 15.0\% |  |
| How much do you weigh? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aware | 102 | 5.6\% | 6 | 5.6\% | 4 | 4.8\% | 112 | 5.6\% | $\mathrm{X}^{2}=.118$ Df=2 |
| Not aware | 1706 | 94.4\% | 102 | 94.4\% | 80 | 95.2\% | 1888 | 94.4\% | Not Significant |


| About how <br> tall are you? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aware | 14 | $.8 \%$ | 2 | $1.9 \%$ | 0 | $.0 \%$ | 16 | $.8 \%$ | $\mathrm{X}^{2}=2.198$ <br> $\mathrm{Df}=2$ |
| Not aware | 1794 | $99.2 \%$ | 106 | $98.1 \%$ | 84 | $100.0 \%$ | 1984 | $99.2 \%$ | $.333>0.05$ <br> Not <br> Significant |

Lack of physical activity and junk food intake leading to increased systolic BP this relation is brought by the above questions asked to the children of this study.

Tables

|  | Diastolic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Statisti <br> cal inferen ce |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Normal |  | Pre hypertensio n |  | Hypertensi on |  | Total |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} (\mathrm{n}=19 \\ 04) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} (100 \\ \%) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (\mathrm{n}= \\ & 56) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} (100 \\ \%) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (n= \\ & 40) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} (100 \\ \%) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} (\mathrm{n}=20 \\ \mathbf{0 0}) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} (100 \\ \%) \end{gathered}$ |  |
| How often do you eat breakf ast? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Always | 1394 | $\begin{gathered} 73.2 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 26 | $\begin{gathered} 46.4 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 34 | $\begin{gathered} 85.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 1454 | $\begin{gathered} 72.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} X^{2}=46 . \\ 494 \end{gathered}$ |
| Someti mes | 320 | $\begin{gathered} 16.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 28 | $\begin{gathered} 50.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 6 | $\begin{gathered} 15.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 354 | $\begin{gathered} 17.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $.000<0$ |


| Rare | 190 | $\begin{gathered} 10.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 3.6\% | 0 | . $0 \%$ | 192 | 9.6\% | $\begin{gathered} 05 \\ \begin{array}{c} \text { Signifi } \\ \text { cant } \end{array} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| At school you usually |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bring <br> your <br> lunch <br> from <br> home | 1212 | $\begin{gathered} 63.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 34 | $\begin{gathered} 60.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 30 | $\begin{gathered} 75.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 1276 | $\begin{gathered} 63.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{X}^{2}=12 . \\ 263 \\ \mathrm{Df}=6 \\ \\ .056>0 . \\ 05 \\ \\ \text { Not } \\ \text { Signifi } \\ \text { cant } \end{gathered}$ |
| Buy a meal from the cafeteri a | 348 | $\begin{gathered} 18.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 14 | $\begin{gathered} 25.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 4 | $\begin{gathered} 10.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 366 | $\begin{gathered} 18.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Buy <br> fast <br> food | 202 | $\begin{gathered} 10.6 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 8 | $\begin{gathered} 14.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 6 | $\begin{gathered} 15.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 216 | $\begin{gathered} 10.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Just eat snacks | 142 | 7.5\% | 0 | . $0 \%$ | 0 | .0\% | 142 | 7.1\% |  |
| How often do you eat fast food? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Everyd ay | 148 | 7.8\% | 6 | $\begin{gathered} 10.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 6 | $\begin{gathered} 15.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 160 | 8.0\% | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{X}^{2}=10 . \\ 986 \\ \mathrm{Df}=6 \end{gathered}$ |
| Once a | 780 | 41.0 | 30 | 53.6 | 20 | 50.0 | 830 | 41.5 | . $089>0$. |


| week |  | \% |  | \% |  | \% |  | \% | 05 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rarely | 665 | $\begin{gathered} 34.9 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 14 | $\begin{gathered} 25.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 8 | $\begin{gathered} 20.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 687 | $\begin{gathered} 34.4 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Never | 311 | $\begin{gathered} 16.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 6 | $\begin{gathered} 10.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 6 | $\begin{gathered} 15.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 323 | $\begin{gathered} 16.2 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| How often do you usually eat fruit? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| More than three times a day. | 12 | .6\% | 0 | .0\% | 0 | .0\% | 12 | .6\% | $\mathrm{X}^{2}=13$. |
| Twice a day | 248 | $\begin{gathered} 13.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 0 | .0\% | 8 | $\begin{gathered} 20.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 256 | $\begin{gathered} 12.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Df}=6 \\ .036<0 . \end{gathered}$ |
| Once a day | 1049 | $\begin{gathered} 55.1 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 34 | $\begin{gathered} 60.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 16 | $\begin{gathered} 40.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 1099 | $\begin{gathered} 55.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | Signifi cant |
| Zero times a day | 595 | $\begin{gathered} 31.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 22 | $\begin{gathered} 39.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 16 | $\begin{gathered} 40.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 633 | $\begin{gathered} 31.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| On averag e, how many of your meals or snacks each day |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| usually contain some type of vegetab <br> le? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nil | 664 | $\begin{gathered} 34.9 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 26 | $\begin{gathered} 46.4 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 18 | $\begin{gathered} 45.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 708 | $\begin{gathered} 35.4 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{X}^{2}=33 . \\ 693 \\ \mathrm{Df}=8 \end{gathered}$ |
| One | 890 | $\begin{gathered} 46.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 14 | $\begin{gathered} 25.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 8 | $\begin{gathered} 20.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 912 | $\begin{gathered} 45.6 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Two | 286 | $\begin{gathered} 15.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 16 | $\begin{gathered} 28.6 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 14 | $\begin{gathered} 35.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 316 | $\begin{gathered} 15.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} .000<0 . \\ 05 \end{gathered}$ |
| Three | 52 | 2.7\% | 0 | .0\% | 0 | .0\% | 52 | 2.6\% | Signifi cant |
| Four and more | 12 | .6\% | 0 | .0\% | 0 | .0\% | 12 | .6\% |  |
| Would you say you someti mes eat when you're not really hungry ? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | 1021 | $\begin{gathered} 53.6 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 36 | $\begin{gathered} 64.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 28 | $\begin{gathered} 70.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 1085 | $\begin{gathered} 54.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{X}^{2}=6.5 \\ 71 \\ \mathrm{Df}=2 \end{gathered}$ |
| No | 883 | $\begin{gathered} 46.4 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 20 | $\begin{gathered} 35.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 12 | $\begin{gathered} 30.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 915 | $\begin{gathered} 45.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} .037<0 . \\ 05 \\ \text { Signifi } \end{gathered}$ |


| Would <br> you say <br> you <br> someti <br> mes <br> overeat <br> past <br> the <br> point of <br> being <br> full? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| most of <br> the time | 111 | $5.8 \%$ | 4 | $7.1 \%$ | 4 | 10.0 <br> $\%$ | 119 | $6.0 \%$ | $\mathrm{X}^{2}=4.9$ |
| 11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Use the comput er | 188 | 9.9\% | 0 | .0\% | 6 | $\begin{gathered} 15.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 194 | 9.7\% | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Df}=10 \\ .000<0 . \\ 05 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Study <br> or do <br> homew ork. | 174 | 9.1\% | 2 | 3.6\% | 0 | .0\% | 176 | 8.8\% | Signifi cant |
| Talk on the phone | 194 | $\begin{gathered} 10.2 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 8 | $\begin{gathered} 14.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 0 | .0\% | 202 | $\begin{gathered} 10.1 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Listen to my iPod | 178 | 9.3\% | 16 | $\begin{gathered} 28.6 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 0 | .0\% | 194 | 9.7\% |  |
| I don't <br> do anythin g else while I eat | 564 | $\begin{gathered} 29.6 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 16 | $\begin{gathered} 28.6 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 24 | $\begin{gathered} 60.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 604 | $\begin{gathered} 30.2 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| How often do you exercis e each week? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Zero times | 808 | $\begin{gathered} 42.4 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 28 | $\begin{gathered} 50.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 12 | $\begin{gathered} 30.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 848 | $\begin{gathered} 42.4 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} X^{2}=14 . \\ 418 \end{gathered}$ |
| Once or twice | 850 | $\begin{gathered} 44.6 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 24 | $\begin{gathered} 42.9 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 28 | $\begin{gathered} 70.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 902 | $\begin{gathered} 45.1 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} .006<0 . \\ 05 \end{gathered}$ |
| Three or more | 246 | $\begin{gathered} 12.9 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 4 | 7.1\% | 0 | .0\% | 250 | $\begin{gathered} 12.5 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | Signifi cant |


| times |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| How much physica activity should you get each day? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ \text { minutes } \end{gathered}$ | 454 | $\begin{gathered} 23.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 4 | 7.1\% | 18 | $\begin{gathered} 45.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 476 | $\begin{gathered} 23.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| $\begin{gathered} 20 \\ \text { minutes } \end{gathered}$ | 816 | $\begin{gathered} 42.9 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 18 | $\begin{gathered} 32.1 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 10 | $\begin{gathered} 25.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 844 | $\begin{gathered} 42.2 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| $\begin{gathered} 30 \\ \text { minutes } \end{gathered}$ | 438 | $\begin{gathered} 23.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 12 | $\begin{gathered} 21.4 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 6 | $\begin{gathered} 15.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 456 | $\begin{gathered} 22.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} X^{2}=95 . \\ 237 \end{gathered}$ |
| 40 minutes | 32 | 1.7\% | 0 | .0\% | 4 | $\begin{gathered} 10.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 36 | 1.8\% | $\begin{gathered} .000<0 . \\ 05 \end{gathered}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} 60 \\ \text { minutes } \end{gathered}$ | 8 | . $4 \%$ | 0 | .0\% | 0 | .0\% | 8 | .4\% | Signifi cant |
| I don't need to be active every day | 156 | 8.2\% | 22 | $\begin{gathered} 39.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 5.0\% | 180 | 9.0\% |  |
| Which of the followi ng health proble ms are |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| linked <br> to being overwe ight or obese? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Arthriti <br> s | 110 | 5.8\% | 0 | .0\% | 0 | .0\% | 110 | 5.5\% |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Depress } \\ & \text { ion } \end{aligned}$ | 112 | 5.9\% | 0 | .0\% | 6 | $\begin{gathered} 15.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 118 | 5.9\% |  |
| Trouble sleepin g | 190 | $\begin{gathered} 10.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 0 | .0\% | 6 | $\begin{gathered} 15.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 196 | 9.8\% | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{X}^{2}=34 . \\ 783 \end{gathered}$ |
| Asthma | 402 | $\begin{gathered} 21.1 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 12 | $\begin{gathered} 21.4 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 10 | $\begin{gathered} 25.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 424 | $\begin{gathered} 21.2 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $.001<0 .$ |
| Heart disease | 530 | $\begin{gathered} 27.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 16 | $\begin{gathered} 28.6 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 10 | $\begin{gathered} 25.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 556 | $\begin{gathered} 27.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | Signifi cant |
| High <br> blood pressur e | 456 | $\begin{gathered} 23.9 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 20 | $\begin{gathered} 35.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 8 | $\begin{gathered} 20.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 484 | $\begin{gathered} 24.2 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Migrain es | 104 | 5.5\% | 8 | $\begin{gathered} 14.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 0 | .0\% | 112 | 5.6\% |  |
| About how much time do you spend on your comput er on weekda |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| ys? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} 30 \\ \text { minutes } \end{gathered}$ | 434 | $\begin{gathered} 22.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 16 | $\begin{gathered} 28.6 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 6 | $\begin{gathered} 15.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 456 | $\begin{gathered} 22.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{X}^{2}=39 . \\ 825 \\ \mathrm{Df}=8 \end{gathered}$ |
| 1hour | 446 | $\begin{gathered} 23.4 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 18 | $\begin{gathered} 32.1 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 0 | .0\% | 464 | $\begin{gathered} 23.2 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| 2hours | 98 | 5.1\% | 2 | 3.6\% | 0 | .0\% | 100 | 5.0\% | $\begin{gathered} .000<0 . \\ 05 \end{gathered}$ |
| 3hours | 796 | $\begin{gathered} 41.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 20 | $\begin{gathered} 35.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 34 | $\begin{gathered} 85.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 850 | $\begin{gathered} 42.5 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | Signifi cant |
| More than 3 hours | 130 | 6.8\% | 0 | .0\% | 0 | .0\% | 130 | 6.5\% |  |
| About how much time do you spend watchi ng TV each school day? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} 30 \\ \text { minutes } \end{gathered}$ | 684 | $\begin{gathered} 35.9 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 22 | $\begin{gathered} 39.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 20 | $\begin{gathered} 50.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 726 | $\begin{gathered} 36.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{X}^{2}=14$ |
| $\begin{gathered} 30 \\ \text { minutes } \\ \text { to } 1 \\ \text { hour } \end{gathered}$ | 738 | $\begin{gathered} 38.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 18 | $\begin{gathered} 32.1 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 18 | $\begin{gathered} 45.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 774 | $\begin{gathered} 38.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} .069>0 . \\ 05 \\ \text { Not } \end{gathered}$ |
| 1 to 2 hours | 266 | $\begin{gathered} 14.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 10 | $\begin{gathered} 17.9 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 0 | .0\% | 276 | $\begin{gathered} 13.8 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | Signifi cant |


| $\begin{aligned} & 2 \text { to } 3 \\ & \text { hours } \end{aligned}$ | 140 | 7.4\% | 6 | $\begin{gathered} 10.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 2 | 5.0\% | 148 | 7.4\% |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 hours or more. | 76 | 4.0\% | 0 | .0\% | 0 | .0\% | 76 | 3.8\% |  |
| About how much time do you spend on your comput er on a weeken d day? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 hour or less | 160 | 8.4\% | 8 | $\begin{gathered} 14.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 0 | .0\% | 168 | 8.4\% |  |
| 2 to 3 hours | 817 | $\begin{gathered} 42.9 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 26 | $\begin{gathered} 46.4 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 18 | $\begin{gathered} 45.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 861 | $\begin{gathered} 43.1 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 888 \\ \mathrm{Df}=6 \end{gathered}$ |
| 3 to 4 hours | 656 | $\begin{gathered} 34.5 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 8 | $\begin{gathered} 14.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 8 | $\begin{gathered} 20.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 672 | $\begin{gathered} 33.6 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 05 Signifi |
| 4 hours or more | 271 | $\begin{gathered} 14.2 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 14 | $\begin{gathered} 25.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 14 | $\begin{gathered} 35.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 299 | $\begin{gathered} 15.0 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |  |
| How much do you weigh? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aware | 106 | 5.6\% | 6 | $\begin{gathered} 10.7 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 0 | .0\% | 112 | 5.6\% | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{X}^{2}=5.1 \\ 48 \end{gathered}$ |


| Not aware | 1798 | $\begin{gathered} 94.4 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 50 | $\begin{gathered} 89.3 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 40 | $\begin{gathered} 100 . \\ 0 \% \end{gathered}$ | 1888 | $\begin{gathered} 94.4 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Df}=2 \\ .076>0 . \\ 05 \\ \text { Not } \\ \text { Signifi } \\ \text { cant } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| About how tall are you? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aware | 16 | .8\% | 0 | .0\% | 0 | .0\% | 16 | . $8 \%$ | $\begin{aligned} & X^{2}=.81 \\ & 3 \mathrm{Df}=2 \end{aligned}$ |
| Not aware | 1888 | $\begin{gathered} 99.2 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 56 | $\begin{gathered} 100 . \\ 0 \% \end{gathered}$ | 40 | $\begin{gathered} 100 . \\ 0 \% \end{gathered}$ | 1984 | $\begin{gathered} 99.2 \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} .666>0 . \\ 05 \\ \\ \text { Not } \\ \text { Signifi } \\ \text { cant } \end{gathered}$ |

Diastolic blood pressure related with lifestyle changes and diet is elicited by asking above set of questions.

## DISCUSSION

Age-and gender-wise anthropometric characteristics of children aged 10-18 years (total , 658 boys and 1352 girls) are taken for study

Overall prevalence of obesity was higher in girls (67.1\%) than boys (32.9\%) with higher percentage in the younger age groups than older age group. The higher incidence of overweight and obesity is in younger age group of 10 to 12 years in the given study group.

In girls, prevalence of hypertension amongst overweight/obese was higher .In 10 to 18 years most of the children come under $3^{\text {rd }}$ to $97^{\text {th }}$ percentile.

Statistical inference in comparing age with BMI is significant $\mathrm{p}<0.05$. Data collected among 10 to 18 years age, $7.50 \%$ of significant BMI occurs in the age group 10-12 years. In observed data female children had increased incidence of overweight and obesity( $67.1 \%$ ) as compared with boys.

Study indicates children with increased weight correlated with systolic hypertension(4.2\%) which is not significant. It also indicates that in underweight children prehypertension $5.6 \%$ and hypertension $4.3 \%$ exists but compare with overweight and obese children incidence of prehypertension, hypertension is less established Gender wise correlations between SBP, DBP and anthropometric indices are presented here. In both genders, correlation coefficients for BMI and WC with SBP were around 0.5 ( $P<0.005$ ). Multiple logistic regression model indicated that odds ratios (OR) for BMIcategories, waist centile classes, TSFT centile classes, and Wrist circumference against high BP were tabulated. . Overweight children showed double risk of
hypertension and obese children 7 times higher risk than normal weight children. TSFT $>95^{\text {th }}$ centile showed almost 3 times risk and between 85 th $-95^{\text {th }}$ double risk than normalweight children. Higher WC (>90th centile) also exhibited 1.5 times risk and high Wrist circumference 1.26 times higher risk of hypertension.

The age- and gender-specific optimal cut-off values and for each of the five anthropometric indices in detecting the risk of high BP.

With growing age, all the body measurements showed increasing trend which is reflected in higher cut offs for BMI, WC, WHtR, TSFT and WrC in older age groups in both genders. Sensitivity and specificity of all the indices were similar ranging from 60 to $90 \%$. The Area under curve was also significantly high, different from 0.5 for BMI, WC, WHtR, TSFT and Wrist for both genders indicating the ability of these anthropometric indices for detecting the risk of high BP. Overall comparison of the five indices in different age-gender groups suggests that BMI, WC and TSFT,WHtR,WC are better indicators of risk of hypertension.

All five indices showed significant positive association with BP and indicated that obese children were seven times at risk of hypertension than normal-weight children. For boys, BMI, WC and TSFT showed similar predictive power while in girls all five indices performed equally well.

The prevalence of hypertension in our study was higher than that reported previously. Further, the prevalence of high blood pressure was more
in girls than in boys. there is no difference of hypertension prevalence found in puberty prepubertal subjects .

Sorof et al ${ }^{(25)}$ recently reported a 3 times greater prevalence of pertension in obese compared with nonobese adolescents in a school-based hypertension and obesity screening study.in our study similar results obtained. appears more strongly associated with BMI than WC.

Anju Seth Department of Pediatrics, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi, India Indian Pediatr 2013;50: 832833Body mass index has been validated as a simple, low cost tool to assess body fatness for routine clinical evaluation in children and adolescents [1], and is found to be strongly correlated with adiposity [2]. Increasing BMI.

The study by A Chiolero in 2014 reveals that obesity is a major risk factor for elevated blood pressure in children.[1, 2, 3, 4] For instance, in as chool based study of 5207 children aged 10-12 years, the prevalence of hypertension, which is sustained elevated blood pressure over several visits, was $1.5 \%, 3.9 \%$ and $17.5 \%$ in normal weight, overweight and obese children, respectively.in our studies prehypertension is $5 \%$ and $5.4 \%$ respectively with systolic bp in obese children and prehypertension $5 \%$ and $2.8 \%$, with diastolic bp.The hypertension 5\% and $10 \%$ in systolic BP with over weight and obese children.

## CONCLUSION

To conclude, all five measures of adiposity were significantly associated with risk of hypertension in a multi-centric sample of Indian children and adolescents. Age-gender specific optimal cutoffs for BMI, TSFT, WC, wrist circumference and WHtR measurements presented in the study may be useful in screening for risk of hypertension.

## LIMITATIONS

1) In this study family history of hypertension was not asked. Family history would have added to the strength of the study
2) Study sample is a convenient sampling not matched with previous data
3) The questionnaire was difficult to understand by 10 to 12 yrs old kids. In future studies it should be simplified.
4) In this study data was not collected from rural school going children if it was done and compared with urban school going children we will get better results
5) Other limitation of the study was non availability of biochemical measurements, therefore utility of these indices for screening other cardiometabolic risk factors was not possible.
6) A limitation of the study is that children were classified in age groups on consideration of conventional pubertal development years. It was not possible to assess Tanner staging for each child in the present study due to logistic reasons

## RECOMMENDATIONS

## Lifestyle modifications

Lifestyle changes are recommended for all children with hypertension Interventions based on daily routines are likely to be more successful.

## Weight reduction

Achievement of ideal body weight is important, since reduction of weight reduces sensitivity of blood pressure to salt and attenuates ardiovascular risk factors, e.g., dyslipidemia and insulin resistance. Reduction of BMI by $10 \%$ is reported to lead to 8 to 12 mm Hg fall in systemic blood pressure(4). Weight reduction should be achieved by regular physical activity and diet modification. Prevention of excess weight gain limits future increases in blood pressure.

## Increased physical activity

Children are encouraged to be active not only for weight control but for their well being. While they often find defined physical exercises (aerobics, tread mills) boring, they are likely to continue activities incorporated into their routines, e.g.,walking or cycling to school, playing with friends outdoors and swimming. The Group supports the recommendations of 3060 minutes or more of physical activity every day that is developmentally appropriate, enjoyable and involving a variety of activities(17). Adolescent girls in our country should
be specifically targeted, since they spend considerably less time than boys in outdoor sport. Participation in competitive sports is avoided in patients with stage 2 hypertension or target organ damage, until blood pressure is controlled satisfactorily. Strength training (isometric) exercises (e.g., weight lifting, gymnastics, karate and judo) should be avoided.

## Dietary changes

Direct evidence on the benefits of dietary changes from rigorous, well controlled trials in children and adolescents is sparse. Accordingly, the effect of diet on blood pressure in children is extrapolated chiefly from studies on adults. Recommendations for daily sodium intake in children range between 11.5 g ( 4565 mEq sodium, 2.63 .8 g salt). Dietary sodium restriction is associated with small reductions in blood pressure in children $(4,19)$. A 'no added salt diet' is a satisfactory approach to restrict salt intake. Intake of food products high in sodium (processed and canned foods, items prepared in fast food shops including pizzas, pickles and salted potato chips) should be avoided. Increased potassium intake, through vegetables and fruits, is associated with modest reduction of systolic and diastolic blood pressure in adults with essential hypertension(19). Potassium intake should however be restricted in children with chronic kidney disease with glomerular filtration rate (GFR) below 30 $\mathrm{mL} / \mathrm{min} / 1.73 \mathrm{~m} 2$, adrenal insufficiency, severe heart failure, or those receiving treatment with angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEI), nonsteroidal anti inflammmatory agents and potassium sparing diuretics.

Despite suggestions that foods rich in calcium, magnesium, folic acid and fiber are useful in reducing blood pressure, there is limited evidence in this regard. An increased intake of fresh vegetables and fruits, whole grains and nonfat dairy is recommended.

These foods are low in sodium and saturated fat and rich in minerals (potassium, calcium, magnesium) and fiber. The Group endorses the dietary recommendations of the IAP Consensus Committee on Obesity(20). The daily food composition is considered a 'thali', where half (50\%) is vegetables, salads and fruits, a quarter ( $25 \%$ ) is cereals (rice and/or chapattis), and the remainder is protein based (legumes, milk, egg, animal protein).

The intake of fried foods, snacks and sweet dishes should be. Secondary hypertension. Patients with sustained secondary hypertension require therapy with antihypertensive agents. Physicians should be aware of the risk of hypertensive emergencies in children with stage 2 hypertension. The need to adhere to healthy eating habits and lifestyle is emphasized.

## Drug therapy

Drug therapy is indicated in patients with (i) acute or chronic complications of hypertension, including evidence of target organ damage, (ii) secondary hypertension, (iii) stage 2 hypertension, (iv) stage 1 hypertension that persists despite 6months' of lifestyle modifications, and (v) prehypertension or stage 1 hypertension with comorbid conditions (diabetes, chronic kidney disease or dyslipidemia).

## Principles of treatment

- The goal for treatment is reduction of blood pressure to levels <95th percentile, unless comorbid conditions or target organ damage is present, when it should be lowered to <90th percentile.
- Commonly used medications in children include ACEI, calcium channel blockers (CCB), vasodilators, b blockers and thiazide diuretics .
- Therapy is initiated with one agent, at an appropriate dose and the dose is increased until the desired blood pressure is achieved. If the highest dose is not effective or if there are side effects, a drug from a different class is added or substituted.
- Medications with a longer duration of action (once, twice daily dosing) are preferred for better compliance and less side effects.
- Dose adjustment of antihypertensive medications need not be made more frequently than every 23 days. Patients and their families should receive counseling for cardiovascular risk factors and dyslipidemia, and continued emphasis on lifestyle modifications. Blood pressure is monitored every 3 months. Screening for end organ damage and renal dysfunction (proteinuria, serum creatinine) and surveillance for side effects of drugs is required annually.


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ANNEXURE-8
ABBREVIATIONBP-BLOOD PRESSURESBP-SYSTOLIC BLOOD PRESSUREDBP-DIASTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE
BMI-BODY MASS INDEX
WC-WAIST CIRCUMFERENCE
WHTR-WAIST TO HEIGHT RATIO
TSFT-TRICEPS SKIN FOLD THICKENESS
WT-WEIGHT
HT-HEIGHT
IAP-INDAIN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

## APPENDIX

## ANNEXURE1

## DATA COLLECTION FORM

## IDENTIFICATION

1. Study Id -
2. No. -
3. Name

## DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

4. Age - a) DOB -
b) Actual (in yrs, months) -
1) $10-12$
2) $12-14$
3) $14-16$
4) 16-18
5. Sex - 1: Male
6. Female

ANTHROPOMETRY
6. Height (in cm)

1) $<3^{\text {rd }}$ centile
2) 3-97 centile
3) $>97^{\text {th }}$ centile
7. Weight (in kg )
1) $<3^{\text {rd }}$ centile
2) 3-97 centile
3) $>97^{\text {th }}$ centile
8. BMI; Actual;
1) Underweight
2) Normal weight
3) Over weight
4) Obese
9. Waist circumference (in cm )
10. $<90$ percentile
11. $>90$ percentile
12. Waist to height ratio ;
13. $<0.44$
14. $>0.44$
15. Triceps skin fold thickness (in cm)
16. Normal <85thpercentile
17. Moderate 85 th to $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile
18. Excess $>95^{\text {th }}$ percentile
19. Wrist measurements ;actual

## CLINICAL EXAMINATION

13. Blood pressure
a) Systolic -
1) Normal $<90^{\text {th }}$ percentile
2)Pre hypertension 90 to $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile
2) Hypertension $>95^{\text {th }}$ percentile

## b) Diastolic-

1)Normal $<90^{\text {th }}$ percentile
2)Prehypertension 90 to $95^{\text {th }}$ percentile
3)Hypertension $>95^{\text {th }}$ percentile

## ANNEXURE 2 <br> PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

Place of study: Urban schools in Chennai.

Name of Investigator: Dr. VAIRAMUTHU
Name of Participant:
Age:
Sex:

## Study Body Fat Indices for Identifying Risk of Hypertension in Indian Children

We request your child to participate in the study.

## Aim of the study-

This study aims at studying the prevalence of metabolic risk factor, high blood pressure and excessive body fat in older children. The study also aims to find out if there is any relation between degree of obesity and future risk of hypertension.

## Methods:

In order to find out the answers to the above questions, we will be checking your child's height, weight, waist circumference, wrist circumference, body mass index, triceps skin fold thickness, and blood pressure. .This will take approximately ten minutes.

Can I refuse to participate in the study?

Participation in the study is purely voluntary. You may refuse to participate or withdraw from the study at any time. In both cases the treatment and care your child receives will not be affected in any manner.

Benefits and harms of participating in the study-
Your child will benefit directly by participating in this study. But by way of participating in this study, your child is contributing to updation of science which may benefit her/him and all other patients with this disease in future...

## Confidentiality-

The data collected from the study will be used for the purpose of study only. The results of the study will be published. Personal information of the children participating in the study will be kept confidential. There will not be any disclosure about your child's information without your permission.

## Subject rights-

If you wish further information regarding your child's rights as a research participant, you may contact the principal investigator in the mobile number or address mentioned below.

Principal Investigator - Dr. VAIRAMUTHU

Mobile number -9842735015

Contact Address - MD post graduate, Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children, Halls road, Egmore, Chennai.

Place:

Date:

## ANNEXURE 3

## INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Study place: Urban schools in Chennai.
Title of the study; Body Fat Indices for Identifying Risk of Hypertension in Indian Children

## Name of the investigator: Dr.VAIRAMUTHU.

## Name of the Participant:

## Age:

## Sex;

1. I have read and understood the patient information sheet provided to me regarding the participation of my child in the study.
2. I have been explained about the nature of the study and had my questions answered to my satisfaction.
3. I have been explained about my rights and responsibilities by the investigator.
4. I will allow my child to cooperate with the investigator and undergo clinical tests subjected during the study whole heartedly
5. I am aware of the fact that I can opt out of the study at any time without having to give any reason and this will not affect my child's future treatment in this hospital.
6. I hereby give permission to the investigators to release the information obtained from my child as result of participation in this study to medical journals/conference proceedings.
7. I understand that my child's identity will be kept confidential if my child's data are publicly presented/published.
8. I have decided my child can participate in the research study. I am aware that if I have any question during this study, I should contact the investigator.
9. By signing this consent form I attest that the information given in this document has been clearly explained to me and understood by me, I will be given a copy of this consent document.

Name and signature / thumb impression of the parent/guardian
Name $\qquad$ Signature $\qquad$ Date $\qquad$
Name and Signature of the investigator

## ANNEXURE 4

## QUESTIONNAIRE

1) How often do you eat breakfast?
a) Always
b) Sometimes
c) Rare
d) Never
2) At school you usually..
a) Bring your lunch from home.
b) Buy a meal from the cafeteria.
c) Buy fast food
d) Just eat snacks.
3)How often do you eat fast food outside ?
a) Everyday
b) Once a week
c) Rarely
d) Never.
4)How often do you usually eat fruit?
a) More than three times a day.
b) Twice a day.
c) Once a day.
d) Zero times a day.
3) On average, how many of your meals or snacks each day usually contain some type of vegetable ?
a) 0
b) 1
c) 2
d) 3
e) 4 or more.
4) Would you say you sometimes eat when you're not really hungry?
a) Yes
b) No
5) Would you say you sometimes overeat, past the point of being full?
a) Yes, most of the time.
b) Yes, sometimes.
d) No, never.
6) When you're eating, which of the following do you do? (Check all that apply.)
a) Watch TV.
b) Use the computer.
c ) Study or do homework.
d) Talk on the phone.
e) Listen to my iPod.
f) I don't do anything else while I eat.
9)How often do you exercise each week?
a) Zero times.
b) Once or twice.
c) Three or more times.
7) How much physical activity should you get each day?
a) 10 minutes
b) 20 minutes
c) 30 minutes
d) 40 minutes
e) 60 minutes
f) I don't need to be active every day.
11). Which of the following health problems are linked to being overweight or obese?
a) Arthritis
b) Depression
c) Trouble sleeping
d) Asthma
e) Heart disease
f) High blood pressure
g) Migraines
h) Diabetes
i) Infertility
j) Irregular periods
k) Breast cancer
12). About how much time do you spend on your computer on weekdays?
a). 30 minutes
b). 1hour
c) . 2 hours
d). 3hours
e). More than 3 hours
f) Never
13).About how much time do you spend watching TV each school day?
a) 30 minutes.
b) 30 minutes to 1 hour.
c) 1 to 2 hours.
d) 2 to 3 hours.
e) 3 hours or more.
8) About how much time do you spend on your TV on a weekend day?
a) 1 hour or less.
b) 2 to 3 hours.
c) 3 to 4 hours.
d) 4 hours or more.
15. How much do you weigh?
16. About how tall are you?

## ANNEXURE5

## பெற்றோ்் ஒப்புதல் படிவம்

ஆராய்ச்சி நடைபெறும் இடம்:

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ஆராய்ச்சி தலைப்பு:
உடலலஇள்ள கொழுப்புச்சத்து குறியுடுகளை வைத்கு இந்திய குழந்தைகளின் எதி்கால இரத்தக் கொதிப்பு நோய் அபாயம் பற்றி அறிதல். புல円ாய்வாள்

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வயது
பாலிணம்

1) நான் பங்கேற்பாள் விவர அட்டையை படித்து புிி்து எォது குழந்தையின் பந்கேற்பை புரிந்துக்கொண்டேன்.
2) எணக்கு ஆगாய்ச்சியின் தன்மை விளக்கிக் कூறப்பட்டது
3) எணது உரிமை மற்றும் பொறுப்புக்களை புலாாய்வாளi முலம் அறிந்துகொண்டேன்.
4) நான் எனநு குழந்றையை ஆராய்ச்சியில் பங்கேற்க முழுமனகுடன் Уப்புக்கொள்கிறேன்.
5) எந்த நேுத்திலும் ஆபாய்ச்சிலிருந்து விலகிக்கொள்ள உரிமை உள்ளது என்பதையும் அதனால் मிகிச்சை பாதிக்காது என்பதையும் அறுவேன்.
6) எணது குழந்றையை வைத்து செய்த ஆராய்ச்சியின் முடிவை பிரசுிக்கவோ, விவாதிக்கவோ அனுமதி தருகிறேண்.
7) எண் குழந்தையின் அடையாளா் இரகசியம் காக்கப்படும்.
8) எணக்கு ஏதேணும் சந்்தகம் இருப்பிண் புலாாய்வாளைை எந்த நேரத்திலும் தொட்பு கொள்ள உரிமை உள்ளது எண்பதை அறிவேன்.
9) இந்த படிவத்தில் கையோப்பமிடுவதிண் முலம் எணக்கு இந்த ஆூாய்ச்சியை பற்றி தெளிவாக எடுத்துரைக்கப்பட்டது என்றும், ஒரு நதல் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது என்றும் ஓப்புதல் அளிக்கிறேண்.

டெயா் $\therefore$ கட்கை விரல்றேகை (டேற்றோii $\therefore$ பாகுகாப்பாள்)

பெயा் $\therefore$ ळையuாப்பம் (புலळாய்வாள்)

சாட்சி ணையுாா்பப் I
சாட்சி கையuாப்பเ் II

## ANNEXURE 6

பங்கேற்பாள்் விபர அட்டை

| ஆராய்ச்சி நடைபெ®ும் இடம் | : | அரசு குழந்தைகள் நல மருத்துவமணை, எழும்பூ், சென்னை - 8 . |
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| ஆாாய்ச்சி தலைப்பு | : | உடலிலுள்ள கொழுப்புச் சத்து <br> குறியீடுகளை வைத்து இந்திய <br> குழந்தைகளின் எதிiாகால இரத்தக் <br> கொதிப்பு நோய் அபாயம் பற்றி அறிதல். |
| புலனாய்வாளா | : | மரு. கோ. சு. வைரமுத்து |
| பங்கேற்பவ் பெயா் | : |  |
| வயது | : |  |
| பாலினம் |  |  |

தங்களகு குழந்தை இந்த ஆராய்ச்சியில் பங்கேற்க வேண்டுமென்று தாழ்மையுடன் கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறேன்.

ஆராய்ச்சியின் நோக்கம்
இந்த ஆராய்ச்சியின் நோக்கமானது வளா்சிதை மாற்றப் பிரச்சனை, இரத்தக் கொதிப்பு மற்றும் அதிகமான கொழுப்புச்சத்து ஆகியவற்றை கண்டறிதல் மேலும் அதிகமான கொழுப்புச்சத்து மற்றும் இரத்தக் கொதிப்புக்குமான தொடi்பை அறிதல்.

செய்முறை:
மேலே உள்ள கேள்விகளுக்கான பதில்களை தெரிந்து கொள்வதற்காக உங்கள் குழந்தையின் உயரம், எடை, இடுப்பு சுற்றளவு, மணிக்கட்டு சுற்றளவு உடல் நிறை குறியீட்டுடெண், கையின் பின்புற சதையளவு இரத்த அழுத்தம் ஆகியவை அளக்கப்படும். இதற்கான கால அளவு 10 நிமிடமே. இந்த ஆராய்ச்சியில் கலந்துகொள்ள விருப்பம் இல்லை எனலாமா?

ஆராய்ச்சியில் பங்கேற்பது உங்களது விருப்பம். நீங்கள் விருப்பமில்லை எனவோ அல்லது இடையில் விலகியோ செல்லலாம். இதனால் உங்கள் குழந்தைக்கு கிடைக்க வேண்டிய சிகிச்சை கட்டாயம் கிடைக்கும்.

அூராய்ச்சியின் பயன் மற்றும் பிரச்சனை:
இந்த ஆராய்ச்சியில் உங்கள் குழந்தை பங்கேற்பதால் நேரடி நன்மை உண்டு. உங்கள் குழந்தை இதில் பங்கேற்பதால் அறிவியலில் முன்னேற்றம் ஏற்படும். அதனால் உங்கள் குழந்தைக்கும், வருங்காலத்தில் உள்ள குழந்தைகளுக்கும் நன்மை பயக்கும்.

இரகசிய தன்மை:
ஆராய்ச்சியில் சேகரிக்கப்படும் தரவு, இந்த ஆராய்ச்சிக்கு மட்டுமே பயன்படுத்தப்படும். ஆராய்ச்சியின் முடிவுகள் பोரசுிக்கப்படும். குழந்தைகளின் சுய தகவல்கள் இரகசியம் காக்கப்படும். உங்களின் அனுமதியின்றி குழந்தைகளின் சுய- தகவல்கள் வெளியிடப்படமாட்டாது.

பங்கேற்போரின் உரிமை:
உங்கள் குழந்தையின் உரிமைகள் பற்றி மேலும் தெரி்்ுுகொள்ள விரும்பினால் புலனாய்வாளாின் பெயா் முகவாி, தொலைபேசி எண்ணை தொடா்பு கொள்ளவும்.

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நாள்:
இடம்:
கையொப்பம்

## ANNEXURE 7

## கேள்வித்தாள்

1) காலை உணவு எடுத்துக் கொள்வது

அ) எப்பொழுதும்
ஆ) சிலநேரம்
இ) எப்பொழுத்ாவது
ஈ) எப்போகும் இல்லை.
2) பள்ளியில் உட்கொள்வது . . . . .

அ) வீட்டு உணவு
ஆ) கேண்டீனில் வாங்கும் உணவு
இ) துரித உணவு
ஈ) நநாறுக்கு தீனி
3) எத்தனை முறை துரித உணவை உண்பிiாளள் அ) தினமும்
ஆ) வாரம் ஒருமுறை
இ) எப்பொழுதாவது
ஈ) எப்பொழுதும் இல்லை.
4) எவ்வளவு முறை பழங்களை உண்பூாகள்?

அ) மூன்று வேளைக்கு மேல்
ஆ) இரண்டு வேளைக்கு
இ) ஒரு வேளைக்கு
ஈ) தினமும் இல்லை.
4) காய்கறிகள் உங்கள் உணவில் எத்தனை வேளை சோ்்துக்கொள்கிறீiககள்? அ) 0
ஆ) 1
இ) 2
ศ) 3
உ) 4 (அ) மேற்பட்டது.
6) பசியில்லாத போதும் உணவை எடுத்துக் கொள்வீாகளா?

அ) ஆம்
ஆ) இல்லை
7) வயிறு நிரம்பிய உண்வு ஏற்பட்ட பின்பும் உணவருந்துவீாகளா?

அ) ஆம், எப்பொழுதும்
ஆ) ஆம், எப்பொழுதாவது
இ) எப்பொழுதும் இல்லை.
8) உணவருந்தும்போகு தாங்கள் என்ன செய்வீாகள்?

அ) தொலைக்காட்சி பாா்ப்ப்ாகக்
ஆ) கணினி பார்ப்பீiாகள்
இ) படித்துக் கொண்டிருப்பீாகளள்
ஈ) தொலைபேசியில் பேசிக் கொண்டிருப்பiாகள்
உ) பாட்டுக் கேட்டுக் கொண்டிருப்பீiகளள்
ஊ) வேறு எதுவும் செய்வதில்லை.
9) வாரத்தில் எத்தனை முறை உடற்பயிற்சி செய்கிறீiாகள்?

அ) செய்வது இல்லை
ஆ) ஒன்று அல்லது இரண்டுமுறை
இ) மூன்றுக்கும் மேற்பட்ட முறை
.10) ஓவ்வொரு நாளும் எவ்வளவு நேரம் உடற்பயிற்சி தேவை என்று நினைக்கிறiiாகள்?

அ) 10 நிமிடம்
ஆ) 20 நிமிடம்
இ) 30 நிமிடம்
ஈ) 40 நிமிடம்
உ) 60 நிமிடம்
ஊ) தினமும் தேவையென்று நினைக்கவில்லை
11) பின்வரும் எது உடல்பருமனால் வரும் நோயாக கருதுகிறீi்கள்?

அ) முட்டுவலி
ஆ) மன அழுத்தம்
இ) தூக்கமின்மை
ஈ) ஆஸ்த்துமா
உ) இதய நோய்
ஊ) உயi் இரத்த அழுத்தம்
எ) ஒற்றை தலைவலி
ஏ) சா்க்கரை நோய்
ஐ) குழந்தையின்மை
ஒ) மாதவிடாய் தொந்தரவு
ஓ) மாா்பக புற்றுநோய்ப்
12) வார நாட்களில் எவ்வளவு நேரம் கணினியில் செலவழிப்ப்ாகள்?

அ) 30 நிமிடம்
ஆ) 1 மணி நேரம்
இ) 2 மணி நேரம்
ஈ) 3 மணி நேரம்
உ) 3 மணி நேரத்திற்கு மேல்
13) வார நாட்களில் எவ்வளவு நேரம் தொலைக்காட்சி பா்ப்ப்ப்களள்?

அ) 30 நிமிடம்
ஆ) 1 மணி நேரம்
இ) 2-3 மணி நேரம்
ஈ) 3 மணி நேரத்திற்கு மேல்
14) வார விடுமுறை நாட்களில் கணினியில் செலவழிக்கும் நேரம் அ) 1 மணி (அ) அதற்கும் குறைவாக
ஆ) 2-3 மணி நேரம்
இ) 3-4 மணி நேரம்
ஈ) 4 (அ) அதற்கும் மேலாக
15) எவ்வளவு எடை உள்ளiாகள்?
16) எவ்வளவு உயரம் உள்ளi்கள்?

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## CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

To
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Dear Dr. Vairamuthu,
The Institutional Ethics Committee has considered your request and approved your study titled "BODY RAT INDICES FOR IDENTHFYZNG RISK OF MYMERTENGION IN INDIAN SCHOOL GOING CHILDREN" No. 11072015.

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We approve the proposal to be conducted in its presented form.
$\because$ The Institutional Ethics Committee expects to be informed about the progress of the study and SAE occurring in the course of the study, any changes in the protocol and patients information/informed consent and asks to be provided a copy of the final report.


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