# CALORIC BALANCE & RESPIRATORY QUOTIENT



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### Energy Input Energy:

The capacity to do work, such as moving or heating something



# **Definition of calorie (in Physics)**

#### calorie:

The amount of energy necessary to raise the temperature of one gram of water by one degree Celsius.



#### **ENERGY CONTENT OF FOOD (CALORIFIC VALUE)**

The energy content of a food is calculated from the heat released by the total combustion of food in Calorimeter.

Unit of heat or energy- Calorie In Nutrition one uses <u>Calorie=kcal (1000 calories)</u>

•a kilocalorie is a unit of energy

#### In the body



#### Calories per gram

#### In Calorimeter

Carbohydrate- 4.1 Calories Fat- 9.4 Calories Protein- 5.4 Calories

### **Caloric values**



45 grams of carbohydrate  $\times$  4 calories=180 calories39 grams of fat  $\times$  9 calories=351 calories27 grams of protein  $\times$  4 calories=108 caloriesTotal:639 calories

Remember this number...

#### Calorie value of carbohydrate, fat, and protein...

If you know the number of grams of carbohydrate, fat, and protein in a food, you can <u>calculate</u> the number of calories in it. For example, a deluxe fast-food hamburger contains about 45 grams of carbohydrate, 27 grams of protein, and 39 grams of fat (above).

### Percentage of Total Energy Intake

calories from carbohydrate =  $\frac{45 \times 4 \text{ cal/g}}{639}$  = 0.281 × 100 = 28% calories from fat =  $\frac{39 \times 9 \text{ cal/g}}{639}$  = 0.548 × 100 = 55% calories from protein =  $\frac{27 \times 4 \text{ cal/g}}{639}$  = 0.168 × 100 = 17%

The <u>percentage</u> of your total energy intake from carbohydrate, fat, and protein can then be determined by dividing the number of calories from each energy nutrient by the total calories, and then multiplying the result by 100.

# **Calculating Energy Intake**

#### **Counting Calories**

- If you know the approximate composition of the foods you eat (% carb, protein, fat), and can estimate the weight, you can calculate the number of calories.
  - By using the food composition tables

# **Food composition table**







CALORIES from:	FAT	CARB	PRO	Total
Honey Wheat Roll	27	192	28	247
Crispy Chicken	81	52	76	209
• Bacon	63	4	28	95
Ranch Sauce	18	8	0	26
<ul> <li>Leaf Lettuce</li> </ul>	0	Ο	0	ο
<ul> <li>Tomato Slice</li> </ul>	Ο	4	0	4
Medium Fries	144	188	16	348
Medium COKE	Ο	232	0	232
1611 kcal				

## **Components of Energy Output**

We Need Energy for:

- Basal Metabolism
  - BMR = Basal Metabolic Rate
- Physical Activity
- Metabolizing Food

# Method to determine the Caloric needs

Factors to determine the caloric need:

- Age
- Sex
- Height
- Weight
- Lean body mass and
- Activity level

### The "quick" method (based on body weight)

- A fast and easy method to determine Calorie needs is to total current body weight times a multiplier.
- Fat loss=12-13 calories per lb of body weight
- Maintenance=15-16 calories per lb of body weight
- Weight gain=18-19 calories per lb of body weight

This is very easy way to estimate.

### Drawbacks...

- It doesn't take into account the activity levels or body composition.
- Extremely active individual may require far more calories than this formula indicates.
- The more lean body mass one has, the higher the TDEE will be.

# The ABCs of Eating for Health

#### Adequacy

getting all of the essential nutrients, fiber, and energy (calories) in amounts sufficient to maintain health

#### Balance

eating foods rich in one nutrient while not crowding out foods that are rich in another nutrient

#### Calorie control

control of energy consumption

#### Moderation

no unwanted constituent in excess

#### Variety

different foods, same purposes, different occasions



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# **Energy Balance**

In accord with the Ist law of thermodynamics, the energy balance equation dictates that body mass remain constant when caloric intake equals caloric expenditure.

- Caloric expenditure
  - Neutral balance
    - -Caloric intake equals expenditure.
  - Positive balance
    - -More calories consumed than expended.
  - Negative balance
    - -More calories are expended than consumed.



### **Calories and Energy Balance**

Calories IN = Calories OUT Maintain Weight Calories IN > Calories OUT GAIN Weight Calories IN < Calories OUT LOSE Weight

To maintain a desirable weight, energy intakes should not exceed energy needs.

### It's all about Calorie Balance

- If you eat more calories than your body uses, they will be stored as fat
- One pound of body fat is equal to 3,500 kcal
  - In theory, losing one pound requires a deficit of 3,500 Calories

Eating 500 fewer Calories per day - or expending 500 more Calories - would result in losing **one pound per week** 

## Weight Management

- To maintain body weight in a healthy range, <u>balance</u> calories from foods and beverages with calories expended
- To prevent gradual weight gain over time, make small decreases in food and beverage calories and increase physical activity

# **Energy Expenditure**

• Calorie expenditure depends on:

- Weight of person
- Type of activity
- Length of activity
- Speed of activity
- Metabolic rate

# RESPIRATORY QUOTIENT (RQ)

• The respiratory quotient (**R. Q.**) is the **ratio of** the volume of **CO2** produced to the volume of **O2** utilized in the oxidation of foodstuffs.

#### Carbohydrates-

- The carbohydrates are completely oxidized and their R. Q. is close to 1, as represented below for glucose.
- C6H12O6 + 6O2 6CO2 + 6H2O

R.Q. for carbohydrate = CO2/O2 = 6/6=01

#### Fats-

Fats have relatively lower R.Q. since they have a low oxygen content. For this reason, fats require more O2 for oxidation. The R.Q. for the oxidation of the fat, is -

R.Q. for fat = CO2/O2 = 114/163 = 0.7

#### **Proteins-**

• The chemical nature of proteins is highly variable, and this cannot be represented by any specific formula. By indirect measurements, the R.Q. of protein is found to be around 0.8.

#### **Mixed Diet-**

• The R. Q. of the diet consumed is dependent of the relative composition of carbohydrates, fats and proteins. For a normally ingested diet, it is around 0.8.