

Nutrition: A Health Technology for Evidence-Informed Public Health Policies

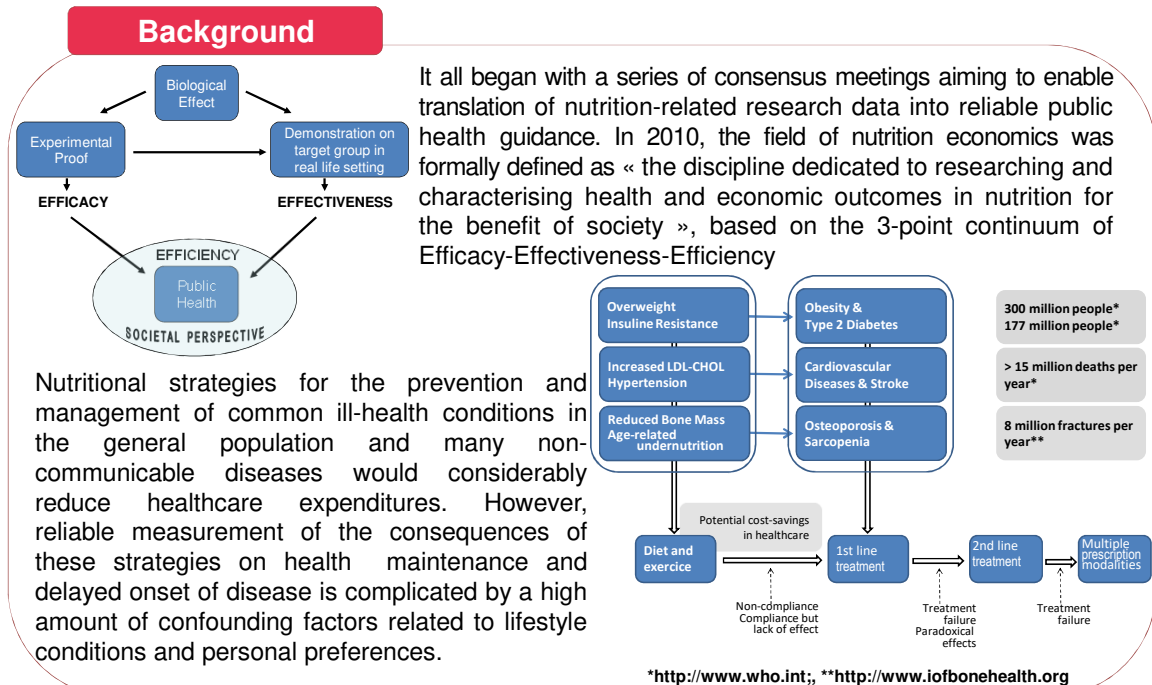
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- Challenges & Opportunities

 - In general, no prescription, no reimbursement
 - The citizen is the payer, but individual choices may provide unique rewards
 - Measurement of daily functioning and wellbeing
 - Effectiveness over a long timespan
 - Need for cross-sectorial working between health and non-health system stakeholders

- Objectives

 - Promote early involvement of all relevant parties for establishing nutrition-specific HTA principles and standards
 - Build a solid methods foundation for optimally designed population-based nutrition oriented studies.
 - Empower professionals and citizens to focus on prevention through lifestyle, including nutrition, as a way to ensure health care systems sustainability.

- Achievements

 - Pilot session at the annual HTAi Conference in Bilbao (2012) "The challenge of nutrition-associated health impairment & needs for assessment"
 - Submission of a proposal to HTAi for creating a pluri-disciplinary group to address the challenges and barriers for investigating the effects of public health interventions with special focus on nutritional interventions in a real world setting
 - Spring 2014: the HTAi Board approved the creation of a dedicated Interest Sub-Group:

INPHORM
Impact of Nutrition on Public Health Outcomes Research & Measurement
<http://www.htai.org/index.php?id=782>
 - Summer 2014: Inauguration of INPHORM at the annual HTAi Conference in Washington

- Action Plans

 - **Publication of an Editorial in the IJTAHC**
 - **Frontiers Research Topic: Today's nutrition and tomorrow's public health: challenges and opportunities :**
<http://journal.frontiersin.org/ResearchTopic/3214>
 - **Slow Food event at the World Expo Milano 2015**
 - **Panel session during the HTAi conference in Oslo**
Global effort in Knowledge Synthesis and Knowledge Brokering
HTA from research to Health Policy and Clinical Practice
<http://www.htai.org/index.php?id=775>
 - **Master course project at several EU universities Nutrition Economics/Public Health Nutrition**