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Obesity, Gender and Depression among College-Going Students

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Abstract:

Aims-To Study the effect of Obesity & Gender on Depression among College-Going Students

Method – The sample consisted of 200 college-going students (100 boys & 100 girls) in age range from 18 to 24 years hailing from Delhi & NCR colleges and the sample was selected by applying Incidental cum Purposive Sampling Method. In the present study, the data was gathered with the help BMI score of the respondents, intensive interviews (both formal & informal), Self-Made Checklist for obese patients & DSM-IV TR Diagnostic Criteria was used for the diagnosis of depressive patients and it was further assessed through Beck's Depression Inventory (BDI).

Outcomes – The tools were used to assess the effect of Obesity on Depression of College-Going Students across Delhi & NCR. The data was further quantitatively analysed i.e. Mean, Standard Deviation and Correlation was calculated to examine the results found. The socio-demographic data sheet included variables were also studies in the respective research. The results indicated not only the conceptual understanding of the variables but positive correlation between obesity and depression. Significant gender differences were also found to be there. Girls were high on rate of depression as compared to boys.

Implications – Obesity is positively correlated to depression and obese are at risk for depression. This study holds implications in development of psychological interventions that prepare youth on preventing, diagnosing, and treating major health problems related to obesity and depression.

Keywords: Obesity, Gender and Depression

1. Introduction

The present century with its fast-paced functioning, ever improving technology, changed lifestyles, has taken a toll on the physical as well as mental health of youth, especially college going students. Physical ailments like obesity have increased tremendously among youth along with its mental implications. However, there is a difference in how the relationship between obesity and depression is impacted by age and gender. The present study is thus aimed at exploring the implication of obesity and gender in the mental health, especially depression.

With a view that a relationship can be formulated between obesity, gender and depression, this study explores how depression is dependent on obesity and gender. It is however, observed that the categorization of Body Mass Index (BMI) as well as age has limited the understanding of nature of the relationship. This study utilized continuous values of BMI and age to infer the relationship between them and depression.

The advancements in Information and Communication Technology have led to the youth becoming internet addicts. This has a major role in social isolation, obesity as well as depression. The prevailing health conditions as well as latest research findings clearly point out the sad state of physical health of youth with conditions such as Type-2 Diabetes, Coronary Heart Disease, Hypertension, Orthopaedic, Renal and Neurological disorders being reported in youth and children as young as in their teens.

With the ever growing chain of multi-national food business houses, the fast food is readily available at affordable prices. This has resulted in increased intake of unhealthy, high calorie food visa-a-vis the expenditure of physical energy which has drastically decreased owing to the improved life-styles and standards of living. The comfortable lifestyles ensure that the least amount of physical energy is spent in any particular day-to-day task. All these situations automatically lead to persons becoming overweight or obese.

In prevailing scenario where negative behaviours of students regarding alcohol, smoking, drugs, sexuality, etc. have also seen a rise, the problem of being obese is seen as trivial. This has led to the problem of obesity grow at an alarming rate, spreading its harmful roots and impacting the social environment in the most undesirable way.

In addition to being a serious threat to the general public health, obesity also has a negative stigma attached to it. Obese persons are generally considered low in competence (job aptitude, intelligence, etc.), low in physical attractiveness as well as low in social interpersonal attributes such as warmth, popularity, etc. These kinds of prejudices do nothing but add on to the negative self-concept of the obese persons. The lean persons are increasingly seen in the positive light of important values of the society such as discipline, willingness, ambition and hard work.

The relationship as generally observed between obesity, gender and depression is as follows-

- Regardless of the race, women have higher BMIs than men and the prevalence of obesity is more among women than in men. Women are also at an increased risk of obesity than men are.
- A strong link has been observed between depression and obesity. It is the effect of obesity in the individuals that leads to depression. The result is not direct but some pathways in obese persons lead to depression.
- > There are marked gender differences in depressive disorders. Women are more prone to depression than their male counterparts. This is seen as a result of socio-cultural roles with their corresponding adverse experiences, psychological attributes like coping skills, etc.

There is an imperative need to understand the prevailing perceptions and change the attitudes of the general populace regarding obesity. The study is carried out in the hope that as obesity and its connection with the other factors are explored, with a better understanding better attitude and perception regarding obesity and depression will help the youth to cope with the same in an effective manner

The term obesity is defined as the excess of fat in the body. It is measured in terms of Body Mass Index (BMI) which is the weight divided by square of height of an individual where the weight is measures in kilograms and height in meters. The BMI is globally accepted as the standard measure for obesity. Although it does not measure the body fat directly, research has shown that BMI is highly correlated to obesity in an individual. It is thus widely used to screen the weight problems in adults.

The causes of obesity are complex and include genetic, biological, behavioural and cultural factors. Obesity occurs when a person eats more calories than the body burns up. If one parent is obese, there is a 50 percent chance that their children will also be obese. However, when both parents are obese, their children have an 80 percent chance of being obese. Although certain medical disorders can cause obesity, less than 1 percent of all obesity is caused by physical problems. Obesity in childhood and adolescence can be related to:

- poor eating habits
- overeating or bing eating
- lack of exercise (i.e., couch potato kids)
- family history of obesity
- medical illnesses (endocrine, neurological problems)
- medications (steroids, some psychiatric medications)
- stressful life events or changes (separations, divorce, moves, deaths, abuse)
- family and peer problems
- low self-esteem
- depression or other emotional problems

There are many risks and complications with obesity. Physical consequences include:

- increased risk of heart disease
- high blood pressure
- diabetes
- breathing problems
- trouble sleeping/ disturbed sleeping pattern

Child and adolescent obesity is also associated with increased risk of emotional problems. Teens with weight problems tend to have much lower self-esteem and be less popular with their peers. Depression, anxiety, and obsessive compulsive disorder can also occur.

1.1. Depression

Depression is a mental disorder which affects the way a person feels, behaves and thinks. It is characterized by consistent feelings of gloominess, sadness, hopelessness, sluggishness, etc. which is accompanied by sleep disturbances, loss of interest in any pleasureable activities and appetite, fatigue, etc. The intense feelings of sadness result in the individual withdrawing from the day-to-day activities. It can result in a wide range of physical as well as psychological problems. A chronic illness, it requires long term treatment in majority of the cases.

In normal cases, it is experienced when people are undergoing stressful life situations such loss of loved one, lost opportunity, stressful relationships, etc. But in such cases people recover relatively quickly from their mood swings. However, for depression to be termed as such the following diagnostic criteria has to be met-

- Depressed mood or loss of interest for more than two weeks
- Impairment in social, occupational and other important areas of life
- Specific symptoms include-
 - 1. Sad mood most of the day, nearly every day, for at least 2 years i. e. Dysthymia
 - 2. Loss of interest

- 3. Fatigue, low energy
- 4. Suicidal ideation and attempts
- 5. Excessive guilt/ worthlessness
- 6. Significant sudden change in weight or appetite
- 7. Change in sleep- insomnia or hypersomnia
- 8. Cognitive impairment
- 9. Becoming sad, lonely, angry, or withdrawn

The signs of depression in obese individuals include the following:

- Reluctance to socialize, few friends
- Reluctance to go to school

Signs of low self-esteem include negative self-image and self-talk and being overly self-critical. They feel like failures and are less likely to describe themselves as bright, even if they are in gifted classes. Obese children are also likely to have academic problems and be placed in special education or remedial classes.

Depression is classified into the following types according to DSM-IV-TR

1. Major Depressive Episode

- Five or more of the following symptoms have been present during the same 2-week period and represent a change from previous functioning; at least one of the symptoms is either (1) depressed mood or (2) loss of interest or pleasure..
 - a. Depressed mood most of the day, nearly every day, as indicated by either subjective report (e.g., feels sad or empty) or observation made by others (e.g., appears tearful).
 - b. markedly diminished interest or pleasure in all, or almost all, activities most of the day, nearly every day (as indicated by either subjective account or observation made by others)
 - c. significant weight loss when not dieting or weight gain (e.g., a change of more than 5% of body weight in a month), or decrease or increase in appetite nearly every day..
 - d. insomnia or hypersomnia nearly every day
 - e. psychomotor agitation or retardation nearly every day (observable by others, not merely subjective feelings of restlessness or being slowed down)
 - f. fatigue or loss of energy nearly every day
 - g. feelings of worthlessness or excessive or inappropriate guilt (which may be delusional) nearly every day (not merely self-reproach or guilt about being sick)
 - h. diminished ability to think or concentrate, or indecisiveness, nearly every day (either by subjective account or as observed by others)
 - i. recurrent thoughts of death (not just fear of dying), recurrent suicidal ideation without a specific plan, or a suicide attempt or a specific plan for committing suicide
- The symptoms do not meet criteria for a mixed episode.
- The symptoms cause clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning.
- The symptoms are not due to the direct physiological effects of a substance (e.g., a drug of abuse, a medication) or a general medical condition (e.g., hypothyroidism).
- The symptoms are not better accounted for by bereavement, i.e., after the loss of a loved one, the symptoms persist for longer than 2 months or are characterized by marked functional impairment, morbid preoccupation with worthlessness, suicidal ideation, psychotic symptoms, or psychomotor retardation.

2. Major Depressive disorder

A major depressive disorder is diagnosed in individuals who have undergone one or more major depressive episode which is characterized by depressed mood and/or a loss of interest in almost all the activities of the day-to-day functioning. In addition to this, the individual must experience four of the following symptoms-

- Marked weight loss or gain in the absence of dieting
- Consistent sleep problems
- Agitation or greatly slowed down behaviour
- Lack of clarity in thought
- Frequent suicidal thoughts
- Feelings of worthlessness
- Fatigue
- Agitation or slowed-down behaviour

In case either hallucinations or delusions are present, the major depressive disorder is diagnosed as having psychotic features.

3. Dysthymic Disorder

It is a condition with mild to moderate depressive symptoms. Patients with this disorder feel sad for as long as they remember and believe that they are helpless to change their lives. For the condition to be diagnosed, the person must be in the negative mood persistently for at least 2 years (Adults) or 1 year (children). The person should have two of the following symptoms-

• Cognitive impairment

- Altered sleep pattern
- Low Self esteem
- Hopelessness
- Change in eating patterns
- Low energy/ fatigue

There are a few common personality characteristics which are often observed in dysthymic individuals. The individuals remain gloomy, do not enjoy things around them, have a tendency to brood, feel guilty for apparently no reason, are usually pessimistic as well as humourless.

1.2. Common Ground between Depression and Obesity

Gloom and corpulence have numerous common indications, including rest issues, inactive conduct, and horrible mentality toward eating.

A 2006 investigation of 400 discouraged young people demonstrated that, by and large, it took them longer to get the opportunity to rest than different high schoolers. Stout youngsters additionally have rest issues. They are more inclined to experience the ill effects of rest apnea - a genuine condition checked by omissions in breathing amid rest. Furthermore, they're more prone to feel drowsy amid the day. That can be destructive in light of the fact that drowsiness can make you hungry, so poor rest can irritate both sadness and corpulence.

Being overweight additionally can prompt self-regard issues that prompt despondency, says Eileen Stone, a kid and youthful analyst at Sanford Health in Fargo, N.D Inactivity or drowsiness, commonplace qualities of discouragement, likewise prompt weight pick up. The additional time kids spend "vegging out" before the TV or PC screen, as opposed to being up and dynamic, the less calories they smolder. Notwithstanding constraining open doors for sound activity, an excess of screen time diminishes contact with other kids or folks.

2. Review of Literature

A study by Albert J Stunkard et.al (2003) found that Major Depression amongst adolescents predicted a greater BMI in their adult life. The study also elaborated that trials and tribulations experienced in the childhood support the occurrence of obesity as well as depression in their respective adult lives.

Makara et.al (2004) studied the factors influencing self perception of overweight people and described how the self-concept is shaped by the media. It stated that media creates the image of beauty of which slim body is a crucial aspect. This invariably leads to formation of a negative self perception which in turn results in emotional problems such as depression, anxiety, low self confidence, etc.

Another evidence for this is found in the fact that disordered eating is high among youth who have experienced lack of parental care, communications and expectations as also, individual experiencing physical or sexual abuse (Neumark et. al., 2000). It was further substantiated by the research finding of Feummeler et al., (2000) which stated that male individuals who have suffered sexual abuse in their childhood are at higher risk of overweight and obesity. Also, the findings indicated that women who have a history of physical abuse tend to skip meals in order to lose weight.

Ma J.et al., (2009) examined a sample of female population which participated in the National Health and Nutritional Examination Survey. The results suggested that the BMI has a positive correlation with the probability of experiencing moderate to severe depression symptoms. Particularly in the case of abdominal obesity, calculated by waist circumference, it was found that a positive association exists between BMI and depressive symptoms but not major depression.

A recent report (Beydoun et al.) in the Journal of Affective Disorders of NHANES information on wellbeing and way of life, took a gander at relationship between depression, BMI, physical movement and dietary admission. The specialists found that the vicinity of despondency in women was associated with higher BMI and diminished physical action, yet not in men. Also, unique mathematical statement models drove the creators to presume that in both genders the primary pathway join from Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) to higher BMI is through lower level of physical action, and in ladies the extra pathway join from financial status to higher BMI is through sustenance instability, which prompts MDD, which prompts lower levels of physical movement.

BMI has a high correlation with the prevalence of common mental disorders. Also, this relationship varies with age and gender (McCrea RL et al., 2010). It is thus important to take into account the differences in age as well as gender while investigating the effect of obesity on depression.

It is then, not surprising to note that obesity and depression act as predictors of each other (Luppino, et al., 2010). This reciprocal relationship has been confirmed by extensive meta-analysis. Obesity and overweight increases the risk of developing depression and depression increases the risk of becoming overweight or obese.

March 4, 2010 — Obesity and depression are firmly connected in that every raises the danger for the other, another meta-investigation affirms. The study found that fat individuals have a 55% expanded danger of creating melancholy, and those with depression have a 58% expanded danger of getting to be overweight over the long time. (*Archives of General Psychiatry*).

In order to investigate the gender differences in depression, a wide range of studies have been undertaken which indicate that these differences are genuine. A number of studies show that the rate of first onset of depression is higher in females than in males. Also, rate of lifetime prevalence of depression is higher amongst the female populace. There are determinants which mark the dominance of depression in the females, but there is no genetic or biological factor determining this difference. (Wilhelm et.al, 1997, Marco et al. 2000)

One of the most significant finding related to the gender difference observed in the general population is that the adult females are twice as likely to be depressed as adult males (Nolen-Hoeksema, 1987, 1990; Wiessman-Klerman, 1977)

Gender disparity in depression is prevalent not only in severity and frequency of depressive episodes but also in the reward values of some particular overt behaviours (Marlena M. Ryba et al. 2012). Females have more reward responsiveness as well as increased reinforcement sensitivity than men. Substantiating the treatment interventions, this fact emphasized on the enhanced exposure to the response contingent positive reinforcement as well as environmental reward.

A portion of the studies, however additionally clarify the organic premise for the disparity in gloom crosswise over sexual orientations (Vetter ML et al., 2013). The incendiary marker, C-receptive protein is an indicator of cardiovascular sicknesses. Irritation might likewise autonomously control the relationship in the middle of sadness and cardiovascular illness. High Sensitivity C - receptive protein (HS-CRP) is related with manifestations of wretchedness in men, obviously showing the natural distinction in the middle of men and ladies which add to gloom. This relationship is genuine just for the male populace.

3. Methodology

3.1. Objective

- To examine the relationship between obesity & depression among college going students.
- To examine the gender differences in respect to obesity among college-going students.
- To examine the gender differences in depression among college-going students.

3.2. Hypothesis

- There will be no significant relationship between obesity (BMI ≥30) and depression among college-going students
- There will be no significant difference between girls and boys with respect to obesity.
- There will be no significant difference between girls and boys to depression.

3.3. Sample

The study was conducted on 200 college-going students (100 boys and 100 girls) in age range from 18 to 24 years hailing from Delhi & NCR (Obesity Clinics and Psychiatry Departments of various nursing homes) and the sample was selected by applying Incidental cum Purposive Sampling Method. The inclusion criterion for the research sample was the student who are obese and depressed and between the age group of 18 to 24. The exclusion criteria is major physical illness like Diabetes, thyroid, etc. was not included.

3.4. Tool

In the present study, the data was gathered with the help of BMI score of the respondents, intensive interviews (both formal & informal), Self-Made Checklist for obese patients & DSM-IV Diagnostic Criteria was used for the diagnosis of depressive patients and it was further assessed through Beck's Depression Inventory (BDI).

The BDI is a 21 thing self report rating stock and every thing has 3 reactions out of which the subject to pick one, measuring trademark mentality and side effects of discouragement (Beck et al., 1961). The BDI takes pretty nearly 10 minutes to finish despite the fact that customers oblige a 5:6 evaluation perusing age to sufficiently comprehend the inquiries. The inner consistency ranges from .73 to .92 with the mean of .86. The BDI has a part half unwavering quality of .93 on each of the 21 things, BDI measures taking after elements (elucidations): Sadness, Pessimism, Sense of Failure, Dissatisfaction, Guilt, Expectation of Punishment, Dislike of Self, Accusation, Suicidal Ideation, Episodes of Crying, Irritation Level, Social Withdrawal, Indecisiveness, Change in body image, Retardation, Insomnia, Fatigability, Loss of appetite, loss of weight, Somatic Preoccupations, Low level of Energy

Add up the score for each of the 21 questions to get the total score. The highest total score for the whole test is 63 and the lowest possible score is zero.

Total Sore level of depression: 0-4: Denial or Faking Good, 5-9: Normal, 10-18: Mild to Moderate, 19-29: Moderate of Severe, 30-61: Severe Depression

Over 40 are significantly above even severely depressed person, suggesting possible exaggeration of depression, possible characteristics of histrionics or borderline personality disorders.

4. Result & Discussion

The result of the study was analyzed by using the manual of Becks Depression Inventory and by applying statistical tools.

4.1. Hypothesis -1

There will be no significant relationship between obesity (BMI ≥30) and depression among college-going students

It was found that there was a correlation of 0.74 between obesity (BMI ≥ 30) and depression among college-going students. The correlation between obesity and depression in girls was found to be 0.84. The correlation between obesity and depression in boys was found to be 0.65. Thus, there seems to be a positive correlation between obesity and depression among college going students.

4.2. Hypothesis -2.

There will be no significant difference in obesity between girls and boys

In the present research, high mean score for obesity in girls was found i.e. 39.118 and the standard deviation was 6.48 whereas the same for boys was found to be 35.74 and 5.33 respectively. As per the supportive study of Lisa A. Martin et al., 2013, men reported increased rates of anger outbursts/attacks, substance abuse, etc. This study clearly suggested that while traditionally, women folk are considered at a higher risk of depression, the gender distinctions in the prevalence of depression are eradicated when the traditional symptoms in women are combined with alternate symptoms in men. It was further noted that symptoms of depression in men may differ from symptoms of depression in women which should be investigated.

4.3. Hypothesis -3.

There will be no significant difference between girls and boys to depression.

It was found that the mean score for depression in girls was found to be higher ie. 24.16 and the standard deviation was 2.82 as compared to boys as 23.77 and 2.78 respectively.

Thus, the significant gender differences were also found to be there. Girls were high on rate of depression as compared to boys. Obesity is positively correlated to depression and obese are at risk for depression. Therefore, this study holds implications in development of psychological interventions that prepare youth on preventing, diagnosing, and treating major health problems related to obesity and depression.

	OBESITY (BMI)		DEPRESSION (BDI)	
	100 GIRLS	100 BOYS	100 GIRLS	100 BOYS
MEAN SCORE	39.118	35.74	24.16	23.77
STANDARD DEVIATION	6.489079871	5.336666	2.820272929	2.788342
CORRELATION	0.74926**			

Table 1: Overview of the Analysis of the data on 'Effect of Obesity and Gender on Depression among College-Going Students. *p < .05, **p < .01

5. Discussion and Conclusion

The analysis of data brings us to the conclusion that obesity might not directly cause depression in college going students, but other pathways and experiences may lead to depression indirectly. Also, stressful life events such as peer victimization and weight-based teasing might biologically predispose youth to depression and may be a factor that leads to depression in obese youth. Further research studies exploring these factors in youth will increase our understanding of obesity/depression associations and might then be a venue for intervention studies. The importance of recognizing these pathways and factors are to know when to intervene to prevent depression in obese adolescents. In Meta analysis, Luppino, et al., 2010 found reciprocal relationship of obesity and depression. It has been confirmed that obesity and overweight increases the risk of developing depression and depression increases the risk of becoming overweight or obese.

Overweight/obesity and mental health disorders are two significant public health problems that threaten the health of adolescents. Thirty-two percent of youth are now overweight or obese. Overweight teens have multiple adverse health outcomes, including depression, anxiety, poor social skills and academic problems. Despite the mental health co-morbidities associated with overweight/obesity, there is a paucity of interventions that target the improvement/prevention of both obesity and mental health problems of our youth. Because of the time that youth spend in learning environments, schools are an outstanding venue to provide teens with skills to improve their healthy behaviors and mental health in order to prevent and manage overweight/obesity.

Yet, there are few rigorously designed theory-based intervention studies, even fewer in real world classroom settings, conducted to improve these outcomes in high school teens.

6. Suggestions

The epidemic of obesity and depression among college-going students is a serious public health concern. If the epidemic is not reversed, millions of youth will be affected, and the nation will be left to face the staggering health and economic consequences of obesity and depression. For many young people during this age group between 18 to 24 years, college is the first major step toward independence and charting their own courses. "The goal is to gradually move from bad habits to better habits." This is a real opportunity to build life-long habits around eating and physical activity. The pressure around studying and being in a new social environment makes it hard to adopt healthy practices in both areas.

Since the ramifications of this worldwide wonder on future eras will be not kidding unless fitting move is made, generally as the reasons for heftiness are multi-factorial, arrangements are both wide in extension and to be composed. The treatment obliges a multidisciplinary, multi-stage approach, which incorporates dietary administration, physical movement upgrade, and limitation of inactive conduct, pharmacotherapy and bariatric surgery. Sound way of life propensities, including adhering to a good diet and physical movement, can bring down the danger of getting to be stout and creating related ailments. The solid and positive backing from different segments of society, including families, companion bunches, groups, schools, school grounds, proficient guides & analysts, medicinal consideration suppliers, government offices, the media, and the nourishment and drink businesses and excitement commercial ventures is needed.

To date, weight management efforts on college campuses have been fragmented. Schools and college campus must play particularly critical role by establishing a safe, healthy behaviours and supportive environment with policies and practices that need not be expensive.

- Establishing a grounds wide groups that speak to key grounds units, for example, the grounds arranging, grounds diversion, the guiding focus, nourishment administrations, understudy wellbeing dietician, organizing endeavors and creating reasonable objectives and procedures for contacting them; and finishing by actualizing a solid weight activity, observing advance, and conforming likewise.
- Health & Well-Being Programs as key proposal way of life must be effectively composed and inventively advanced that incorporate establishing an over the-educational module course on solid weight with data on nourishment, physical action, vitality parity, and self-administration aptitudes; facilitating a semi-yearly talking engagement with an unmistakable wellbeing or therapeutic power; restoring or extending physical instruction and wellness classes to open understudies to a mixture of agreeable, possibly long lasting exercises; creating and advancing strolling and cycling courses on grounds; and renegotiating contracts with grounds sustenance sellers for healthier toll. To advance a grounds wide sound weight activity, well known educators, mentors, understudies, and nearby lights could be enrolled as representatives.
- Eliminating trans fats from their nourishment court menus in the school by the administration for guaranteeing healthier nourishments.
- Sports Activities as proof for the synergistic advantages of customary activity and great nourishment in both essential and optional counteractive action over different perpetual infections is unambiguous and keeps on growwing. Wellbeing in Motion, a mixed media corpulence anticipation program for teenagers, is depicted as a case sample of a Web-based intelligent project for advancing physical movement and foods grown from the ground utilization among secondary school understudies.
- Requirement of modified Programs in curricula, policies, campus environments, or business operations which must be sustainable hold the greatest promise for making a difference but also pose the greatest challenge.

Yet, the mix of these innovations in the improvement of physical action and sustenance mediations for youth is in its early stages. Legitimate inspiration and a comprehension of parity and balance can help leave school with healthier life propensities.

Stout youngsters require a careful medicinal assessment by a paediatrician or family doctor to think about how possible it is of a physical reason. Without a physical issue, the best way to shed pounds is to diminish the quantity of calories being eaten and to expand the level of physical movement. Enduring weight reduction can just happen when there is self-inspiration. Since weight frequently influences more than one relative, making adhering to a good diet and general practice a family action can enhance the possibilities of fruitful weight control for the tyke or immature.

Exchanging out some screen time to set aside a few minutes to be physically dynamic can give a moment support and, over the whole deal, may help lift wretchedness. Studies have indicated physical movement to be among sorrow medications that can help break the endless loop of dejection, dormancy, and weight pick up.

Despite the fact that this study was done in an exceptionally precise way, it is not without confinements. The primary confinement was that very little of the studies have been done on this, so the outcomes can't be summed up. Alternate confinements were the specimen size was little and the analysts couldn't remark on the different components that could have influenced the example and the treatment. Other huge impediment was the unlucky deficiency of subsequent meet-ups with these school going understudies. Future exploration should be possible utilizing a bigger specimen, including the criteria of large with major physical sickness like thyroid, and so on, (which was the rejection criteria in the present examination), considering the other enthusiastic reactions and follow-up too with the individualistic approach accordingly, ought to be included with compelling treatment arranges.

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