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# Healthy Life And Longevity

Centenarians In Italy And Israeli Lifestyle, Nutrition, Clinical, and Genetics

## **The impact of Nutrition on health and longevity**

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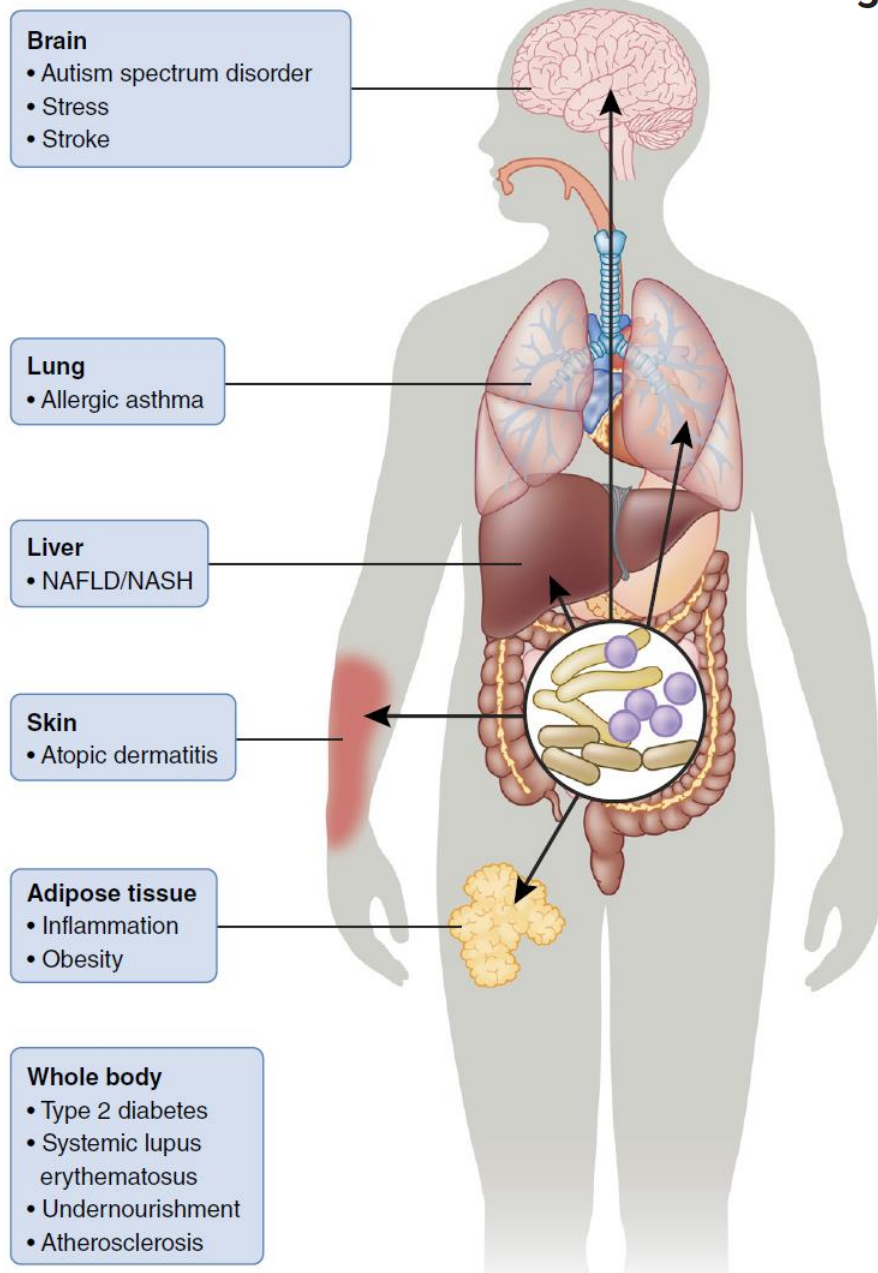
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# Unexpected INCREASE of GM DIVERSITY in Italian, Chinese and Japanese centenarians

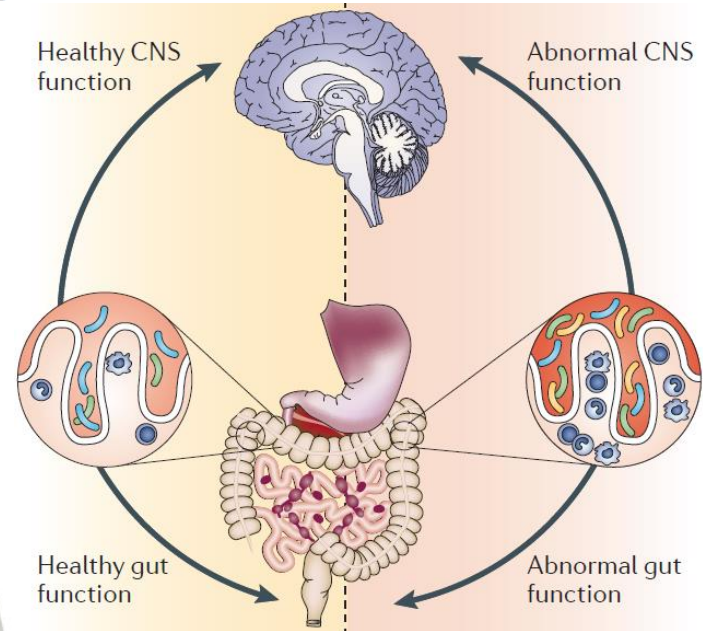
Diversity	GM diversity in Centenarians according to:			
	Biagi et al., 2016	Wang et al., 2015	Kong et al., 2016	Odamaki et al., 2016
Simpson reciprocal index of diversity	↑			
Alpha diversity (Chao index)	↑	↑	↑	↑
Shannon index	↑	=	↑	↑

In chronic age-associated diseases the  
GM diversity decreases

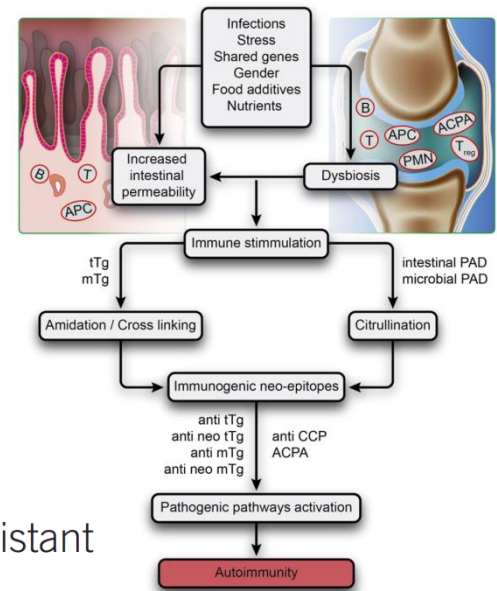
*Santoro et al., 2017*



## gut-brain axis in health and disease



## The gut-joint axis



Signals from the gut microbiota to distant organs in physiology and disease

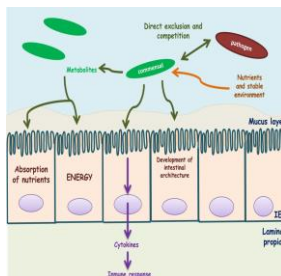
# Can we modulate **gut microbiota** by diet in the elderly?

## Human intervention study



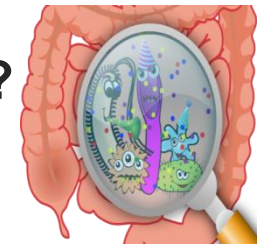
**NU-AGE**

**MedDiet**



**Gut microbiota composition?**

**Immune response?**







# THE NU-AGE PROJECT

EU-wide diet intervention



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A total of **1294 volunteers** aged **65-79 years** included in the project and **classified** as **NON frail and PRE-FRAIL** according to Fried Criteria for Frailty status

**n = 570**  
**controls**



Habitual Diet



Med Diet

**n = 571**  
**MedDiet**

**Diet Intervention**  
**12 months**

# Gut microbiota and longevity

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OPINION ARTICLE

## **Gut microbiota as a candidate for lifespan extension: an ecological/evolutionary perspective targeted on living organisms as metaorganisms**

**E. Ottaviani · N. Ventura · M. Mandrioli ·  
M. Candela · A. Franchini · C. Franceschi**

**Gut microbiota transplants extend  
lifespan in animal models**

- **100+ have a peculiar GM**
- **GM composition largely depends on diet**
- **What are the 100+ eating ?**

*Annual Review of Nutrition*

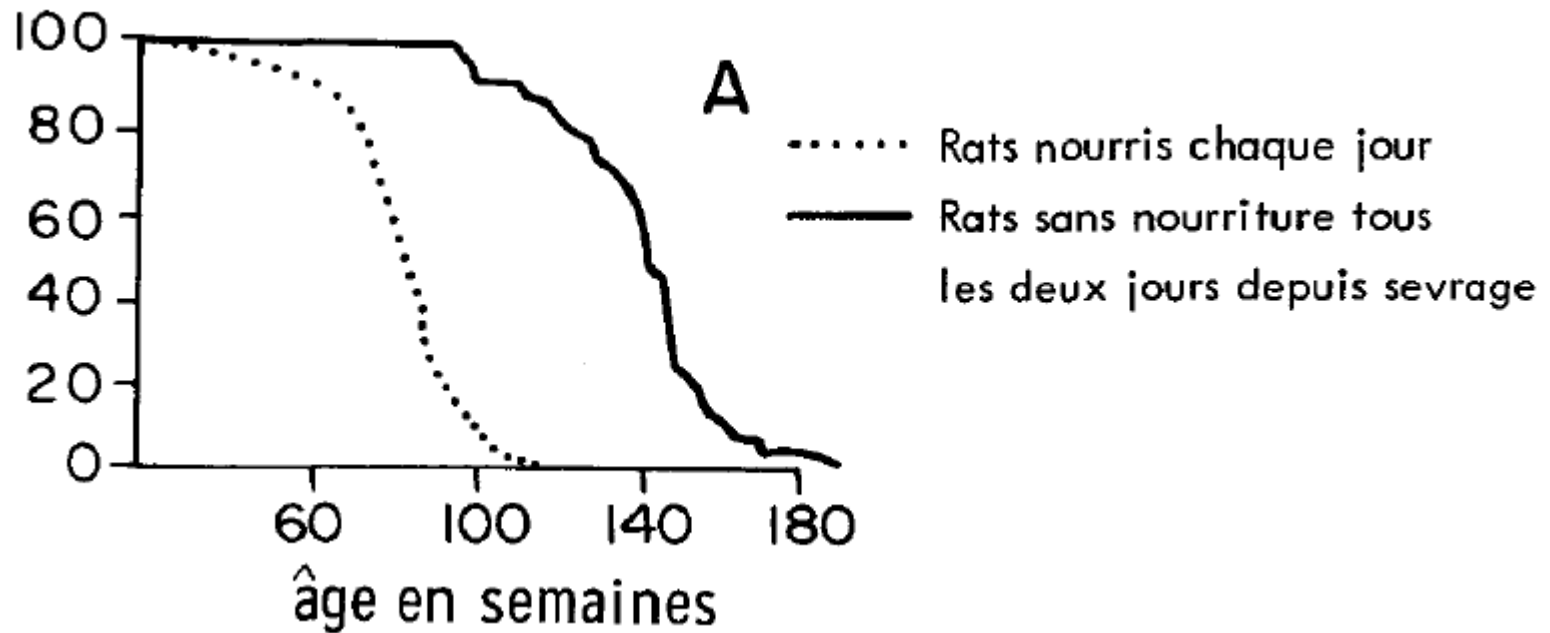
Nutrition and Inflammation:  
Are Centenarians Similar to  
Individuals on  
Calorie-Restricted Diets?

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The most studied model to increase non genetically the lifespan across species and taxa is  
**CALORIE restriction (CR)**



CR-animals live longer and are healthier than *ad libitum*-fed controls (with several caveats !)

*Walford RL 1985*



# 100+ are similar to CR persons in terms of inflammatory, metabolic, hormonal and phenotypical adaptation

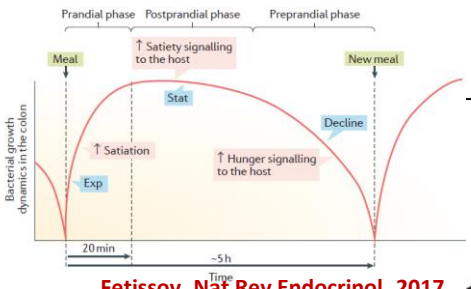
Adaptation	Parameter	Calorie-restricted diet (people aged 21–60 years)	Centenarians (>100 years)
<b>Concordant</b>			
Glucose metabolism	Glucose	↓	↓
	Insulin	↓	↓
	Insulin sensitivity	↑	↑
Blood pressure	Systolic	↓	↓
	Diastolic	↓	↓
Thyroid	T3	↓	↓
Lipid profile	Total cholesterol	↓	↓
	LDL cholesterol	↓	↓
	Triglycerides	↓	↓
Body composition	BMI	↓	↓
	Fat-free mass	↓	↓
	Bone mineral density	↓	↓
Metabolism	Cortisol	= or ↑	↑
	Adiponectin	↑	↑
	Leptin	↓	↓
	Tryptophan	↓	↓

# What are the 100+ eating ?

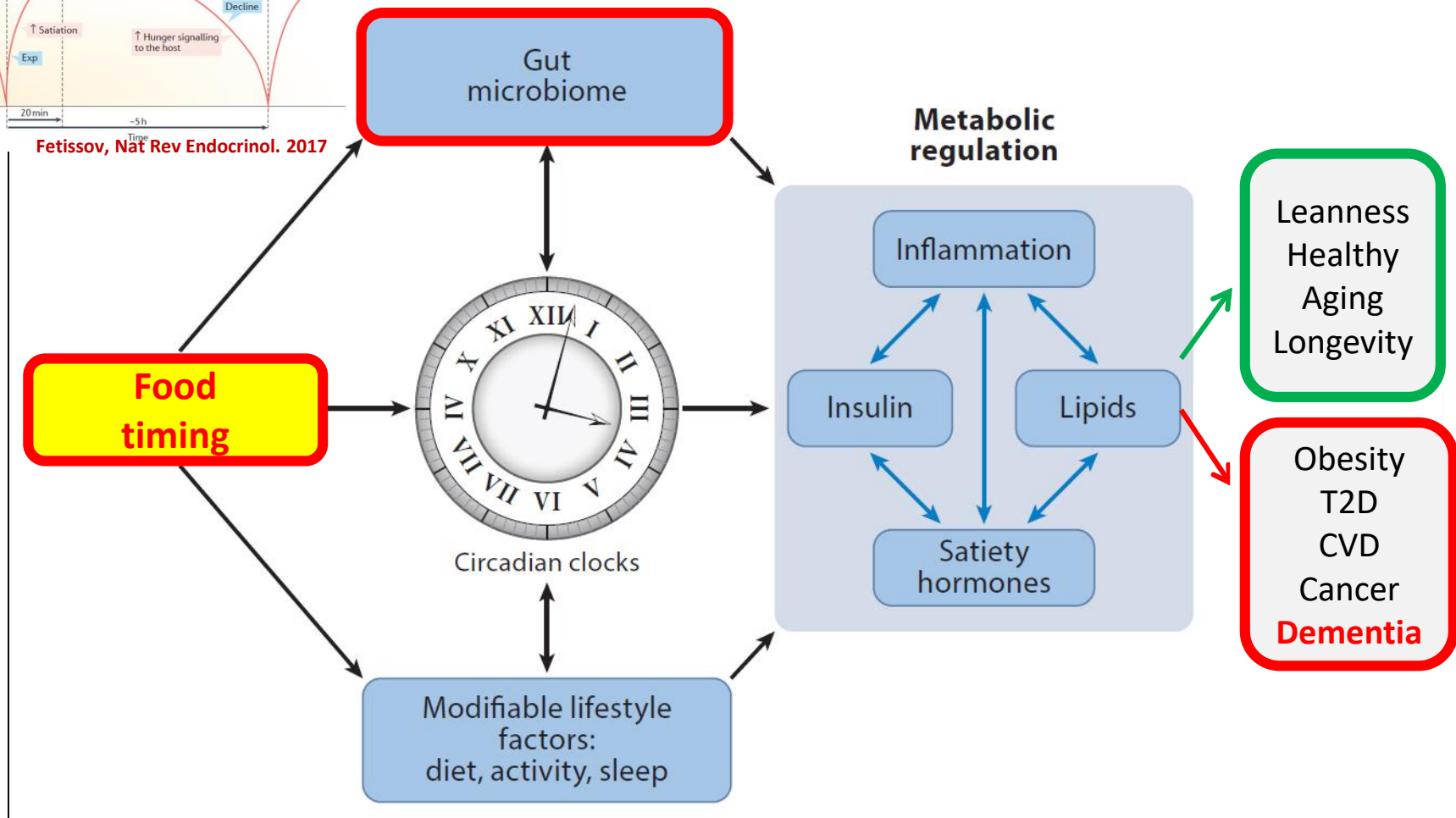
**Table 2 Summary of six detailed interviews conducted with centenarians (born between 1914 and 1916) with extraordinarily intact cognitive and health status, describing their familial situation, life experiences, body shape, physical activity, and nutritional habits when younger and as adults**

Sex, birth year, age at time of interview	Family background	Education and occupation	Body shape	Physical activity	Diet	Meal timing and portion size
Male, 1915, 101 years	Parents were farmers, 7 siblings, living in the countryside After the Second World War, he moved to the city (Bologna)	5 years of education, primary school certificate Farmer until he was 25, then soldier for 5 years during World War II After the end of the war, railway worker	Thin	Daily walking	Pasta, white bread, vegetables, fruit, cheese, pulses, potatoes, eggs, sweets once a week; meat (pork, poultry, and rabbit) 2–3 times a week; little red wine at meals During the war, he suffered from hunger	<u>Very regular</u> , 2 meals/day, early dinner
Female, 1914, 102 years	Parents were a butcher (the father) and housewife (the mother), no siblings, living in the city (Bologna)	8 years of education, low secondary school certificate Clerk for the family's business	Curvy	Daily walking or cycling	Pasta, meat (red meat until 20 years previously, then only white meat), eggs, white bread, vegetables, beans, sweets once a week, fish once a week, milk, cheese, fruit	<u>Regular</u> , 3–4 meals/day
Female, 1916, 100 years	Parents owned grocery shop, 8 siblings, living in a village in the Apennines (altitude, 900m) When she was 17 years old, she moved to the city (Rome and then Bologna)	5 years of education, primary school certificate She took care of her younger siblings, was a maid for a family, and then left her job to take care of her disabled son	Curvy	Daily long-distance walking, housework	In her infancy and adolescence: pasta, meat (pork, poultry), eggs, white bread, potatoes, vegetables, pulses, nuts, fruit, cheese (cow and sheep) She suffered from hunger during her youth and the first years after she married	<u>Very regular</u> , 3 meals/day, small portions
Male, 1913, 103 years	Parents were farmers, 3 siblings, living in the countryside When he was 17 years old, he moved to the city (Bologna)	4 years of education Artisan, mechanic, warehouse worker	Thin	Daily long-distance walking or cycling, physical work	Pasta, white bread, milk, tomatoes, beans, eggs Rarely: sweets, butter, cheese, poultry, and pork	<u>Very regular</u> , early dinner, 3 meals/day, small portions
Female, 1915, 101 years	Father died during the First World War Lived with mother (seamstress), grandparents, and 2 sisters in a small village near the city (Bologna)	6 years of education, primary school certificate Laborer for 20 years and then office worker for 15 years	Curvy and strong	Daily cycling, housework	Pasta, milk, white bread, meat (pork and poultry), parmesan cheese, beans, butter, olive oil, vegetables, fruit, and a little white wine; sweets once a week	<u>Very regular</u> , 3 meals/day, small portions
Female, 1916, 101 years	Farmer (mother) and carpenter (father), 5 siblings, living in the countryside After wedding spent 2 years in Germany and 4 years in Belgium with her husband (miner), then she moved to city (Bologna)	5 years of education, primary school certificate Farmer until wedding, then cook, greengrocer, and maid for a family	Medium	Walking, physical work	Pasta, milk, white bread, little meat (pork and poultry), little cheese, few eggs, pulses, vegetables, little wine; sweets once a week	<u>Very regular</u> , 3 meals/day, small portions

# Food timing is critical for health



Fetissov, Nat Rev Endocrinol. 2017



# Gut microbiota and Body Composition

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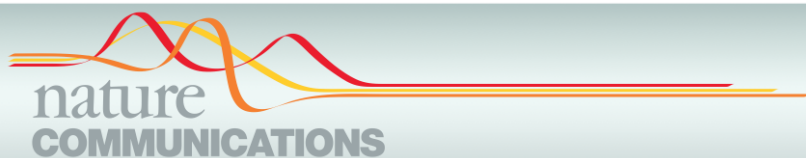
ARTICLES

## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**Obesity-associated gut microbiota is enriched in *Lactobacillus reuteri* and depleted in *Bifidobacterium animalis* and *Methanobrevibacter smithii***

**microbiome  
energy harvest**

Elaine R. Mardis<sup>1,2</sup> & Jeffrey I. Gordon<sup>1</sup>



## ARTICLE

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**Sex-specific association between gut microbiome and fat distribution**

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led by Gender

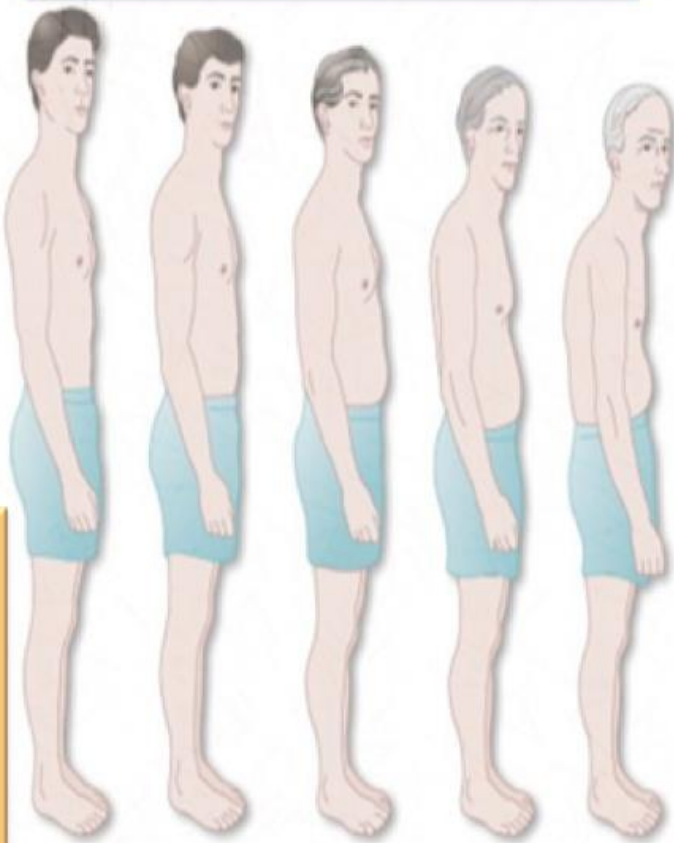
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# Aging and imaging assessment of body composition: from fat to facts

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**BODY COMPOSITION CHANGES DURING AGING**

Increase of overall adiposity  
Decrease of muscle mass  
Increase of ectopic fat infiltration



20s    30-40s    50-60s    60-70s    80s

- IMAGING TECHNIQUES**
- Ultrasound (US)
  - Computer Tomography (CT)
  - Dual-energy X-Ray absorptiometry (DXA)
  - Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

- ANTHROPOMETRIC, HYDROSTATIC AND ELECTRIC METHODS**
- BMI
  - Waist circumference
  - Waist-hip ratio,
  - Underwater weighing,
  - Bioelectrical Impedance

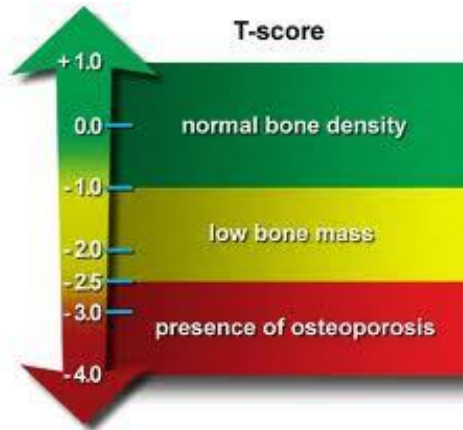
- Pros**
- High Precision and Accuracy
  - Medium to High body mass compartment definition
- Cons**
- Expensive
  - Low to moderate radiation exposure
  - Need of clinical setting

- Pros**
- Relatively easy to apply
  - Low cost
  - Avoid radiation exposure
- Cons**
- Low Precision and Accuracy
  - None or scarce BC definition



# BODY COMPOSITION OF CENTENARIANS

## DXA SCAN

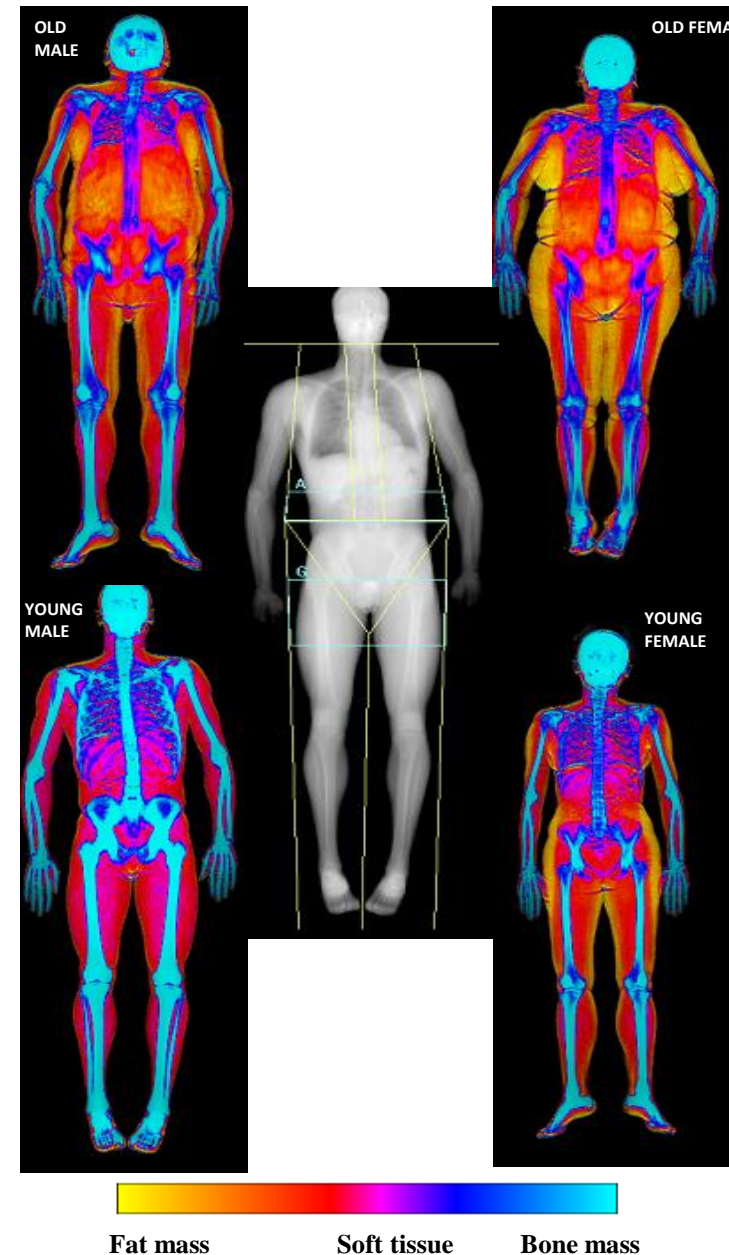


### BODY COMPOSITION:

- FAT MASS
- LEAN MASS
- BONE MASS (MINERAL CONTENT AND DENSITY)

### BODY COMPOSITION INDEXES:

- FAT MASS INDEXES: **fat weight** in kg /height in m<sup>2</sup>
- SKELETAL MASS INDEX: **arms+legs lean mass/weight**



# CONCLUSIONS

- **Centenarians have a high gut microbiota diversity**
- **Mediterranean Diet is able to modulate Gut Microbiota in elderly**
- **Centenarians are similar to Calorie Restricted like persons** in terms of glucose and lipid profile, metabolism, blood pressure, thyroid, BMI and BMC
- **Centenarians followed a strict FOOD TIMING** lifelong
- **Gut Microbiota is associated with Body composition**
- **Centenarians have LOWER BMI, WHOLE BODY FAT, LEAN AND BONE MASS** than 65-79 years old individuals

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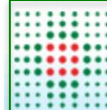


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